

SOAR Charter School Board Meeting

Date, Time and Place: November 11th, 2016, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4, Denver, CO 80249

Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Sue Sava, Rosann Ward, Sarah Glover, Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, William Weintraub, Claudia Gutierrez, Dan Smink

Present by phone: Jerry Osei-Tutu

Recused: n/a

Absent:

Staff absent:

Quorum? Yes

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

Members of the public in attendance: Maya Lagana

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

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

Agenda:

- 8:45 Public Comment
- 8:50 Consent Agenda
 - Minutes
 - Lacey will update changes Sue requested
 - Monthly dashboard
 - Five students withdrew. Two students moved out of state & three moved out of district.
 - Monthly financials

Motion to approve consent agenda – Bill moved, Sarah seconded – 9:05 AM

- 9:00 Financial Update
 - We received an SES Title grant for math recovery.

Motion to approve 990 – Rosann moved, Rona seconded 9:13 AM

- 9:05 SPF Presentation
 - Maya Lagana came in to present SPF data
 - SOAR has improved and currently has a yellow SPF rating. This is two years' worth of data that has contributed to the yellow score.
 - The Charter renewal will rely heavily on this year's data in 3rd through 5th grade and in primary the new reading data. The expectation of DPS is that 80% of kids are reading on grade level in k-2 so that this trend continues in 3-5.
 - The Charter renewal process will be in the Fall of 2017. There will be a meeting this May to go over the process and next steps. Charter renewal will go to the DPS Board most likely at the December 2017 meeting.
- 9:45 Mission Moment-
 - Rosann told a story that a former Board member shared with her during our staff retreat this past July. Shelli Brown's son Kahir transitioned from SOAR to Denver School of the Arts this past summer. During this transition he attended a leadership camp. He was voted valedictorian and asked to give a speech that he received a standing ovation for. When writing & delivering the speech, Kahir was able to self-advocate in his comment and he spoke with great confidence. Shelly said she believed that this had a lot to do with things that he learned here at SOAR.
- 9:55 Update on Board Pipeline
 - Rosann is working with the president of First Bank in Green Valley Ranch to see if someone from the bank is interested in serving on our Board.
- 10:10 Head of School Report
 - Staff attendance – All staff were present only 4 days in October
 - The PTO policy needs to be reviewed & revised
 - SES Grant update: how we're closing the gap in math
 - In 4th grade last year, the status of the 3 classrooms was 4%, 8% & 17% in proficiency status. The growth in 4th grade shifted upward but not significantly.
 - In 5th grade the status of the 3 classrooms was 29%, 38% & 42% in proficiency status. The growth was much higher than 4th grade.
 - Olga Pagan is our Math Coach & she is working alongside Rachael Risley. Olga meets with grade level teams on planning. Deb Connor is another Math Consultant we have in the building working with Olga on math coaching.
 - Michelle Baronie is in supporting some work while Jessica Welch is out on maternity leave. She is an instructional coach.
 - An ELD block has been added to the daily schedule
 - School hours may change next year depending on parent & staff feedback
- 10:30 Board Norms Presentation
 - Sarah Glover will cross-walk to norms in board handbook and add any that we did not include.
- 11:30 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn – Dan moved, Liane seconded 11:31 AM