



SOAR Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2023, 9:45 am - 11:00 am

Staff Attendance: Kate Bergles Principal, Sonia Sisneros Senior Director, Christy Goetz
Director of Academic Programming & Multilingual.

Board Attendance: Rona Wilensky Board President, Liane Morrison Treasurer, Jamita Horton
Secretary, Marisela Toscano Board Member.

Board Absence: Samm Donelson Board Member.

Guest: Michelle Tyrus

Location: SOAR Charter School 4800 Telluride St. Bldg. 4, Denver CO 80249

Join Zoom Meeting

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9:49 AM Welcome and Check in:

9:59 AM Rona Wilensky Board President:

Motion to convene meeting – Liane Morrison

Second - Marisela Quintero

10:00 AM Consent Agenda:

10:01 AM Motion to approve the consent agenda – Marisela Quintero

Second – Jamita Horton

- Minutes
- Monthly dashboard
- Monthly financials

Question on Lease/Rental costs

10:10 AM Senior Director Report:

Sonia Sisneros Senior Director

- **SPED**

Increased caseload for the 2023-2024 school year;

42 students, approx. 8% of the school. Compared to the state average (11%); compared to DPS average (12%)

Staffing model, 1 Teacher Leader/SpEd Teacher supporting 4th and 5th grade, 1 SpEd teacher supporting Kinder and 1st grade, 1 SpEd teacher supporting 2nd and 3rd grade; 2 Special Education

Instructional Assistants, 5 1:1 Instructional Assistants.

Focus of our work for this year; inclusion. Special education staff working collaboratively with the general education teachers to maximize special education services provided in the classroom

- **Staffing**

We have hired our in-house sub. Lauren Sullivan comes to SOAR from Adams 12, with three years of teaching experience. Lauren will start the school year covering for a 2nd grade teacher's maternity leave. When Lauren is not covering a classroom; she will support small group instruction.

Adding two Instructional Assistants. One for a student who required 1:1 support and another for Gen. Ed

- **Enrollment**

489 Students enrolled for the school year

199 Students in the waitlist. 1st grade waitlist is the highest w/39 students

1 Teacher to each class and instructional assistants.

10:09 AM Principal Report:

Kate Bergles Principal

- Christi's work around PD beginning of August.
- Back to school night
- Arrival and Dismissal
- Strategic Plan Update

Came from the charter renewal.

Next steps: convene with staff working group.

Discussed community engagement, first day of school, to broaden more in our community.

Next steps: to retain staff.

Next steps: Focus on Goal #3, waiting for CDE results on student data and growth.

Question to Christi: to have graph at next board meeting on the student data and growth.

Any grade levels that stood out to you. 4th not as high, already pull students date to work with 5th graders.

To Board: to continue to review and make suggestions on strategic plan.

Update: Center Program, 8 students, to include them in classrooms and specials.

10:44 A.M. Director of Academic Programming and MLE Report

Christi Goetz Director of Academic Programming & Multilingual Education

- Summer Intensive
 - Update 124 students attended summer intensive July 2023.

10:53 Rona Board President Visited SOAR:

Visit the school August 11th to discuss the strategic plan and the board.

Staff requested how do we know what goes on at the board meetings. Rona discusses the meeting minutes and possibly email the meeting minutes to staff.

Thought: if we should send the agenda to staff too?

Conversation: Possibly give the staff working group to discuss, then they can consult on what information they are looking for and bring to the board.

Engagement for staff to know what is going on at Board Meetings, give the staff the opportunity to engage.

Final to discuss further at the Leadership Meeting.

11:04 Kate Bergles discussed board meetings dates:

Change the October board meeting.

Future Board Meetings:

Friday, September 8th

Friday, October 6th changed

November 10th

December 8th Zoom

January 12th

February 9th

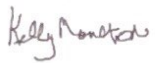
March 8th

May 10th

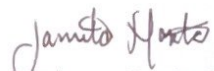
Tentative: May 31st

11:11 PM Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Jamita made the motion to adjourn, Liane seconded.



Preparer: Kelly Moulton



Reviewer: Jamita Horton