**Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

June 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Julie Rohr Academy office

Board members present:

* Joe Solano
* Bill Mariotti
* Kelly Marsh
* Hillary Chojnacki
* Rob McLain
* Call to order by Rob McLain at 8:06am
* Approval of minutes dated 5/9/2013
* Treasurers Report
  + $2,000 anonymous donation – to be discussed at a later date regarding the use for this.
  + Treasurer’s report approved
* Hiring Process
  + 17 positions, 3 accepted, 10 not accepted.
  + Still need science teacher
  + Board needs to take a look at webinars. Cecilia will send link for common core webinars.
  + Board is responsible for evaluation of Principal, therefore board needs to be aware of common core standards, including evaluation process, etc.
  + Employment contracts in review by attorney.
  + The rough total for enrollment is 192-195
* Revised Budget & Salary Discussion
  + Previous budget was too conservative and salaries were not competitive enough to draw/retain qualified staff.
  + Proposal to decrease fund reserve balance from 14% down to 9.5% to increase base salaries and supplement monies.
  + Motion to approve revised salary – this includes budget for up to $60K in case there is a need to hire separate reading teacher. The current budge shows $0 allocated for this because may use an existing teacher to cover this expense.
  + Motion unanimously approved.
* Building Construction / Renovations
* No major issues/repairs
* In the next year or two may need portable as we increase grade 7/8.
* Maybe bulldoze backhouse and get portable
* Create a plan this year for next summer.
* JRA to take care of electrical issues that have been identified in inspection. The rest of the issues are minimal.
* Leave lease as is – unanimously approved.
* Picnic
  + Originally scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, however it is being moved to Saturday, June 22nd to accommodate more families and hoping to get things donated so there is no cost to families.
* Fundraising
  + Scheduled for July 13th.
  + Need donations and hole sponsorships. Small donations for raffle prizes and hole sponsorships will be $150/hole.
  + Will need “check-in” people and help that day.
* New Business
  + Pending grant approval because of lease, however application is complete so funds should be available soon.
  + Board needs to assign a parent liaison - This will be Kelly Marsh – board unanimously approved.
* Future Business
  + Board has decided to obtain a token of appreciation for the individual who created the SAA logo. Will check with Denise to see if there are things available to use for that.
  + Discuss T-shirts, decals, other promo items to be available for the new school year.
* Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

*Minutes submitted by Hillary Chojnacki and Kelly Marsh*