

**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting
January 9, 2015**

Date, Time and Place: January 9, 2015, SOAR 4800 Telluride Street, Building 4, Denver
Colorado 80249

Attendance of Board Members:

Present: William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Ellin Keene, Ethan Hemming,
Rosann Ward, , Shelli Brown, Rona Wilensky

Present by phone:

Absent: Dan Smink

Quorum? Yes

Also in attendance: Marc Waxman, Sonia Sisneros, Lacei Bixby, Brad Fischer

Members of the public in attendance:

Meeting brought to order - Bill moved, Sue seconds 8:54 AM

Business Meeting

8:45

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

- December minutes
- December financials
 - For PERA, we are booking our pension liability. This will change every year as folks get another year of experience.
 - This will go against our fund balance.
 - We will have an audit next month for PERA.
 - This will go on our 990 report.

Rosann moved, Bill seconds 9:00am

Approval of amended FY 2015 budget

- Most of the changes are in the budget narrative
 - Title 1 funding
 - We received a charter credit
 - Roll over into FY16
 - PPR goes up next year but in the future it will level off

Ethan moved, Shelli seconds 9:08am

School Reports/Dashboard

UIP ELL Goal Report

- English Language Learners
- Marc reported on Goal #7 of the Strategic Plan. Specifically - (UIP) Cultivate more effective and differentiated English Language Development. The specific benchmark in the UIP is: Teachers will receive a minimum of 16 hours of ELL coaching and PD per trimester. Marc reported that teachers have received approximately 22 hours in the first trimester.
- Specific benchmark – teachers will receive a minimum 16hrs of ELL coaching & PD each trimester.
- ELL is a designation for the student. ELD is the instruction of the English language.

Committee Reports

- Strategic Planning -- Vote on changes to Strategic Plan with UIP
 - UIP is statewide legislation that requires every school to write a report on how they are going to get better.
 - Major improvement strategies need to be created.
 - You have to use your test data to write this – which means that this typically won't be completed until mid-year, for the year that it is needed.

Motion to integrate UIP into the strategic plan – Bill moved, Rosann seconds 9:36

Motion to adjourn business meeting – Sue moved, Shelli seconds 9:37am

Work Session 9:15 - 1:00

1. Vision, Essential Questions and Guiding Principles (maybe mission metrics for strategic plan)
Guiding Principles and Essential Questions 9:15 – 10:45
2. Discussion about parent engagement -- 11:00 - 12:00
3. SEL Discussion – Gianna 12:00 – 12:45 (includes lunch)

Executive Committee 1 - 1:30 discussion about Marc's evaluation (discuss job description)