

SOAR Charter School Board Meeting

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

Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Rona Wilensky, Sarah Glover, Claudia Gutierrez, Sue Sava, Jerry Osei-Tutu, William Weintraub

Present by Phone:

Recused: n/a

Absent: Liane Morrison

Staff Absent: n/a

Quorum? Yes

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

Members of public in attendance: Angie McPhaul, Aniekan Ekiko, Tiffani Lennon

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

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

Agenda

- 8:45 Public Comment
- 8:50 Introduction of visitors
 - Angie McPhaul is the Manager of Accountability for Denver Public Schools & is visiting as part of the charter renewal.
 - Aniekan Ekiko is a SOAR parent who is interested in joining the SOAR Board.
 - Tiffani Lennon is the Executive Director of the Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation. She is interested in joining the SOAR Board.
- 8:50 Consent Agenda
 - Minutes
 - Monthly dashboards
 - Monthly financials
 - We are currently at 78% for our free & reduced lunch qualifications.

Motion to approve consent agenda: Bill moved, Sarah seconded 9:14 AM

- 9:00 Board Business
 - Board Manual
 - Page 3: Add “habits” underneath “mission”. The new order will go

- vision, mission then habits.
 - Sarah will check the document to make sure everything is consistent.
 - The language is contingent on revisions.
 - Sarah will send final copy to Board members.
- Board Bylaws
 - The Board is responsible for the vision so the habits will be removed from the bylaws & only the vision will be kept.
 - Sarah will send final copy to Board members.
- Sign and Submit Conflict of Interest Forms
- SOAR Board Recruiting and On Boarding Process review
- Review of Board Terms
 - In May we will extend Rona's term by one year due to Sue & Bill's terms ending. We revised the bylaws in 2016 to make this possible for transitioning purposes.

Motion to approve changes to Board Manual: Bill moved, Rona seconded 9:27 AM

Motion to approve changes to Board Bylaws: Rona moved, Bill seconded 9:28 AM

- 9:15 Director of Development & Operations Report
 - Finance Approval: Approval of FY17 Audit Letter
 - We will have a management letter for Sue's signature after all updates are complete.
 - FPF will get finalized in October/November 2017.
 - The audit was clean & very positive.
 - Enrollment
 - Discussion around PR, marketing & thinking about marketing VS number of seats available.
 - Public comment from Tiffani: Tiffani mentions that KIPP has great PR.
 - Enrichment Opportunities
 - We are currently offering four classes, one class each day after school Monday – Thursday. This block we're offering flag football, science, cooking & hip hop. Kofi's drumming will be offered second block.

Motion to approve FY17 audit letter: Bill moved, Jerry seconded at 9:34 AM

- 9:30 Head of School Report
 - School Updates
 - Attendance for students as well as staff is up for August compared to last year. We hope to continue this trend throughout the school year. Aside from certain exceptions, all staff is expected to be in the building on all contracted days.
 - Review of PARCC Data
 - Our math scores have gone up & our students are making growth but we still aren't where we would like them to be.
 - Our literacy scores are below benchmark. Our literacy coach is focusing primarily on kindergarten, 1st grade & 2nd grade.
 - Our science scores have continued to climb each year.
 - The Board asked Laurie to review supports in the areas of early literacy,

math and ELA and encouraged her to appropriate additional resources and staff where necessary

- The Board asked Laurie for frequent data check-ins on early literacy, math and ELLs during the Director's Reports
 - The rest of the DPS SPF will be sent to Laurie on September 15
 - The Board will attend the DPS vote to renew SOAR charter; Sonia will send out invitations for calendars
 - The Board asked Angie about the difference between the CDE and DPS SPF; Angie responded that DPS weights more growth than status and that parent feedback is taken into account for DPS SPF
- 10:15 Board Pipeline Update
 - Tiffani Lennon & Aniekan Ekiko are being considered to join our Board. Tiffani will be voted on at our Board at our October Board meeting. Aniekan will meet with Sue & Sarah to discuss the possibility of moving forward with joining the SOAR Board.
 - 10:30 Board Education: Classroom Visit
 - 11:00 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Bill moved, Jerry seconded 11:26 AM