**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

**March 13, 2015**

Date, Time and Place: March 13, 2015, SOAR 4800 Telluride Street, Building 1, Denver Colorado 80249

**Attendance of Board Members:**

Present: William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Ellin Keene, Ethan Hemming, Rona Wilensky, Dan Smink, Claudia Gutierrez

Present by phone:

Absent: Shelli Brown, Rosann Ward

**Quorum? Yes**

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

Staff members absent: Sonia Sisneros

Members of the public in attendance:

Meeting brought to order - Sue moved, Rona seconds 8:52 AM

**Business Meeting**

8: 45 Consent Agenda

Public comment

Minutes

Financials

* CSafe – money market account
* Formed as a common law trust under the laws of the state of Colorado
* We will come back to this next month for signatures

Motion to approve – Bill moved, Ethan seconds 9:04 AM

9:00 Director's Report:

February Dashboard Succession Planning

* Rona, Sue & Marc met regarding board actions, gaps analysis, development of teacher “ladder/pipeline” & build teacher buy-in, capacity and understanding
* FY16 will have
* Stanley Interns, Mentors, and Site Coordinator
* New Teacher Mentors
* Increased number of lab-sites

Grades 2 - 5 Math Student Achievement Data

* SMI testing – these are interim assessments
* Although there was growth, it is not giving us data that is actionable & it is not telling us whether we are making progress.
* We have had a lot of 5th graders scores go down & the questions that are being asked are not 5th grade curriculum – they are beyond a 5th grade level.

UIP Report: Data Teams

FY16 Staffing

* An offer has been made for an interventionist
* We have a Stanley intern that we will likely offer a flex role

9:15 Charter Contract

* Academic goals
* Marc & Ethan talked with DPS about goals
* SPF data won’t be released until spring of 2016

9:30 Board Self Assessment Data Review

* Over spring break Rona will break down for easy reading
* This will be added to the retreat agenda

10:00 Committee Reports

Finance

* We received our January payment from DPS
* We are starting to collect Title funds
* The only major changes are with kindergarten

10:15 Board Development

Strategic Planning

* Teachers would like shared understanding
* We will go back to the staff with a board member(s) present & answer any questions staff may have.

10:30 Board Education

* “Currents”
* **SEL** (Meghan)
* **Data Integration** (Jess)
* **Family Engagement** (Sonia)
* **Affinity Groups** (Marc)
* **Lab Sites** (Consultants/Marc)
* **Pedagogical Approaches/Instructional Strategies Support** (Consultants/Marc)
* **Formal Evaluation Process**
* 3rd grade teacher, Jessica Metzler in to speak on lab sites
* Expert teachers or consultants come in to touch base with Jessica on planning
* A lot goes into this process as far as creating a literacy lab site and integration
* Teachers will observe the expert teacher or consultant, take notes then debrief with questions & discussion

Motion to adjourn – Rona moved, Sue seconds 11:04 AM