Sarasota Academy of the Arts
July 16, 2024
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am
Administration Office

Minutes: Monthly Governing Board Meeting

I. Call to order: *at 9:05am by Board President Kennedy*

II. Determination of a Quorum: *Quorum achieved. Present: Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Dembicki, Dr. Mizak. Absent: Mr. Brenneman, Ms Verheul*

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: *Approved 3-0*

IV. Finances-Financial Report: *Approved 3-0*

V. Principal's Report

1. Summer is going well. Applications continue to come into SAA. We have seen an increase in our middle school population. *Current estimated confirmations at 175. This number may very well increase as the office is still receiving calls from families. The need of hiring an additional kindergarten teacher to satisfy demand is a possibility.*
2. Many new items have been purchased: laptops, Chromebooks, desk/chairs to full fill completion of the ESSER Grant and requesting reimbursement.
3. SAA has bought a stage for the multipurpose room to facilitate all shows, graduation and presentations on campus without having to pay for fees for renting spaces. This was not purchased through a grant, but funds through ticketing throughout the year will assist with repayment. *The Board commended Dr. Kopacz regarding the new stage.*
4. Reading Coach hired-part time: Dianna Woodward. Masters in Higher Education Administration, Reading Endorsed and Elementary Certified with 25 years of experience.
5. Back to School night: August 8th, 2024, 4:30-6:30. *Board members are encouraged to attend.*
6. Strings Con Brio and Champions in Motion are working with Dr. Kopacz

for potential use of the multipurpose room and the gym in the evenings. *Board instructed Dr. Kopacz to investigate further.*

7. Active Assailant and Reunification Plan prepared and circulated to Board.
8. 2024 Annual Survey results have been circulated to Board. Please note that no report was generated for Non-Instructional Staff, due to less than 3 required responders. Also, Parent Survey results are not available currently.

VI. Old Business

1. Exterior Signage -Status update: Building sign. *Mrs. Kennedy will continue discussions with JFed.*
2. Playground: Strategize for sponsorship and/or fundraising: *Issue tabled until August meeting.*

VII. New Business

1. Approval required: 2024-2025 Crisis Response Manual/Active Assailant Plan/Reunification Plan: *Approved 3-0*
2. Workshop: google drive and access to documents. *Dr. Mizak will conduct the workshop at August meeting with full Board present.*

VIII. Public comment: *No public in attendance*

IX. Adjournment: *at 9:47am by Board President Kennedy*

Approved Mizak 8/14/25