

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, March 21 2018

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:13 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, George Meng, Andy Ferrera; Participating by Phone: Beverly Grant
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required)** **5:13 PM**
a. Approval of Agenda
b. Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes
 i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Ferrera seconded – approved 4:0
- III. Correspondence** **5:13 PM**
a. Independent Audit: Completed, results being synthesized
b. McKinney-Vento Audit notification by OSPI; waiting on more information as to extent of lift.
c. Pierce County Medicaid meeting to follow up on the Dr. Dixon letter was held on Monday; collaboration will be ongoing
- IV. Public Comment** **5:16 PM**
a. Steve Smith, a member of the public, addressed the Board to notify them of a greenhouse building project for the community garden and update them on the Karate classes some SOAR students have participated in
- V. Executive Reports**
a. Board Chair Report, Chair Thelma Jackson 5:18 PM
 i. Lots of in-person and phone meetings over the past month to spearhead future planning.
 ii. Dr. Jackson donated several boxes of books and staff is working to disperse these as appropriate
b. School Leader Report, Jessica Stryczek 5:20 PM
 i. Update on enrollment and recruitment efforts
 ii. Updates on upcoming events
 iii. Updates on staffing, including loss of enrollment coordinator
 iv. Updates on SBAC preparations for the third grade; Directors encouraged staff to plan a family event to help families and students prepare for testing

- VI. Committee Updates 5:40 PM**
- a. Finances, George Meng 5:40 PM
 - i. Approval of February 2018 check register
 - 1. Director Ferrera moved to approve; Director Meng seconded – approved 4:0
 - ii. Reviewed financial dashboard and underscored importance of enrollment
 - iii. Board interested in reconciling fundraising targets in the financial dashboard; Staff will follow up with EdTec to reconcile accuracy
 - iv. Slight improvements in operating income
 - v. Director Meng updated Directors and the public on financial forecasting for next school year – conversations are continuing with various funding partners
 - vi. Director Jackson offered additional insights on the updates to state revenues anticipated in the 2018-2019 school year based on the end of the recent legislative session
 - b. Governance, Executive Director Lihi Rosenthal 5:54 PM
 - i. Executive Director Lihi Rosenthal updated Board on policy adoption process; no significant updates at this time
 - c. Development Committee, Director Beverly Grant 5:59 PM
 - i. Director Grant updated the Board on fundraising efforts – no updates since last year
 - ii. Three LOIs being applied for: arts-integration, STEM enrichment, and social-emotional learning
 - iii. Grant projects for possible play space at the Destiny campus (should co-location occur)
 - d. Academic Excellence, Principal Jessica Stryczek 6:01 PM
 - i. No new updates; will review once ReadingCorps scores will be ready (one week delay due to spring break timing)
 - e. Strategic Planning Committee, Director Ferrera 6:01 PM
 - i. No new updates per Director Ferrera
- VII. Items for Board Discussion 6:01 PM**
- a. Planning for 18-19: conversations with various partners are happening to determine next action steps
- VIII. Executive Session 6:05 PM**
- a. Director Jackson publicly announced the Board was moving into executive session to discuss personnel following a 5-minute break. The end time was announced as 6:25pm. At 6:24pm, Director Ferrera publicly announced the Board would require an additional 15 minutes, setting a new end time for the executive session at 6:40pm. The executive session was adjourned at 6:40pm.
- IX. Adjournment 6:41 PM**