

**SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

1301 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98404  
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**MINUTES**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Call to Order</b>   | <b>5:04pm</b> |
|             | Present in person: Sam Dinning, Dr. Thelma Jackson, Andy Ferrera   |               |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Agenda Approval</b>   | <b>5:05pm</b> |
|             | No requests for change   |               |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Approval of September Meeting Minutes</b>   | <b>5:05pm</b> |
|             | Andy moved Sam seconded passed 3 to 0  |               |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Correspondence</b>  | <b>5:06pm</b> |
|             | A. Lihi reviewed SAO exit interview- topics discussed included:  |               |
|             | Bus counts   |               |
|             | OPMA training for new board members  |               |
|             | Approval of check registers  |               |
|             | Month of minutes approved needs to be specified in minutes   |               |
|             | Findings for Charter schools across the state. Soar impacted by requirement for monthly Board meetings.  |               |
|             | B. Receipt of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of WA Charters grant should be soon.   |               |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>Public Comment</b>  | <b>5:08pm</b> |
|             | A. Parents Brooke and Paul Whitfield had questions about the forms sent home to families about Green Dot coming in. Lihi – Forum will be scheduled to hear community concerns. |               |
|             | B. Brooke announced that she had applied for and won a \$300.00 sensory grant.   |               |
|             | C. Ms. Salo pointed out that having clock hours in house with Seneca is a huge benefit.  |               |
|             | D. Ms. Borer pointed out that Steam has also become a very important part of the Soar Curriculum. This was seconded by Paul Whitfield.   |               |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b>Executive Reports</b>   | <b>5:40pm</b> |
|             | A. Board Chair Report – Thelma Jackson   |               |
|             | 1. Met in Retreat last Saturday. Discussed timelines, budgets and committees.  |               |
|             | 2. Working with the Charter Cohort to work up talking points and keeping charter schools visible and increasing public understanding of them.                                  |               |

**Reopen Public comments 5:42pm**

Ms. Dailey address the room to address concerns and encourage ongoing engagement between Board and diverse SOAR stakeholders.

**A five minute recess was called 6:05pm**

**Meeting was called back to order 6:13pm**

**B. School Leader Report 6:13pm**

1. Took over National Public Charter Alliance Instagram account today.
2. Enrollment today is 219 – will be up to 222 by Monday, and 2 more coming in December.
3. Have hired a new Kindergarten teacher.
4. Looking for an Ops Director, a part time admin. and an additional person in the kitchen.
5. WA charters meeting tomorrow.
6. Fall Festival on Friday
7. Commission Goodwill tour will be here Tuesday at 9:00 am.
8. Say cheese event on Monday.
9. Family Forum next Thursday with childcare provided
10. Amanda Gardner on-site 10/29 meeting with teachers and observing.
11. Focus Groups coming soon.
12. Friday PD Day – Star assessments done for all students, so teachers can log in and use that data.
- 13.. Chrome books have been passed out so that every teacher can have 1/3 to 1/2 of their students on chrome books at one time.

**VII. Committee Updates 6:33pm**

- A. Finance, Lihi Rosenthal
  1. In the process of transitioning from EdTech to PSESD. Year End financials from EdTech presented.
  2. Budget was presented. There will be a budget meeting tomorrow. Check registers for Sept. and Oct, will be approved retroactively in November.
- B. Governance, Lihi Rosenthal  
No report
- C. Development, Lihi Rosenthal
  1. Waiting to hear from Tacoma on Funds
  2. No Spring event planning so far
  3. Brooke Whitfield reported on Parent Involvement

**VIII. Items for Board Discussion 6:44pm**  
**No Report**

**IX. Items for Board Review and Approval 6:44pm**



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- A. Board Member Sam Dinning moved to approve the three Governance Action Items below at 6:44pm. Board Member Andy Ferrera seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
  - 1. Terms Three board members need to be re-elected
  - 2. Committees Re-affirming Standing Committees
  - 3. Officers Re-affirming chair positions.
- B. Check Registers for September 2018- this will be on the agenda for next month.
- C. December and July Meeting Dates  
Possible dates in December would be the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting could be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and both could be by phone if necessary. December 12<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon and will be in person, the July meeting will be by phone.

- X. Question regarding the minutes from last month -None 6:51 pm
- XI. Adjournment 6:53 pm

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** November 14, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm at SOAR Academy, 1301 E 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98404; to join by phone, Dial-In: 1-888-204-5987; Passcode: 9220108