**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2015**

Date, Time and Place: January 9, 2015, SOAR 4800 Telluride Street, Building 4, Denver Colorado 80249

**Attendance of Board Members:**

Present: William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Ellin Keene, Ethan Hemming,

Rosann Ward, , Shelli Brown, Rona Wilensky

Present by phone:

Absent: Dan Smink

**Quorum? Yes**

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

Members of the public in attendance:

Meeting brought to order - Bill moved, Sue seconds 8:54 AM

**Business Meeting**

8:45

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

* December minutes
* December financials
* For PERA, we are booking our pension liability. This will change every year as folks get another year of experience.
* This will go against our fund balance.
* We will have an audit next month for PERA.
* This will go on our 990 report.

Rosann moved, Bill seconds 9:00am

Approval of amended FY 2015 budget

* Most of the changes are in the budget narrative
* Title 1 funding
* We received a charter credit
* Roll over into FY16
* PPR goes up next year but in the future it will level off

Ethan moved, Shelli seconds 9:08am

School Reports/Dashboard

UIP ELL Goal Report

* English Language Learners
* Marc reported on Goal #7 of the Strategic Plan.  Specifically -  (UIP) Cultivate more effective and differentiated English Language Development.  The specific  benchmark in the UIP is: Teachers will receive a minimum of 16 hours of ELL coaching and PD per trimester.  Marc reported that teachers have received approximately 22 hours in the first trimester.
* Specific benchmark – teachers will receive a minimum 16hrs of ELL coaching & PD each trimester.
* ELL is a designation for the student. ELD is the instruction of the English language.

Committee Reports

* Strategic Planning -- Vote on changes to Strategic Plan with UIP
* UIP is statewide legislation that requires every school to write a report on how they are going to get better.
* Major improvement strategies need to be created.
* You have to use your test data to write this – which means that this typically won’t be completed until mid-year, for the year that it is needed.

Motion to integrate UIP into the strategic plan – Bill moved, Rosann seconds 9:36

Motion to adjourn business meeting – Sue moved, Shelli seconds 9:37am

**Work Session 9:15 - 1:00**

1.     Vision, Essential Questions and Guiding Principles (maybe mission metrics for strategic plan )

Guiding Principles and Essential Questions 9:15 – 10:45

2.     Discussion about parent engagement -- 11:00 - 12:00

3.     SEL Discussion – Gianna 12:00 – 12:45 (includes lunch)

Executive Committee 1 - 1:30 discussion about Marc's evaluation (discuss job description)