

# Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts – Administration Building

Board members present:

- Dan Kennedy
- Phil St. John
- Ed Whitehead
- Joe Solano
- Robert Mclain Jr.
- Coy Carter
- Kyle Turoff

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Kristen LaFrance
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Brett Thomason – Staff Liaison
- Adam Swilley
- Matt McHugh
- Jodi Kopacz
- Julie McHugh
- Jerome Pascuzzi
- Jerry Hayes
  
- Call to order at 8:03 am
- Board approved minutes for the May 15th, 2017 meeting
- Principals Report – Approved
  - 228 confirmed students with a goal of 232
  - Waiting lists in all classes
  - Program changes for next year include a high school level physical science 1 class and other changes required by the new administration
  - Summer camp is currently 13 children
  - School grades are not out yet

- Individual grades are expected the end of this week
- Staffing changes for next year, would like to add a math coach pending the budget
- Financial Report – Approved
  - IDEA funds of about \$10,000 outstanding
  - Expected the year end P&L to be break even
  - Budgeting process for next year is in process, expected to be anywhere from a \$15K - \$100K surplus depending on the specifics of the legislature
  - Still waiting on final 42<sup>nd</sup> street numbers
  - Retirement fund transfer is in process
- Financial Controls
  - Changes required in preparation for the charter renewal
  - Debit card usage in line with the checking account policies
  - Will prepare a written list of the changes required
- New Property
  - Historic society survey completed
  - Demolition is pending permit process approval
  - Portable company is working on completing their survey
- Election of officers – all existing officers will remain – Approved
- Public Comment – Mr. Pascuzzi made a statement on behalf of the middle school staff expressing their concerns
- Strategic planning – discussed the long term plan for the school
- Move the public comment section of the governing board meetings to the start so more staff can contribute their thoughts
- Form a building committee comprised of Dan, Coy, and Phil
- Rob will investigate an attorney who can represent SAA in looking into purchasing the existing land
- Meeting adjourned at 9:34AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*