

SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2014

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING

Location:

Sarasota Academy of the Arts
4466 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

Council Members Present in Person:

Cecilia Blankenship, School Principal
Kathy Bechtel, School Staff Member
Jeffrey Kolowith, School Staff Member
Joseph Solano, School Board Member
Sabrina Lugo, Parent and SAC Secretary
Leyanit Barron-Moreno, Parent

Council Members Absent:

Slade Williams , SAA Student President

Guests Present:

None

Call to Order:

Joseph Solano called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the March 20th meeting were distributed and reviewed by all. Jeff moved to approve the minutes from the March 20th meeting. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

School Bus – no knowledge thus far about how far Matt has come along with looking into it.

Fundraising for Fieldtrips – Jeff is still trying to collect 1 million pennies. He stated he is bringing in about \$40 to \$50 a week with Popsicle sales.

New Business:

Cecelia reported that she heard rumors we will lose some kids in Middle School to SMA Prep next year.

Cecelia will send out letter to families of middle school students informing them that SAA will add a wheel for 6th through 8th grades. They will get to choose from Agriculture/gardening, drama and computer. All will be arts-based. All students will have regular chorus with Julie but we will also offer an audition-based chorus for middle school students.

We need 3 more classrooms to accommodate classes/teachers. Next year there will be two 5th grades, two 6th grades and two 7th grades.

We will also provide advanced courses. Jeff will have his gifted endorsement, as will Katie so we will have teachers to work with kids at an advanced level.

Olan, Maria and Brian are all going to be on the Arts Infusion Council.

Jeff and another teacher (?) will go to training in July and will then train other teachers with deep thinking in common core reading.

FCAT Testing will be finished next week. 1st and 2nd grades will be done with testing by May 16th.

May 23rd we will have an Awards Luncheon for Citizenship and recognition awards.

May 27th is the Kindergarten graduation and May 29th is the 8th grade graduation. Jeff suggested having them on the same day so we only have to set up the reading garden once.

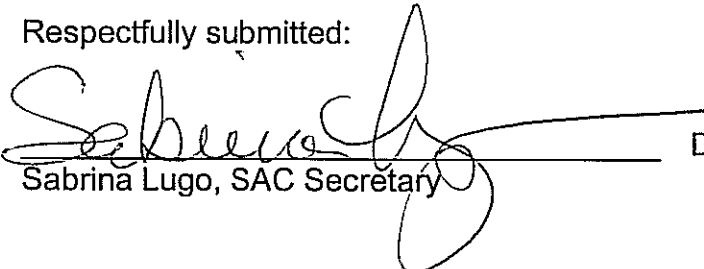
May 30th is the school-wide Luau.

The next and last PTO Meeting is May 1st. We will have a short SAC Meeting right before the PTO meeting; to begin at 5:45pm.

The last SAC Meeting is May 15, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 4/29/14