

**SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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 5:05 p.m.

**REPORTS:**

**Old Business:**

Cecilia reported an update on the SAA purchasing a school bus. It was proposed to the governing board. They don't want to purchase a bus at this time. They need to look at the costs for insurance and for a driver. They need a better handle on the overall costs for consideration. Matt is looking into it.

In the meantime, we can do fundraising to fund fieldtrips.

Jeff wants to get a million pennies as a fundraiser. He suggested leaving jars in classrooms and in the community.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the February 20th meeting were distributed and reviewed by all. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

Cecilia asked for suggestions of how the school can make things better. Joseph suggested integrating arts into other curriculum and fieldtrips. Jeff suggested reviewing the dismissal procedure. We discussed communication between teachers and parents and agreed that some grades need to improve on that.

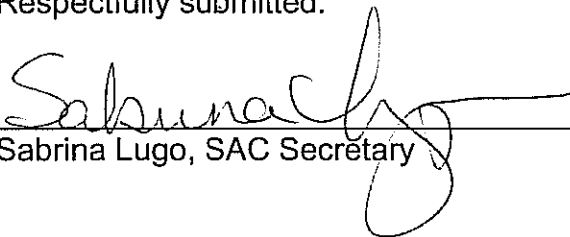
April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Family Fun Night which includes PTO Meeting, Book Fair, Lee Roy Selmons boxed dinners and the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades will model recycled fashion. Mrs. Quattro is also planning an Art Exhibit for the evening.

April 11<sup>th</sup> is Hispanic Heritage Night.

The next SAC meeting is April 24, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 4/14/14