

SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2013
STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING

Location:

Sarasota Academy of the Arts
4466 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

Council Members Present in Person:

Cecilia Blankenship, School Principal
Kathy Bechtel, School Staff Member
Jeffrey Kolowith, School Staff Member
Joseph Solano, School Board Member
Sabrina Lugo, Parent and SAC Secretary
Leyanit Barron-Moreno, Parent

Council Members Absent:

Slade Williams , SAA Student President

Guests Present:

Julianne Ohanian

Call to Order:

Cecilia Blankenship called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

REPORTS:

Principal's Report:

Cecilia informed us that we must submit the SAC meeting notes to the District monthly. The SAC is an open meeting so anyone may attend. 51% of the SAC must be non-staff members so we need one more person on the council, which must be a community member. The Council began open discussion on possible community members that we can ask to join the council. The primary goal of the SAC is to make recommendations to the Board to help achieve the SIP.

Secretary's Report:

None

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Current SIP Goals:

Goal #1: The lowest 25% of the student population will increase reading by 10% for the FCAT.

Sabrina mentioned the "Reading Parties" held by Brentwood for Kindergarten and First Graders. The Reading Parties were funded by the Community Foundation. At these parties, a handful of teachers would provide tips on how the parents teach their children reading skills by interactive reading. Food was provided as well as a craft for the children and a drawing for a gift card (for the parent – usually Publix) was done at each party. There were a total of 4 parties per year.

Goal #2: 85% of the student population will show improvement on the FAIR testing from Fall to Spring.

Goal #3: 70% of the student population will have to show proficiency on FCAT writing. They will need a 3.5 on the FCAT.

We currently have 20 4th graders and 18 8th graders. Discussion began on preparation of students for the FCAT writing. The teachers are currently working with them. The school really needs laptops. Jeff suggested hiring someone to grade the writing samples for the teachers.

Goal #4: The school's focus is inclusion of the Arts. All students will participate.

Goal #5: The lowest 25% of the student population who were administered the FCAT last Spring will show a 10% improvement.

SAA has a list of those students to determine remediation.

Goal #6: Students will improve quarterly to Honor Roll.

We can adjust goals throughout the year. SAA currently has 202 students enrolled.

New Business:

January 16, 2014 is Literacy Night and there will be a parent meeting. We need to increase parent volunteers.

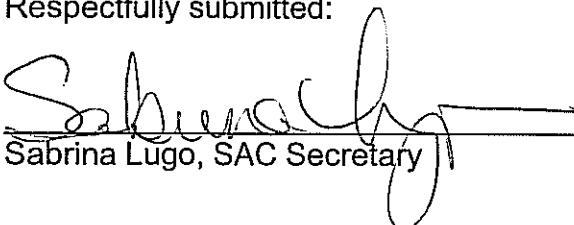
The next SAC meeting will be January 23, 2014.

Cecilia will pull students FCAT scores from last year to have for the January meeting.

Sabrina left the meeting at 5:55 p.m. while discussion was still ongoing.

There being no further business, Cecilia adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 1/23/14