

**Sarasota Academy of the Arts
January 16, 2024
Monthly Board Meeting
582 McIntosh Rd. – 9:00am
Administration Office
Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting called to order @ 9:05am.
- II. Determination of a Quorum - Quorum established, Attending:
 - a. Principal: Jodi Kopacz
 - b. SAA Board Members: Mary Stewart Owen Kennedy, Dan Dembicki, Patrick Mizak, Dean Brenneeman.
- III. Previous Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Financial Report:
 - a. Approved. Roof repair bill from Jewish Federation (JF) was returned, resulting in savings as repairs not needed.
- V. Principal's Report:
 - a. Open Enrollment: 35 fresh applicants so far, up from last year. Returning enrollment underway.
 - b. Two new teachers have been hired.
 - c. Ringling Index Project: Met with David Foote of Ringling, whose students will visit SAA soon to familiarize.
 - d. JF indicated to Principal Kopacz that Sheriff's department would like to use SAA facility for police training. Principal Kopacz declined request.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. FPL audit of SAA facility has been rescheduled and is upcoming.
 - b. County School Superintendent's visit: SAA still waiting for a date.
 - c. SAA Board members agreed to donate \$110/each to staff new Year's gift – Venmo to Denise
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of how to respond to JF request for expanded use of SAA facilities for summer camp:
 - SAA Board representatives will meet with JF to clarify operational details and re-negotiate related contract terms.
 - SAA Board will inform JF that SAA Board Chair will act as single point of contact between JF and SAA for all facility-related issues - until such time as SAA Board instructs otherwise. Principal Kopacz should not be burdened with this.
 - b. At meeting with JF, SAA Board will also take the opportunity to address:

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IX. Meeting Adjourned by unanimous vote.

VIII. Public Comments:
a. None

c. Discussion of SAA Website:
Naming rights of playground, SAA needs it to enable fundraising. Note SAA is short on funds due to money spent on overpaying utilities. Revisiting school signage: now that old sign is off building, can SAA put up one? And can SAA get name on the sign to be placed at road? Can SAA revisit sign location? Perhaps JF can help SAA Board with county roadblocks.
Financial adjustments for whatever overpayment of utilities have occurred in past year, now that separate metering has been established and SAA will have an accurate baseline going forward.
Site has not been updated since the school moved into new facility. Currently, all photos are of old facility. There are also errors/outdated info on site.
In view of Open Enrollment season, it is imperative to update site, as it may be the 1st impression some parents and/or potential students have of the school.
Patrick Mizak will post at Ringling to hire a student for web update work.