Sarasota Academy of the Arts
March 24, 2026
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am
Administration Office

Monthly Governing Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: **9:00am by President Kennedy**

II. Determination of a Quorum: **Quorum present. President Kennedy, Vice President Mizak, and Treasurer Dembicki in attendance**

III. Approval of Minutes: **Approved unanimously**

IV. Finances-Financial Report: **Approved unanimously**
1. Review and Approve Financial Reports

V. Principal's Report:
1. Request for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services has been submitted by Building Hope. Please see the attached *Appendix A - Auditor Selection Law* page 17, 2. which may guide the Board. **Dr. Kopacz will confer with other charters and solicit additional firms for quotes.**

2. 2026-2027 Budget has begun. Clarification on construction and finances, will these deductions be needed in the monthly budget?

3. FAST Writing begins at the end of March and PM3 testing begins in April. These scores assist with placement of students in advanced courses or intensive courses for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Upcoming fun events: March 26th: 3rd Grade Wax Museum after school; March 27th, PM: Voctave Concert (Music Theater); March 28th, Saturday: SAA Craft Fair **(proceeds to go to Art Club)**; March 30th Field Trip: Patriot Plaza for 4th, 5th and 7th; April 2nd, AM: Elementary Math Bee

5. Currently 113 students are confirmed for Fall 2026. Another 77 students appear to be likely committed; a total of 190 students.

6. Discussion of charter schools and their relationship with the county. A number of charter schools are starting to organize to discuss best practices and to speak with a unified voice.

VI. Old Business:

1. Phase 2 Build-Out: Continuing discussion **Synovous has all documentation and should have financing options available at the next meeting.**

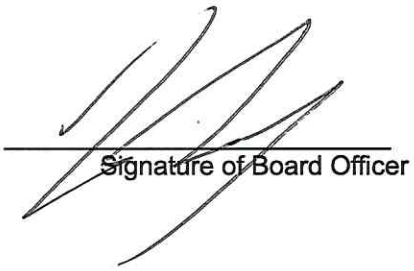
VII. New Business:
1. Ringling College of Art and Design Teen Studios. Vice-President Mizak will discuss a possible discount for SAA students.

VIII. Public Comments: **None**

IX. Adjournment: **9:50am by President Kennedy**

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Mizak, Ph.D.
Vice President and Acting Secretary
Governing Board of Directors
Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Approved by vote of Board: 4/21/16
Date



Signature of Board Officer