

## SOAR Charter School Board Meeting

Date, Time and Place: September 13, 2019, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4, Denver, CO 80249

### Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Sarah Glover, Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, Brad Fischer, and Janet Damon  
Present by Phone: Tiffani Lennon  
Recused: n/a  
Absent: Claudia  
Staff Absent: n/a  
Quorum? Yes  
Also in attendance: Laurie Godwin, Sonia Sisneros  
Members of public in attendance: na

Meeting brought to order Liane Morrison moved. Rona Wilensky seconded - 9:08 am.

### 9:00 Public Comment - NA

### 9:10 - Consent Agenda

- Minutes
- Monthly dashboards
- One teacher has resigned
- Monthly financials

Liane Morrison moved. Rona Wilensky seconded 9:10 a.m.

### 9:15 Finance Approval: FY20 Budget Re-approval

- Rona Wilensky moved. Janet Damon seconded 9:15 a.m.

### 9:15: Director of Development & School Report

- Finance Committee - new member Amanda Karger
- Enrollment - 435 students
- Meeting schedule for **School Accountability Coffee and Conversation (SAC)**  
Quarterly Meetings
  - · Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8:45 AM 9:15 AM
  - · Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8:45 AM 9:15 AM
  - · Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 8:45 AM 9:15 AM
  - · Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 8:45 AM 9:15 AM

### 9:30: Head of School Report

- Student Presentation: 5th Grade 100 Elk Outdoor Fieldwork Experience Opening for the Year. Bringing the vision to life

- Students shared their experiences canoeing, hiking, ziplining, and working with other kids. “We shared campfire stories and everyone sang and laughed.” “My favorite part was playing sharks and minnows during the canoeing! We tagged a boat and the kids got so excited that their boat flipped over!” “This trip showed a lot of our habits and its a good moment to have with your classmates and your peers.” (This cohort has taken trips each year since 3rd grade.)
- Community Circle:
  - Teachers read books focused on kindness in the classroom
  - Students learned the song and dance to the “Be different, Be Nice” Songland program
  - Monday, September 30th 8:45 a.m. - Community Circle - Respect
  - Socktober (collecting and donating socks for Compassion)
- Student Survey
  - Used Community Circle as a way to support character traits and beliefs
- Visit from Susana Cordova this month
  - 2nd Highest Growth in the District for English Language Learners
- Focus on Refining Mission Language
  - Taken from website and charter - Laurie will begin work with staff to refine the language in the mission statement
  - Strength-based mindsets and awareness

**10:38 Review of Bylaws and Manual** (included proposed revisions in packet)

- Reduced voting number to six since we are Board of six (Quorum is same)
- Vote to adopt the amended by-laws
- Leanne Morrison moved. Rona Wilensky seconded. 10:42 a.m.

**10:41 Finalize working agreements** (drafted at 9/6/19 Board retreat -- include draft in packet)

- In service of the beliefs, this is how we as a board honor that
- Include in our board notes/meeting notes/board packets

**10:40 Board Secretary Vote**

- Janet Damon was voted in as Board Secretary 10:44 a.m.

**10:45 Board Terms & Recruitment** (included spreadsheet created at 9/6/19 in packet)

**11:00 Adjourn** Leanne Morrison moved. Rona Wilensky seconded. 11:00 a.m.