

**Sarasota Academy of the Arts
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2024 - 9:00am 582 McIntosh Rd
Administration Office**

Governing Board Minutes

- I. Call to Order @ 9:02
- II. Determination of a Quorum. Quorum established. In Attendance:
 - a. Board members: Mary Stewart Owen Kennedy, Dan Dembicki and Denise Verheul
 - b. Principal: Dr. Jodi Kopacz
- III. Approval of Minutes. Unanimously Approved
- IV. Finances-Financial Report. Discussed and Unanimously Approved.
- V. Principal's Report
 - a. 2024-2025 Enrollment Update: Enrollment is up and expected to be over 200. Possible 2 Kindergarten classes for next year. Several tours are planned.
 - b. School events: Middle School Dance, Elementary Children's Theater, Middle School Hamilton Master Class, 3rd Grade Wax Museum, Musical Theater to Sea World for Competition. All events successful and Wax Museum and Sea World trip is upcoming.
 - c. Teacher Grants: Congratulations to the teachers obtaining these grants for SAA students.
 - Bryan Egan "Dance Dance" \$210.00
 - Shawn Robbins "K-8 Drawings and paintings of people" \$214.00
 - Bryan Egan "Light Up Our Stage" \$1,132.00
 - d. New Hires: Michael Blanchette-5th Grade, Karla Motta: Middle School Math, and Dawn McMullen- Middle School Social Studies.
 - e. Building: Roof repair completed based on roof repair audit.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Index Ringling College update: a meeting is scheduled with students later today. One question which will be asked is, "How can this project help with enrollment?"
 - b. JFed Lease Addendum: Dan will draft cover letter and new addendum to send to JFed. New addendum will reflect the changes as discussed in JFed meeting.
 - c. Social Media Updates: Jodi has created an Instagram page and updated website with pictures and new teacher bios.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Building signage: Initiate design and quote.
 - b. Playground: Strategize for sponsorship and/or fundraising. Discussion on size (50'x67') and needs for K - 5th grade. More research is needed on

sponsorships/donations.
c. Establishment of Endowments for SAA: Discuss feasibility. Are there any limitations to this approach as a public charter school? More research is needed.

VIII. Public comment
IX. Adjournment @ 10:08

Submitted by:

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Approved April 16th, 2024