

SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
MINUTES OF THE February 11, 2015
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 and Parent
Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary and Parent
Leyanit Barron-Moreno, Parent
Sally Malatesta, Community Member
Mike Henry, Parent

Council Members Absent:

Grace Washburn, Student Council President
Kyle Turoff, Parent

Guests Present:

None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 p.m.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the January 21st meeting were distributed and reviewed by all. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 21st meeting. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Mike will talk to Mote this week about the field trips mentioned at the last meeting.

Ice Cream reward for K-2 did not turn out as well as hoped. They are looking at how to make it work better.

Cecilia said the governing board is looking into space issues. The school needs more space for testing and in general. In order to build, there are zoning issues that would require the school to spend a tremendous amount of money. Sally mentioned an additional portable, but Cecilia said we can't.

Cecilia reported 31 students signed up for tutoring after school. There are 6 teachers divided between grades 3-5 and 5-8. The students work on homework or on Math and Reading. Cecilia will meet with the teachers this Friday to find out what worked and what did not work, as well as the challenges with students learning. This is offered at no cost to parents.

New Business:

Cecilia emailed the testing schedule to teachers for the remainder of the year. There will be double testing in some areas.

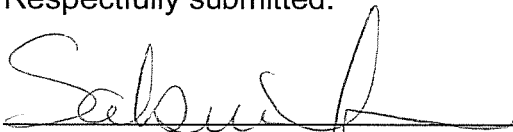
March 2nd starts the writing tests. They need to have 41 computers active. FSA testing will be 4/13 straight through until 5/22.

There was a brief discussion of the recent fundraiser. It appears that the fundraisers that reward kids with toys/trinkets are the most successful. Sabrina mentioned having a Jogathon/Fun Run. Kathy mentioned having a Jump Rope for SAA.

The next SAC meeting is March 18, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 3/13/15