

SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

MINUTES OF THE May 1, 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 5:15 p.m.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the April 24th meeting were distributed and reviewed by all. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 24th meeting. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Cecilia reported that SMA Prep has the capacity for 426 students. She heard they will send out letters this week to families whose students were accepted into the school. At this point, we don't know how many students we will lose to SMA, if any.

A new issue recently brought to the legislature is that of Charter Schools having to pay back money given to the school for students who were registered at the school on October 15th but withdraw in December. Cecelia does not know if it passed.

Charter Schools are given a significant amount less than public schools. The funding gap has grown in recent years.

New Business:

FCAT tests/scores were turned in and we hope to have results by Memorial Day. We need to get leadership to review data over the summer. We will add intensive reading and math in middle school and probably add to elementary, as well. The District holds summer school for 3rd grade only for FCAT scores of 1.

Jeff mentioned SAA holding summer school. Funding and/or staff are an issue for that. There was mention of having parents pay for summer school.

EOC's and SAT-10's are coming up in the next few weeks.

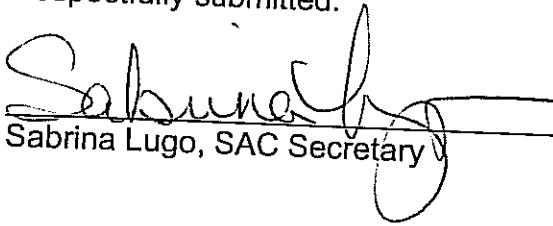
Cecilia would like SAC for next year to be a vehicle for parents to tell us what they want.

May 27th is the Kindergarten graduation

The next SAC meeting is May 15th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Sabrina Lugo, SAC Secretary

Date: 5/15/14