

**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, Lacey 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