**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

Date, Time and Place: December 8th, 2017, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4, Denver, CO 80249

**Attendance of Board Members**:

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

Present by Phone:

Recused: n/a/0

Absent: Sarah Glover

Staff Absent: n/a

Quorum? Yes

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

Members of public in attendance:

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

Meeting brought to order – Bill moved, Claudia seconded 8:46 ­AM

Agenda

* 8:45 Public Comment
* 8:50 Consent Agenda
  + Minutes
  + Monthly dashboards
    - We are following up closely with families who have excessive absences, tardiness or are being picked up from school early.
  + Monthly financials

Motion to approve consent agenda: Bill moved, Sue seconded 8:52 AM

* 9:00 Board Education: Classroom Visit Math, Health & Wellness/PE
  + Four SOAR students are in visiting to tell us about their experiences at SOAR with different opportunities & exposure. They touched on field trip experiences, after school enrichment clubs and things they like & have learned about themselves through these experiences.
  + The Board discussed classroom visits & observations.
    - Students were on task and clearly knew what they were doing or needed to be doing.
    - The instruction was clear & concise.
  + 9:30 Head of School Report
  + In Denver, if you are “green” you do not have to submit a UIP. We do not need to re-submit a UIP to Denver Public Schools.
  + Staff attendance:
    - Aug. – all staff were present 100% of the time
    - Sept. – all staff were present 65% of the time
    - Oct. – all staff were present 55% of the time
    - Nov. – all staff were present 42% of the time
  + 10:30 Director of Development & Operations Report
  + Our 5th annual multicultural dinner event was a great success & we had the largest attendance to date.
  + Sonia is currently working with DPS & our lawyer on our charter renewal contract. The vote for our charter renewal is due to take place in January 2018.
  + A vote will happen this month that will determine if we are going to be a zoned school for the 2018-2019 school year and going forward.
  + Our school website has been updated & will continue to have live updates.
  + We have hired three paraprofessionals to assist with general school & classroom support.
  + Sue asked Brad about the number of months that need to be in reserves for expenses. Brad let us know that we have 2 months’ worth of expenses in reserves but DPS would like us to have 6 months’ worth. He is in conversation with DPS and will get back to the Board with an update soon.
  + 11:00 Adjourn

From the Board Calendar:

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| **DECEMBER** | * + - Report on planning based on CMAS data, UIP progress and any formative assessments     - Report on plan for Interim Assessments-reading, writing and math | * + - Approval of 990 report | * + - Review UIP Draft     - Head of School proposes potential strategic/budget  decisions for upcoming FY     - Update on Charter Renewal     - Fund-raising updates (Board Survey)     - Head search discussion |

Notes from Executive Committee Meeting:

* + Questions on the SPF
    - Staff reactions
    - Communications to families
  + Weighted lottery vote: open for discussion
    - Pre-read the process for the weighted lottery
  + K/1/2 update on status (iStation)
  + Classroom visit: Math
  + After School Enrichment Update

Motion to adjourn: Liane moved, Bill seconded 10:53 AM