**Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

April 11th, 2016

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts - Art Room

Board members present:

* Dan Kennedy
* Bill Mariotti
* Julie Henry
* Joe Solano

Other present:

* Matt Mchugh
* Cecilia Blankenship
* Call to order at 8:06am
* Principal’s Report
	+ Competition from Booker Middle School and to a lesser extent SMA Prep.
	+ 225 currently enrolled with a wait list
	+ Staffing need to hire assistant principal and full time ESE liaison and ESE teacher
	+ Salary less than district of $41,000 vs SAA $37,000
	+ Space need 2 additional classrooms
	+ Adding dance and creative writing classes for next year
	+ Technology SAA is ahead of all other schools except maybe Sarasota Middle
	+ Teacher Stephanie LaRose recognized as a high impact teacher
	+ Wells Fargo donation for the summer reading program
* Rules relating to visitors tabled until Rob is in attendance
* Property Acquisition
	+ Asking $550,000 for 1.25 acres
	+ Matt spoke with financing company Building Hope, preliminary projection $600,000 financed with closing costs would be approximately $4,000 / month payment
	+ PECO funds from the state will begin next year that could be used to pay for this
	+ Motion to approve further research on the land purchase
* Treasurer’s Report / Financial Report - Approved
* Prospective Board Members
	+ Caroline Tanner will be leaving the area
	+ Existing Board Members should think about who we can look at inviting
	+ Cecilia will invite Kyle Turoff to attend the next meeting
* School Uniforms
	+ Dan expressed Julie McHugh’s thoughts on not having school uniforms
	+ Discussed benefits to uniforms for field trips
	+ Discussed having polo shirts for middle school field trips, elementary students already wear tee shirts
	+ Dan to talk to Children’s World for a proposal for polo shirts
* Governing board training – 2 hours to complete
* Meeting adjourned at 8:45AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*