

## SOAR Charter School Board Meeting

Date, Time and Place: May 12th, 2016, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4,  
Denver, CO 80249

### Attendance of Board Members:

Present: Sue Sava, Rona Wilensky, Jerry Osei-Tutu, Liane Morrison, William Weintraub, Claudia Gutierrez, Sarah Glover

Present by Phone: n/a

Recused: n/a

Absent:

Staff Absent:

Quorum? Yes

Also in attendance: Laurie Godwin, Sonia Sisneros, Brad Fischer, Kelly Moulton, Melanie Moreno, Erinjean Patrick, Lacey Martinez

Members of public in attendance: Carolyn McCormick

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

Meeting brought to order – Bill moved, Liane seconded 8:45 AM

Agenda:

8:45 Public Comment

8:45 Creative Arts Studio Presentation

- Erinjean Patrick will be our creative arts studio teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. She has been with SOAR for 5 years. She began with us at SOAR @ Oakland as an interventionist. She performed in New York City & taught theater for 9 years before moving to Denver. Her experience with theater and working with special education students has brought out a different side of learning for them. They are able to make curriculum connections through educational arts. Erinjean would like to do things like take a book that students are reading in class & help them discover how they can bring it to life.
- This year Erinjean has started the work with students to pull characters out of the books they're reading & learning to bring them to life.

- Laurie notes that the connection students who speak a second language are making is helping open them up in ways that they've otherwise struggled with due to the language barrier.
- Bill notes that this is integrating into the curriculum and the entire Board is very excited about this.

Motion to adjourn into executive session – Bill moved, Liane seconded 9:00 AM

9:00 Executive Session

Motion to reconvene Board meeting – Rona moved, Bill seconded 10:05 AM

10:05 Sue announced that Laurie Godwin will serve a third year as Head of School in the 2018-2019 school year, giving our community the stability and consistency that it deserves.

10:05 Head of School Report

- Melanie Moreno introduced herself to our Board. She was hired as our assistant principal in January 2017. Melanie spoke to her background and what she's been working on since she started with SOAR.
- During the last SAC meeting we talked with parents about after school programs for next year. On May 25, 2017 we are having a vendor showcase for potential providers to meet SOAR families. From there we will decide who we bring in next year for after school programs.
- Next years lunch menu was also discussed in the last SAC meeting. The lunch menu will likely change for next year and we would like to offer our students more food choices.

10:15 Consent Agenda

- Minutes
  - Update motion to adjourn
- Monthly dashboards
- Monthly financials

Motion to approve consent agenda – Liane moved, Claudia seconded 10:26 AM

10:30 Proposal to Provide Executive Search Consulting Support: Carolyn McCormick

- Carolyn McCormick may be assisting SOAR in our next Head of School search for the 2019-2020 school year. Carolyn works with a consulting firm and does executive searches for non-profits. She manages the overall project management for the search.
- Carolyn walked us through what the process may look like and asked questions about what we want to see with this search; and what we may want to see done differently.

11:30 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn – Rona moved, Sarah seconded 11:44 AM