



Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 17th, 2021, 9:00AM  
Administration Office Teacher Room

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board Members Present: Brett Thomason Mary Stewart Owen Kennedy  
Travis Beam Denise Verheul Dan Dembicki Patrick Mizak  
Board Members Absent: Rob McLain

Others Present: Dr. Jodi Kopacz Jeffrey Kolowith

- I. **Call to order**  
Order was called at 9:00am
- II. **Determination of Quorum** - determined
- III. **Approval of the Minutes**  
Minutes approved all in favor.
- IV. **Finances**  
Still haven't gotten major textbook purchases, as they are back ordered like many schools in Florida. Transition of new office and old office staff, and training. Teachers don't have a copy of their teachers edition yet due to backordered.
- V. **Principal's Report**
  - A. **Enrollment**  
Enrollment at SAA had 4 day count due to monday not having school. So the '5' day count - we have approximately the same enrollment as last year 177. Almost all charter schools are down in enrollment. The schools to the South seem to have better enrollment then closer to Sarasota
  - B. **Out of Field Letters for Approval per FLDOE and District**  
Have to present to the board out of field letters who don't have ESOL letters. Motion passed the out of field letters
  - C. **Section 6: FLDOE Rule 6A-1.0018 added to Faculty and Staff handbook for approval per FLDOE - We are complying with Assyla's law, fire drills,**

lockdowns, threat assessment team, security measures of the school. It is in the handbook. The board agrees that the school is meeting those guidelines.

Motion to approve the FLDOE Rule 6A-1.0018 passed.

**VI. Old Business**

- A. SAA Governing Board Bylaws - Bylaws approved and accepted
- B. Principal Review Process - Conducted in open forum, conflicting information on whether we can have a private meeting. A process should be developed for reviewing the principal. The review process should be easily understood. Look at the Sarasota County form, and possibly relate to the unique vision our school has, and add to it.  
**Vote** - Create a committee to put together review process - Motion Passed

**VII. New Business**

Travis Beam - Everyone he has talked to , is telling him 300 dollars a sq ft, and 4 year build out. I began looking at existing structures and still searching. Thoughts about a construction person as a possible board member.

October lunch at Ringling College, possibly building relationships with them.

**VIII. Public Comment** - No Public Comment

**IX. Adjournment** - meeting adjourned @ 9:58am

Minutes by Brett Thomason

