

## **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 February 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. Items for Board Approval 6:05 PM**
- a. N/A
- IX. 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.



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**X. Adjournment**

**6:41 PM**