



SOAR Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 2024, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Staff Attendance: Maria Burdine Principal, Rosalind Gullatt Assistant Principal, Sonia Sisneros Senior Director, Christi Goetz Director of Academic Programming & Multilingual Education.

Board Attendance: Rona Wilensky Board President, Jamita Horton Secretary, Michelle Tyrus Board Member, Marisela Toscano Vice President Board.

Board Absence: Liane Morrison Treasurer.

Staff Absence:

Preparer: Kelly Moulton Finance Consultant.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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9:48 AM Welcome and Check in:

9:55 AM Rona Wilensky Board President:

- Motion to convene meeting – Marisela Toscano Vice President Board
- Second – Michelle Tyrus Board Member
- All in favor all

9:56AM Consent Agenda:

- Minutes:
- Monthly dashboard:
- Monthly financials:

- Motion to approve Michelle Tyrus Board Member
- Marisela Toscano Vice President Board
- All in favor.

10:00 Sonia Sisneros Senior Director Report:

- Finance Highlights
 - o Curriculum purchases.
 - o Board approved budget September Board meeting.

- Finance audit completed, auditors will attend finance committee and board approved audit in September.
- Enrollment Update
 - 492 students this week, but very fluid.
- Staffing Update
 - 56 staff last year – 63 staff this year
- SpEd
 - 19 Staff (Teachers & Instructional Assistants).
 - 1 School Social Worker: 13 hours a week in IEP minutes.
 - 1 School Psychologist: 20 hours in SpEd Mild/Moderate, 10 hours in Center Program.
 - 1 Instructional Consultant - Coach/Compliance Paperwork Support.
 - Senior Director.
 - Influx in Special Education Enrollment:
 - Direct Referrals from Sewall Child Development Center.
 - Community Feedback on SOAR Services.

10:09 Maria Burdine Principal Report:

- Overarching Business.
- Back to School Night attendance (247 families), teacher rosters.
- Restorative Practices New Posting:
 - Phone Screened a candidate on 8/15/24.
 - In-Building Sub Posting.
 - Still looking.
- Contingency Plan (Rosalind, Jake, Leadership Team):
 - Recess plan
 - Two Instructional Assistants lead recess lead by leadership team.
- Instruction:
 - Purchased iReady Math.
 - Communication to parents regarding homework and iReady will come from staff and the principal.
 - Will survey the community to access and Chromebook are given for access.
 - Increase/amp up our Tier 1 with coaching, to compensate for absence of afterschool tutoring.
- No Tutoring due to the early arrival schedule for the 2024-25 school year.
 - Focus will be on Tier 1 instruction for Literacy and Math.
- GlowMundo:
 - Using Second Step.
 - SEL work with habits
 - SEL work with Second Step.
- Curb Smart:
 - Discussing a new system for dismissal to make it efficient.
 - Did some data for the beginning of school, working through changes.
 - Removing Curb Smart, came from Covid.

- Will go back to students staying with classrooms and a dismissal plan from there and solving for our one offs.
- We have Rocky Mountain Kids for families that need support before and after school care.
- Math Pilot: 2nd/3rd Illustrative Math:
 - New program.
 - DPS is implementing it.
 - Launch explore that kids are used to.
 - Common planning templates for our instructional staff.
- Final positions to fill:
 - RP Coordinator
 - In House Substitute

10:45 AM Rosalind Gullatt Assistant Principal:

- Attendance:
 - Protocols:
 - Finding out the barriers and addressing them.
- Restorative Practices
 - Falls in line with our beliefs.
 - Why and how it works.
 - Circles in the morning and end of the day.
 - All harm is prepared with harm is done. How can I fix this and how to repair this.
 - Philosophy.
 - Support.

10:57AM Christi Goetz Director of Instruction and Multi-Lingual Education

- Summer Intensive 2024 Report
 - Celebrate and Highlights:
 - 120 students.
 - 31 kindergartens.
 - School Counselor supported staff and built classroom community.
 - School psychologist kindergarten class.
 - Opportunity to build relationships.
 - Historical:
 - Students enrolled on average 120 students.
- High level 2024 CMAS + Access results (we have status but will not get growth until September)
 - Access Data Comparison was presented:
 - Median Growth and who is on track.
 - READ Act Window Assessment Data:
 - Percentage of students in each proficiency level August 2023 – May 2024.
 - Significantly Below Grade Level.
 - Below Grade Level.
 - On Garde Level.
 - 2023 – 2024 CMAS Math

- Increase in proficiency.
- Math increased 4% Proficient/Advanced.
- Did not meet expectation 33% to 25%.
- 2023 – 2024 CMAS ELA
 - ELA decrease of Proficient/Advanced by 6%.
 - Did not meet expectations 23% to 17%.

11:10 Rona Wilensky Board Business

- Board Calendar
 - Overarching topics and school events.
 - School calendar and the big picture:
- Question: monthly parent coffee?
- Monthly cultural/observances activities for school? Will review and come back with recommendations for creating an inclusive physical and curricular environment

- Motion to adjourn and move to executive meeting: Jamita Horton Secretary and Marisela Toscano Vice President Board.
- Rona Wilensky Board President made the motion to adjourn.
- Jamita second.

11:30 Executive Session

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Kelly Moulton

Preparer: Kelly Moulton

Signed by:

Jamita Horton

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Reviewer: Jamita Horton Secretary