

**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting
May 6, 2014**

Date, Time and Place: May 6, 2014, PEBC, 600 Grant St. #525 Denver, CO 80203

Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Sue Sava, Rona Wilensky, William Weintraub, Ellin Keene, Shelli Brown

Present by phone: None

Absent: Dan Smink, Rosann Ward

Quorum? Yes

Also in attendance: Marc Waxman, Sonia Sisneros and Gianna Cassetta, Cile Chavez
(Consultant: Board Retreat Facilitator)

Members of the public in attendance: None

- 8:30 – 9:00 Consent Agenda:
- Approval of April minutes
 - Gianna’s laptop re-purchase: at market value or give to her. Board has approved both.
 - March Financials
 - Liability on the GVR Visa (negative number); this is a credit not an overage
 - School Dashboards
 - Would be interested in an end of year discussion about how many of the students at OAK stay at OAK. Marc is not sure if we can get this data but will look into it.
 - End of the year at OAK:
 - There is going to be an end of the year party for Oakland staff.
 - There will be some end of the year rituals that we do
 - There is not anything that we are doing specific to the transition of Oakland. Marc and Sonia will discuss more. The Board inquires about a ritual that would make people feel appreciated or honored for their work this year (especially for the staff that are leaving).

- GVR enrollment is okay. We did class lists on Friday and teachers shared anecdotally that they didn't think the students were coming back. This is happening throughout the area, e.g. Highline has open space in Kinder. Leah is doing active recruiting. (Bill) does Kinder fall in the same per capita? No, it's not the same per pupil capital. We have some finance flexibility because we have four Kinder classes.
- The 3rd grade TCAP reading data was shared Friday. The bottom line is that it is not good but it is not horrible. We had 51% pass; SOAR is not at the bottom. OAK's was the second lowest in the district. We have done an analysis of the three classes. We are at 9 percentage points lower than we had last year, and lower than the DRA results. Marc thinks it would be unwise to expect the rest of our data to be that much difference. This is 1/9 of the SPF data we are going to get; this is baseline data not growth. This is probably going to be typical of the rest of the data we're going to get. (Bill) is this what we would have expected? Marc expected this to be closer to 60% - the DRA were significantly higher. The rest of the data will come in, in August. In August we go over all of the data with the Board. The reporting of the school's performance is done in September. Marc will talk more about this in our (retreat) work today and we'll need to discuss the renewal process. End of year (Big 3) will be done in July.
- (Rona) has been pursuing Ethan Hemming. He has great knowledge about accountability. He is interested in joining us. Rona wants him to meet with others so that we can vote him in. Rona will send the bio and resume to the group, set-up any meetings if necessary (w/Shellie). We would like to take a Board vote in July.

- Approved, moved by Sue and seconds by Bill

9:02 AM Motion to adjourn Rona moves, Bill seconds
 Motion to begin the retreat Bill moved, Rona seconds