**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

Date, Time and Place: December 8th, 2017, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4, Denver, CO 80249

**Attendance of Board Members**:

Present: Sue Sava, Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, Claudia Gutierrez, William Weintraub, Tiffani Lennon, Jerry Osei-Tutu

Present by Phone:

Recused: n/a/0

Absent: Sarah Glover

Staff Absent: n/a

Quorum? Yes

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

Members of public in attendance:

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

Meeting brought to order – Bill moved, Claudia seconded 8:46 ­AM

Agenda

* 8:45 Public Comment
* 8:50 Consent Agenda
	+ Minutes
	+ Monthly dashboards
		- We are following up closely with families who have excessive absences, tardiness or are being picked up from school early.
	+ Monthly financials

Motion to approve consent agenda: Bill moved, Sue seconded 8:52 AM

* 9:00 Board Education: Classroom Visit Math, Health & Wellness/PE
	+ Four SOAR students are in visiting to tell us about their experiences at SOAR with different opportunities & exposure. They touched on field trip experiences, after school enrichment clubs and things they like & have learned about themselves through these experiences.
	+ The Board discussed classroom visits & observations.
		- Students were on task and clearly knew what they were doing or needed to be doing.
		- The instruction was clear & concise.
	+ 9:30 Head of School Report
	+ In Denver, if you are “green” you do not have to submit a UIP. We do not need to re-submit a UIP to Denver Public Schools.
	+ Staff attendance:
		- Aug. – all staff were present 100% of the time
		- Sept. – all staff were present 65% of the time
		- Oct. – all staff were present 55% of the time
		- Nov. – all staff were present 42% of the time
	+ 10:30 Director of Development & Operations Report
	+ Our 5th annual multicultural dinner event was a great success & we had the largest attendance to date.
	+ Sonia is currently working with DPS & our lawyer on our charter renewal contract. The vote for our charter renewal is due to take place in January 2018.
	+ A vote will happen this month that will determine if we are going to be a zoned school for the 2018-2019 school year and going forward.
	+ Our school website has been updated & will continue to have live updates.
	+ We have hired three paraprofessionals to assist with general school & classroom support.
	+ Sue asked Brad about the number of months that need to be in reserves for expenses. Brad let us know that we have 2 months’ worth of expenses in reserves but DPS would like us to have 6 months’ worth. He is in conversation with DPS and will get back to the Board with an update soon.
	+ 11:00 Adjourn

From the Board Calendar:

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| **DECEMBER** | * + - Report on planning based on CMAS data, UIP progress and any formative assessments
		- Report on plan for Interim Assessments-reading, writing and math
 | * + - Approval of 990 report
 | * + - Review UIP Draft
		- Head of School proposes potential strategic/budget decisions for upcoming FY
		- Update on Charter Renewal
		- Fund-raising updates (Board Survey)
		- Head search discussion
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Notes from Executive Committee Meeting:

* + Questions on the SPF
		- Staff reactions
		- Communications to families
	+ Weighted lottery vote: open for discussion
		- Pre-read the process for the weighted lottery
	+ K/1/2 update on status (iStation)
	+ Classroom visit: Math
	+ After School Enrichment Update

Motion to adjourn: Liane moved, Bill seconded 10:53 AM