

## **SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, Washington 98405  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

### **MINUTES**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Call to Order</b>   | <b>5:02 PM</b> |
|             | Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, Participating by Phone: Andy Ferrera              |                |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required)</b>                             | <b>5:02 PM</b> |
|             | a. Approval of Agenda  | 5:03 PM        |
|             | i. Postponed due to lack of quorum   |                |
|             | b. Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting                                       | 5:03 PM        |
|             | i. Postponed due to lack of quorum   |                |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Correspondence</b>  | <b>5:03 PM</b> |
|             | a. Commission visit regarding Special Education; very positive                       |                |
|             | b. Date of CPR audit announced: May 4 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Public Comment</b>  | <b>5:06 PM</b> |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>Executive Reports</b>   |                |
|             | a. Board Chair Report, Chair Thelma Jackson  | <b>5:36 PM</b> |
|             | i. Dr Jackson spoke to a contact in Pierce County and is hoping to arrange a meeting |                |
|             | ii. Discussion around McCleary decision  |                |
|             | iii. Dr Jackson will be participating in the   |                |
|             | b. School Leader Report, Lihi Rosenthal  |                |
|             | i. Discussion around enrollment numbers declining                                    |                |
|             | ii. SOAR is working with WA Charters on a recruitment plan                           |                |
|             | iii. Staffing and funding continue to be pertinent issues at SOAR                    |                |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b>Committee Updates</b>   | <b>5:47 PM</b> |
|             | a. Finance, Nick Fradkin (EdTec)   |                |
|             | i. Enrollment is down; plans in place to increase enrollment                         |                |
|             | ii. Payments are being held with certain vendors                                     |                |
|             | b. Governance, Executive Director Lihi Rosenthal                                     |                |
|             | i. Continued search for new board members  |                |
|             | c. Development Committee, Executive Director Lihi Rosenthal                          |                |
|             | i. Continued search for a corporate sponsor for the Holiday Party                    |                |
|             | d. Academic Excellence, Principal Jessica Stryczek                                   |                |
|             | i. SOAR was approved for 2 reading corps members; officially hired one person        |                |

- ii. Cultural Climate Committee has been created and classroom dojo has been implemented in every classroom
- e. Facilities, Executive Director Lihi Rosenthal
  - i. Looking into a few options; potential co-location space

**VII. Items for Board Discussion 6:44 PM**

- a. Retreat planning
  - i. Schedule for December 4<sup>th</sup> at SOAR Academy
  - ii. The strategic planning process will be worked on at this retreat
- b. BCG “Pitch-Off!” presentation this Friday for SOAR Academy

**VIII. Items for Board Approval 6:49 PM**

- a. Board Member Approval: Pastor Gregory Christopher
  - i. Postponed due to lack of quorum
- b. Next General Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
SOAR Academy 2136 MLK Jr Way Tacoma, WA 98405
- c. Attendance Policy and Procedure
  - i. Moved to next meeting because of lack of quorum

**IX. Adjournment 6:55 PM**