

Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2017

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board members present:

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

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Brett Thomason – Staff Liaison
- Adam Swilley
- Matt McHugh
- Jodi Kopacz
- Julie McHugh
- Clare Farmer
- Kristie Bryan

- Call to order at 8:00 AM
- Board approved minutes for the August 8th meeting
- Clare Farmer staff member presented concerns of the faculty and staff, see attached document outlining the points discussed
- Kristie Bryan staff member outlined some other staff questions / concerns, see attached document
- Charter Renewal
 - Final draft by 12/22/17 to go before the governing board
 - 1/9/18 sent to charter review committee
 - Sarasota County school board will review during the March meeting
 - Would go into effect July 1st

- SAA would like a 15year renewal
- Board approved resignation of Phil St. John
- Principals Report – Approved
 - Currently 227 full time enrolled
 - All staff is currently working in their respective field
 - Received the 5 Star award again, 17 out of 60 schools in the district
 - Discussed using the district climate survey for the charter renewal survey
 - Cecilia is the custodian of public records
 - Cecilia reiterated and appreciates all of the constraints that the staff is currently operating under
- Financial Report - Approved
 - Transferred account from Homebanc to Bank of the Ozarks
- Music Bank Account – Approved pending review by the auditor
- Hurricane – minimal damage, staff worked hard to protect the school, the governing board would like to formally recognize the staff for their hard work in preparing for hurricane Irma
- Current lease expires in the May/June timeframe
- Portables are expected to be installed and in place by Christmas break
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20AM

Minutes submitted by Joe Solano