SOAR Board of Directors Meeting
August 21, 2026, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Staff Attendance: Maria Burdine Principal, Rosalind Gullatt Assistant Principal, Dawn Salter Assistant Principal, Sonia Sisneros Senior Director, Christi Goetz Director of Academic Programming & Multilingual Education.
Board Attendance: Rona Wilensky Board Co-Chair , Liane Morrison Treasurer, , John Kearney, Secretary
Board Member on Zoom: Roddrick Marshall Board Member
Board Absence: Jamita Horton, Board Co-Chair
Staff Absence:
Guest:
Preparer: Kelly Moulton Finance Consultant
Location: SOAR Charter School 4800 Telluride St Bldg. 4 Denver CO 80249

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9:46am Welcome and Check in:

- Minute of silence.
- Check in.
- Introductions.

9:58/am Motion to Convene the Meeting:

- Motion to convene meeting – Liane Morrison Treasurer
- Second – Roddrick Marshall Board Member
- All in favor to convene the meeting – all

- Approve the consent agenda:
- Changes to the consent agenda:
    - Changes to the PECB contract
- Motion to approve and change the consent agenda – John Kearney Board Member
- Second - Roddrick Marshall Board Member
- All in favor to amend the revised consent agenda – all

10:00am Public Comment Time If Needed (3 mins per person)

10:01am Consent Agenda:

- Dashboard:
- Monthly Financials:
- Minutes:

- Motion to approve the consent agenda – Liane Morrison Treasurer
- Seconds – John Kearney Board Member.
- All in favor of approving the consent agenda – all.

10:02 am Sonia Sisneros Senior Director Report:

- Pg. 2 of Dashboard:
  - Staff Turnover report August 2025 – August 2026.
  - Terminations vs Resignations.
  - Reasons and the whys.
  - The work we are doing for strategic planning and coaching should have a positive impact on staff turnover.
- Special Education Needs & Numbers:
  - 2025-2026 compared to 2026-2027.
    - Students with IEP's
    - Students receive speech services only.
      - Speech services are provided by the district and not staff.
    - Students require an evaluation or re-evaluation.
  - 2026 – 2027 Special Education Kindergartens:
    - 13 IEPs (autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy).
    - Additional 5 re-evaluations due (out of compliance IEPs or due).
    - Additional 3 initial IEPs (outside diagnosis of autism, or health impairment - presenting as high needs).
    - 9 hours a day in minutes.
    - Suggestion from board to reach out to Denver Public Schools Green Valley Ranch Board member regarding our numbers.
  - 2026 – 2027 Special Education Staffing:
    - 15 - 1:1 SpEd IAS
    - 3 - SpEd TAs
    - 4 - DPS Itinerants
    - 3 - SpEd Teachers
    - 1 - Department Chair
    - 1 - SpEd Coach/Consultant
    - 1 - Social Worker

10:32am Maria Burdine Principal:

- Summer Intensive
    - 87 students.
- School Updates
    - Professional Development and new staff.
    - Back to school night.
    - Changed our school hours.
        - School starts at 8am.
        - Staff starts at 7:15am.
- Staffing/Hiring Updates
    - 1 instructional assistant resignation and rehired.
    - 5th grade position.
    - Currently have two in-house subs and we will possibly place one of these teachers in the 5th grade class.
- Intro to Dawn Salter, new Assistant Principal for School Culture
- Board - Parent Recruitment
    - Michelle Board Member (Parent) resigned.
    - Suggestion for posting board positions on LinkedIn. Rona and Sonia will work on posting and share with others.
- Principal Leadership Institute: Distributive Leadership (CDE):
    - Accepted as Distributive Leadership.
    - 2-year program.
    - Will come with site visit and coaching.
    - Part of the Quality schools of cohort.
- Coaching: Yolanda Greer:
    - Principal coaching once a month.
    - Leadership team once quarter.
    - Emergenetics for whole staff. L eadership Team did it last year
        - Dawn and remaining staff will do it this year.
- New Staff & Returning Staff PD:
    - Survey to get more information regarding staff perceptions of summer PD.
- Strategic Plan Update:
    - Monthly check-ins.
    - PEBC contract:
        - Ashley dates given in the contract vs what is needed or change what is needed at the school. Maria and Ashlee will work out details for new contract.
- Share documents (Restorative Practices, Behavior Management, Tier 1-3, PLC).

11:15 Rosalind Gullatt Assistant Principal Report:

- RP Training for Staff
    - Restorative Solutions Randy Compton

- Schedules for IAs
- Arrival, Dismissal, Lunch, Recess
- Tier 1 Behavior Support
    - Student Support Behavior Flowchart
        - What type of behavior is it?
    - MTSS/Behavior Supports
        - School Counseling Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
            - Behavior Supports
            - Academic Supports
            - Social/Emotional Supports
    - 5 Rs of Restorative Practices:
        - Respect
        - Relationship
        - Responsibility
        - Repair
        - Reintegration

11:27am Dawn Salter Assistant Principal:

- AP of School Culture, new to SOAR.
- 25th year in DPS, graduated of GW High School, BA in Psychology, MA in Educational Leadership and Policy.
- Supporting Restorative Practices, Class Management, Attendance, General IA Supervision, Special Education Support.

11:31 am Christi Goetz Director of Academic Programming and MLE Report:

- Summer Intensive & Data Review:
    - 87 students
    - 8 instructional staff, our social worker, and instructional assistants.
- READ Act Data:
    - Fall 2025 vs Spring 2026.
- 2026 ELA CMAS Data:
    - An increase of 4.6%.
- 2026 Math CMAS:
    - An increase of 5.63%.
- 2026 CMAS Growth for 4^{th} & 5^{th} Grade ELA & Math:
    - ELA an increase of 14.6 MGP.
    - Math an increase of 7 MGP.
- 2026 Access Data:
    - Meets expectations for 5 years in a row.
    - The goal is always 50.

11:45am Rona Wilensky Board President:

- September Board Meeting:
    - September Board Meeting: September 11th 15 minutes for board to approve the financial audit. 8:15am.
    - September Board Meeting: September 18th will be a regular meeting.
- Liane Morrison
    - A motion to extend Liane Morrison 1 more year - John Kearney Board Member.
    - Second – Roddrick Marshall Board Member.
    - All in favor of approving Liane Morrison 1 more year – all.
- Linked In post for board members.
- Board meetings conflicts
    - November 13th moving to November 6th.
    - September:
        - September Board Meeting: September 11th 15 minutes for board to approve the financial audit. 8:15am.
        - September Board Meeting: September 18th will be a regular meeting.

11:53 motion to adjourn the meeting and have a short executive meeting regarding Principal Evaluation:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting – Roddrick Marshall Board Member.
- Seconds – Liane Morrison Treasurer
- All in favor of adjourning the meeting - all.

Preparer: Kelly Moulton

Reviewer: John Kearney Secretary and Rona Wilensky Board Co-Chair