

Mountain Island Charter School Soar Foundation Meeting
11.17.2025 Agenda

Call to Order: 9:00AM, Admin Conf Room Called to order at 9:02. Jenny C, Jenny E, Della, Kim, Laura V, Rod, Kevin, Glenn, Ally, Eric, Brett, Katie

Approve Minutes from last meeting Brett motion to approve, Jenny E second. All in favor

From Last Meeting

- Mountain Island School Fundraiser Guidelines SOAR will do track changes on existing document to give to School Board Governance Committee. SOAR would also like to review its own policies.
 - Activity approval process review Reviewed current School Board Fundraising Policy. It has not been updated for many years and so warrants updating to better align to current. This is a School Board policy as it guides School behavior so should be updated by the School Board, but should be in conjunction with SOAR foundation as they are the fundraising organization. SOAR will cover large capital fundraisers as well as asking for community support. The school will handle all field trips, clubs, etc. Also, requires updates to existing staff to ensure people understand what is allowed and what is not allowed.
 - Add raffle verbiage In order to be compliant, the school will have five, SOAR will have five.
 - Earmarked funds Do we allow this? Currently SOAR gives any earmarked funds and give to school. If you accept earmarked funds, you do have to report it correctly. The primary reason earmarked funds are desired through SOAR is corporate matching addition. **Decision: We will keep it the way it is. SOAR encourages families to donate earmarked funds directly to the school. When SOAR does receive matched funds, we will communicate with**

the school operations to make sure things are flowing through things correctly.

Fundraising/Committee Reports:

- PTO (Ally O'Regan) - Spirit nights, Book Fair, Fall festival, Staff appreciation
Fall Festival was best and biggest yet. 7k in ticket sales. It is not an event to raise money, but we did raise 2k.

We had more school clubs to raise money for their specific club. Box tops is 500. PTO is providing Bunt Cakes in conjunction with Admin for luncheon before winter break. We have dates now - March 6th. MS Book Fair - March 9th through 12th, March 13th Top Golf, Father Daughter March 21st. Spring book April 14th-21st.

Spirit Nights - Charlotte Checkers Feb 7th. Money raised through tickets will go to SOAR and PTO. MICS Chorus will sing National Anthem at this game.

- Raptor Run (Ally O-Regan) - \$131,181!! Incentives, Glenn's stunt Had successful fall. Raptor Run raised 138k because of corporate matching is slow to come in. Ran two full events K5, and 8-12. Volunteers were great and staff helped as well.
- SOAR Sponsorships (Laura Vaughn) - Sign install, collections update, new leads We have four new sponsors and we have signs. QR Code Banner by Carline to spread the word. We have 6 potential sponsors that we are talking with now. We have gotten everyone on a normalized billing cycle. We need to get scoreboard sponsors to replace some old ones. Can put up some SOAR and PTO options up there instead.
- Marketing (Jenny Cury) - Would like to form a committee Should form a committee to review results and decide on continuing. Put out an ask for help here.

- Car magnets with thank yous going to PTO committee heads, sponsors, monthly donors
- Yearly - Tshirts for kindergartners (done), Folders (done)
- Yearly - Letters sent - multiple returned
- Soar merch website up and running, hats for sale at events
- Royal Bliss night - Tuesday Aug 19th
- School board retreat, kindergarten, 6th grade, and staff orientations, Back to School Night
- Website tracking, what is hitting?
- Collaborations
 - Raptor Soar track meet Thursday April 16th
 - DECA collab for sponsorship/Raptor Run

Financial Report:

- General Financial Report, CDs **We have about \$270k in our money market. We have CDs coming due in Jan, Feb, and March. Thought is to put 200k from MM into CD. We could just not renew one of the others. Decision: Agreed to a year CD.**
- Classroom support used **High use across the school. This was really appreciated from the staff.**
- Cooperate matching transition update

Board Items:

- Committee formation? - Marketing, PTO, Programmatic support, Sponsorship, Finance **We already have this with PTO and Sponsorship. We could formalize committees for things we are already doing like Sponsorship, Marketing, etc and meet in the off month.**
- Bi-laws update proposal **Proposed to approve bylaws. Motioned by Jenny E, seconded by Bretty - all in favor.**
 - Article III, section 6 - Adding PTO chair given automatic seat on Soar Board, what number restrictions do we want?
 - Article III, section 5 - remove requirement for Co-chair since this has not been done in past

- Article IV Section 2 - Change terms for officers to 2-year terms. Change to School Board member cannot be Soar Foundation Chair or Treasurer
- Article VI, Section 6 - Are we covered by School Board insurance? - YES

Next Meeting

- Next year meetings, Mondays at 9:00am
- 1/12, 3/9, 5/11, 7/13

Closed Session - 143-318.11 (5) - Eric motioned, Kevin seconded. All in favor.

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