**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

**April 10, 2015**

Date, Time and Place: April 10, 2015, SOAR 4800 Telluride Street, Building 1, Denver Colorado 80249

**Attendance of Board Members:**

Present: William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Shelli Brown, Ethan Hemming,

Claudia Gutierrez

Present by phone: Dan Smink

Absent: Rosann Ward, Ellin Keene, Rona Wilensky

**Quorum? Yes**

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

Staff members absent:

Members of the public in attendance: Anthresa Bradley, Gloria Bradley

Meeting brought to order - Shelli moved, Ethan seconds 8:48 AM

**Business Meeting**

8: 45am                Public comment

Consent Agenda

* Note related to minutes: Sue did due diligence and checked on reputation of CSafe
* CSafe managed by D.A. Davidson, considered “trust-worthy”
* Brad will put CSafe back in agenda for next month

Minutes

Financials

Motion to approve – Bill moved, Shelli seconds 8:55am

9:00am                 Board Education: Gianna Cassetta presents on Social/Emotional Learning at SOAR

* Gianna talking about Social/Emotional Learning
  + - * + The Gold Standard
        + Practice
        + Assessment & Individualized Plan
* Bernadette gave an example of direct Social/Emotional Learning
* “Tattle Taling” & why students do it
* Process of handling
* “Responsibility web”
* SOAR SEL Continuum
* Recommended Next Steps
* Refocus on the continuum as an assessment tool
* Choose consistent & appropriate processes for individual planning
* Deepen planning for direct SEL instruction
* Loop parents in on SEL instruction and progress
* Change will likely be necessary for the structure of the report cards

9:45am                 Finance Committee (Will include FY16 Budget Approval)

* Our projections are conservative estimates
* We have reviewed similar versions for FY 16 several times
* Biggest concerns are staffing
* We have budgeted for a model that has a higher experienced teaching staff

Motion to approve – Bill moved, Ethan seconds 8:53pm

10:00 am              Budgeting Implications of Long Term PPR Projections

PPR difficult to predict and may not be a sound driver in future planning

10:15am               Director’s Report

* We need to confirm the next fiscal year’s board meetings & vote on it in May
* Before the end of this fiscal year, every board member should make a financial donation to SOAR
* SMI testing through Scholastic
* Scholastic Math Inventory Invalidation Update: Recently, Scholastic reported score fluctuations following the winter 2015 administration of the Scholastic Math Inventory (SMI). As a result, scores from this assessment cannot be used to inform instruction during 2014-15 school year. The Assessment, Research and Evaluation (ARE) department strongly advises all schools to stop using SMI immediately and to incorporate other data points to inform instruction throughout the remainder of this year

10:30am               Committee Reports

* Board Development
* Board recruiting, need a member with legal expertise
* Strategic Planning
* Marc, Bill & Dan met with Amy Ford around marketing

Motion to adjourn – Shelli moved, Bill seconds 10:21 AM