

SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014

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:

None

Call to Order:

Joseph Solano called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

REPORTS:

Principal's Report:

Regarding SIP Goal #1: Cecilia pulled reading and math scores for students 4th through 8th grades. Lowest 25% for reading – 19 students; Lowest 25% for math – 19 students. A list was given to the teachers and those students are in remediation. Some of those students are ESE and ESOL. For the FCAT, we need to accommodate those students by giving more time, or providing a language dictionary. There is a list of these students and all are getting extra support.

Next year we will use the District Math book. We will be able to start support at the beginning of the year since we will have scores review.

Cecilia ordered review books for reading and math.

Regarding SIP Goal #5: We show a decrease by 2 for Principals Honor Roll this quarter.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the January 23rd meeting were distributed and reviewed by all. Joseph moved to approve the minutes from January 23rd. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

New Business:

Crosspointe errors have caused problems in calculating Honor Roll and it is difficult to use. Cecilia said one school does not use it but teachers still have to enter grades into the program.

It is promised that the bugs are being worked out and Crosspointe will be fixed by the end of the 3rd quarter.

Jeff suggested a school event for the parents to learn how to use Crosspointe next year.

Climate surveys are coming up. They are online. Cecilia will send to parents for them to complete.

Re-enrollment forms have been turned in. We are contracted for 212 students next year but if everyone were to return, there would be 228 students.

Jeff says we need a bus for field trips. The cost to use buses from the school district has increased and now to use them we have to charge the students. Jeff asked if PTO can fundraise for school transportation costs. Money raised from fundraisers can be used for various things that the Board agrees on.

Cecilia discovered the Patterson Fund, which helps families of students who are homeless or have special needs.

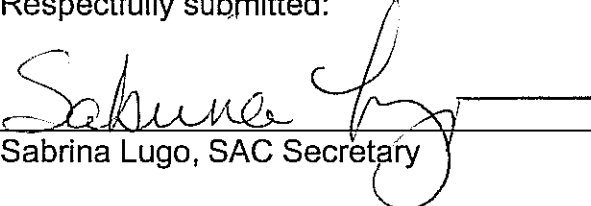
Julie is doing fundraisers for the musical.

April 11th is Hispanic Heritage Night.

The next SAC meeting is January 23, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 3/19/14