

## SOAR Charter School Board Meeting

Date, Time and Place: April 13th, 2018, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4 Denver, CO 80249

### Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, Sarah Glover, William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Claudia Gutierrez, Tiffani Lennon

Present by Phone:

Recused: n/a

Absent: n/a

Staff Absent:

Quorum? Yes

Also in attendance: Laurie Godwin, Sonia Sisneros, Brad Fischer, Kelly Moulton

Members of public in attendance: Ashley Clark

**Going forward, all Board meetings will adjourn at 11:30 AM.**

Meeting brought to order: Rona moved, Bill seconded 8:49 AM

8:45 Public Comment

8:50 Consent Agenda

- Minutes
- Monthly dashboards
  - Some mobility with families moving to Aurora
- Monthly financials
  - Routine and running under, nothing going over
  - Finance committee spent time prepping FY19 budget

Motion to approve consent agenda: Bill moved, Rona seconded 9:00 AM

9:00 Approval of the FY19 Draft Budget

- Discussion: Unrestricting Board Reserves
  - Due to DPS on May 1; our approval will substantiate a final budget
  - 10% health care increase in 5-year plan
  - Book budget – wanted to be realistic; realized we didn't have a line for math curriculum
  - Reduced student count again to keep 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes small; changed enrollment number
  - We're leaving PPR flat and being conservative (expected to increase around

\$400/student; but we don't want to count on it)  
We accounted for increase in  
FY19 surplus: \$612k (with enrollment numbers arrive today at 1:00pm  
We got all siblings into the school  
We anticipate reaching capacity earlier; DPS promised to keep our classroom capacity numbers  
Our deepest waitlists are in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>  
Our charter says that we won't go over enrollment

Motion to approve FY19 draft budget: Liane moved, Rona seconded 9:16 AM

FPF (we were green; and we want to be blue)  
We needed 3 months worth of reserves; DPS took it back to 1.5-2 months  
We will vote to unrestricted the funds on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Brad will report back about FPF and SPF

9:15 Head of School Report

We reviewed a retention/staffing/hiring update

We have posted for three primary positions; an art position

We'd like to tell the story about our salary increases and health benefit; we were able to be nimble; Sue and Sarah will send contacts from Chalkbeat and CPR to Sonia;

We reviewed kindergarten data on I-Station; if we have any other information we will look at it

10:00 Director of Development & School Operations Report

Assuming we get our numbers today, acceptance packets go out on Monday

Safety and Security: there are 2500 kids on the campus that everyone is accountable for; there are 5 different schools, so SOAR is in conversations with the district about how the schools can partner to provide consistent

The Board got a summer programs update

Meeting with Jennifer Bacon: she is thinking about how to create opportunities for kids; Helping with league participation; Board will see report she prepares for DPS

10:15 Board Pipeline Update: Board Succession Planning

There is an organization supporting Board pipelines, and Rona will reach out  
Board vote will happen after background checks; Rona will introduce Ashley to Lacey

10:20 Board Vote: Sarah Glover Board Chair (2018-2019 School Year)

Motion to approve Sarah Glover as new Board chair: Sue moved, Tiffani seconded; Unanimously

approved 10:20 AM

10:25 Introduce Board Education Topic: Integrated Literacy Model

10:30 Board Education: 5th Grade Classroom Visits

The board observed classrooms engaged in lessons related to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

10:55 Classroom Observation Debrief

11:00 Adjourn Board Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Bill moved, Liane seconded 11:01 AM