**SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS**

**MINUTES OF THE November 18th 2015**

**SCHOOL 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

Sally Malatesta, Community Member

Mike Henry, Parent

Shannon Dromgool, Parent

Leyanit Barron-Moreno, Parent

**Council Members Absent:**

None

**Guests Present:**

None

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

**REPORTS:**

**Secretary’s Report:**

Minutes from the October 14th, 2015 were distributed and reviewed by all. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 14th meeting. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

Discussed the Zoo Card incentives. Received a business sponsorship for the zoo cards from Smileworks. Going to use the program to incentivize attendance for the younger kids. For middle school a combination of iTunes and Google Play gift cards will be used during the 2nd semester.

Discussed the i-Ready program and the incentives to help encourage the students to increase the amount of time spent utilizing the program. Reviewed the barriers to the SIP goal of improving the engagement of students in the i-Ready program. Jeff Kolowith is going to determine the amount of funds needed to properly incentivize the students.

**New Business:**

Reviewed the SIP Goals as currently approved by Natalie Roca:

* 52% proficient on Science in grades 5-8th
* Increasing scores on Reading FSA
* Increasing reading proficiency on the FSA to a target goal of 64%
* 80% parent approval of the performing arts program
* 100% student participation in the arts program
* 52% target of math proficiency
* Student attendance will increase
* Students productively engaged in i-Ready will improve throughout the year

Discussed using a whiteboard near the car rider line during drop off to communicate the number of students who are absent or tardy.

Discussed the after school program and providing more math and reading tutoring to the elementary students if sufficient funding can be attained to support the needed staff.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Respectfully submitted:

 Date: 11/18/2015

Joe Solano, SAC Chairman