

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Julie Rohr Academy office

Board members present:

- Joe Solano
- Kelly Marsh
- Bill Mariotti
- Dan Kennedy
- Rob McLain

- Call to order at 8:06am
- Minutes dated 3/6/14 unanimously approved.

- Treasurers Report for March 2014
 - Capital money available for reimbursement – construction, ESE support
 - Additional money available will be put in reserve fund.
 - Approval of Treasurer’s Report - unanimously approved

- Principal’s Report
 - Waiting lists for all grades except 5th grade and 7th grade – there are 2 classes for those grades.
 - Enrollment for next year – at 228. Approved for 212.
 - Losing some students to other schools, including new SMA prep school.
 - Will need to hire additional computer and art teachers.
 - Workshop for teachers brought up issues – space concerns, rewriting discipline policies, more parental involvement.
 - School Grades – will we get a grade for our first year? Dan mentioned we would not as there is no information to compare it. Will get the grade for the 2nd year.

- Technology grants – we need to start applying for grants.
- Commendation for Pat Jardin & Kathy Bechtel for all their help and support with the CSP audit.

- Old Business
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 - Need to get an architect to draw up plans for additional classrooms.
 - Motion to meet with architect and to obtain bids on drawings – motion approved.
 - Van options – purchase a used van from a dealership, purchase van from Julie Rohr Academy. Need to get the JRA van evaluated by a mechanic, and possibly take the vehicle to Carmax for a wholesale value.

- New Business
 - Parent Contract for 2014 – 2015: Motion to change verbage from required to ‘expected’ and include paragraph on the benefit of parental involvement – motion unanimously approved.
 - We need to add a clause that we follow the Sarasota County District policy and handbook.
 - Custodial services – Decision was made to outsource custodial services. Motion to approve hiring of an outside company, and termination of janitor position. Motion approved.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:33am.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Marsh