**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

Date, Time and Place: December 9, 2016, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4, Denver, CO 80249

**Attendance of Board Members**:

Present: Sue Sava, Sarah Glover, Rona Wilensky,

Jerry Osei-Tutu, Liane Morrison, William Weintraub, Claudia Gutierrez

Present by Phone: n/a

Recused: n/a

Absent: Dan Smink

Staff Absent: Lacei Martinez

Quorum? Yes

Also in attendance: Laurie Godwin, Sonia Sisneros, Brad Fischer, Kelly Moulton

Members of public in attendance: none

**Going forward, all Board meetings will adjourn at 11:30 AM.**

Meeting brought to order: Rona moved, Bill seconded at 8:46 am

8:45 Public Comment

 No members of the public are present

8:50 Consent Agenda

Minutes

* No changes or questions

Monthly dashboard

* Good stability this month; only 1 student moved to Thornton
* Board discussed suspension data. Laurie thinks will be a reduction in disciplinary actions since the culture is being reset and expectations redefined

Monthly financials

* business as usual; we are where we should be
* Expeditionary Learning will come in on Jan 5 and 6 to talk about management in the active classroom – this will give teachers multiple tools to get kids moving; it supports teachers with PD and is aligned with Responsive Classroom;

Motion to approve the consent agenda – Bill moved; Liane seconded 9:06 am

9:00 Finance Update ; Approval of the revised 2016-2017 budget

* Brad shared about Title 1: DPS is thinking about dropping to 60%; currently the percentage is 63% (we made it by a few kids). DPS wants you to build a program with Title 1 dollars, the money currently pays for interventionists; the dollars don’t follow the kids because they want you to be able to build a program; we can push on the percentage
* Brad said the budgeted expenses always need to be more than our actual spending, so we re-approve.
* In January you should re-approve, but budget shouldn’t change unless you have new revenue, so we’re re-approving now
* If there are expense lines over 50k, then the Board needs to re-approve
* Unknowns: PPR, charter credit on Title 1 funds
* There is $11k more with adjusted enrollment
* There was $50k that came in from title services; budgeted conservatively because of projections
* Expenses: hired two long term subs and they were intentionally on boarded
* Danielle is overseeing Sped and Sonia has different duties and was paid a stipend
* Additional coaching services in the PD line

Motion to approve the revised budget – Bill moved, Liane seconded at 9:18 am

9:20 Mission Moment

* Claudia shared about her experience as a parent and shared her appreciation for the foundation her children received at SOAR.
* The board wondered: Are there ways we can support the transition from SOAR to middle school?

Sonia reported on middle school fair (7 schools came, and students interviewed the schools)

9:30 Board Education/Classroom Observation

* Laurie reviewed the board information for walkthrough by highlighting focus areas

10:15 Board Education/Classroom Observation Debrief

Noticing’s:

* Learning targets posted and referenced in some rooms
* Connection to the learning of the day
* Consequences were discussed and enforced
* The use of turn and talks
* Teachers working with students individually
* Some checks for understanding
* Some use of academic language

 Wonders:

* Do students know the “why?”
* Are there consequences for all kids in all situations? What happens if you don’t do your work?
* What motivates kids? How are we building relationships?

10:45 Head of School Report

* ELL/ELD

SOAR is not in compliance with the consent decree

 Targets:

* Academic language present in all classrooms
* Sheltering strategies
* Differentiated instruction – 45 minute ELD block

 Kids are grouped by language

 Focus on K/1

* December 7 site review
* We are “not meeting” on the SPF
* Math PD survey

 Laurie shared data

* Overall teachers feel supported and more confident
* Staff sees value of math coaches; have asked for literacy coaches

 Laurie shared a proposal for 2017-2018

 Students (M-F)

 7:45 Breakfast

 8:00 Doors open

 8:15 Instruction begins

 3:15 Dismissal for all

 Staff

 7:45 start everyday

 3x a week – 4:00 p.m.

 1x a week – 4:30 p.m.

 1x a week (Friday?) – 3:30 pm

Teachers supervise lunch and recess; Laurie and Sonia are looking at options for supervision

 Sonia is looking into the bus availability.

 The Board celebrated the work of Laurie and Sonia.

Motion to adjourn – Liane moved, Rona seconded 11:16 a.m.

11:15 Executive Session (Personnel)

 Present: Sue, Sarah, Rona, Liane, Jerry, Bill

Motion to adjourn – Bill moved, Rona seconded 11:55 a.m.

11:30 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn – Liane moved, Sarah seconded 11:59 a.m.