**SOAR Charter School Board Meeting**

Date, Time and Place: April 13th, 2018, 4800 Telluride St. BLDG 4 Denver, CO 80249

**Attendance of Board Members**:

Present: Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, Sarah Glover, William Weintraub, Sue Sava, Claudia Gutierrez, Tiffani Lennon

Present by Phone:

Recused: n/a

Absent: n/a

Staff Absent:

Quorum? Yes

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

Members of public in attendance: Ashley Clark

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

Meeting brought to order: Rona moved, Bill seconded 8:49 AM

8:45 Public Comment

8:50 Consent Agenda

* Minutes
* Monthly dashboards

Some mobility with families moving to Aurora

* Monthly financials

Routine and running under, nothing going over

Finance committee spent time prepping FY19 budget

Motion to approve consent agenda: Bill moved, Rona seconded 9:00 AM

9:00 Approval of the FY19 Draft Budget

* Discussion: Unrestricting Board Reserves

Due to DPS on May 1; our approval will substantiate a final budget

10% health care increase in 5-year plan

Book budget – wanted to be realistic; realized we didn’t have a line for math curriculum

Reduced student count again to keep 3rd grade classes small; changed enrollment number

We’re leaving PPR flat and being conservative (expected to increase around $400/student; but we don’t want to count on it)

We accounted for increase in

FY19 surplus: $612k (with enrollment numbers arrive today at 1:00pm

We got all siblings into the school

We anticipate reaching capacity earlier; DPS promised to keep our classroom capacity numbers

Our deepest waitlists are in 3rd/4th/5th

Our charter says that we won’t go over enrollment

Motion to approve FY19 draft budget: Liane moved, Rona seconded 9:16 AM

FPF (we were green; and we want to be blue)

We needed 3 months worth of reserves; DPS took it back to 1.5-2 months

We will vote to unrestricted the funds on May 11th

Brad will report back about FPF and SPF

9:15 Head of School Report

We reviewed a retention/staffing/hiring update

We have posted for three primary positions; an art position

We’d like to tell the story about our salary increases and health benefit; we were able to be nimble; Sue and Sarah will send contacts from Chalkbeat and CPR to Sonia;

We reviewed kindergarten data on I-Station; if we have any other information we will look at it

10:00 Director of Development & School Operations Report

Assuming we get our numbers today, acceptance packets go out on Monday

Safety and Security: there are 2500 kids on the campus that everyone is accountable for; there are 5 different schools, so SOAR is in conversations with the district about how the schools can partner to provide consistent

The Board got a summer programs update

Meeting with Jennifer Bacon: she is thinking about how to create opportunities for kids;

Helping with league participation; Board will see report she prepares for DPS

10:15 Board Pipeline Update: Board Succession Planning

There is an organization supporting Board pipelines, and Rona will reach out

Board vote will happen after background checks; Rona will introduce Ashley to Lacei

10:20 Board Vote: Sarah Glover Board Chair (2018-2019 School Year)

Motion to approve Sarah Glover as new Board chair: Sue moved, Tiffani seconded; Unanimously approved 10:20 AM

10:25 Introduce Board Education Topic: Integrated Literacy Model

10:30 Board Education: 5th Grade Classroom Visits

The board observed classrooms engaged in lessons related to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

10:55 Classroom Observation Debrief

11:00 Adjourn Board Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Bill moved, Liane seconded 11:01 AM