



Sarasota Academy of the Arts
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 1st, 2021, 9:00AM
Administration Office Teacher Room

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board Members Present: Patrick Mizak , Mary Stewart Owen Kennedy ,
Rob McLain , Brett Thomason

Board Members Not Present: Travis Beam Denise Verheul Dan Dembicki

Others Present: Dr. Jodi Kopacz , Jerome Pascuzzi

- I. Call to order - 9:10 am
- II. Determination of Quorum - Quorum
- III. New Business -
 - A. Motion to approve website is official place for board meetings, and the secondary notice would be Facebook. - All approved.
 - B. Mask Policy - Revisit - Explanation of current ruling by Judge. - 24 opt out forms, 13% of students, mostly Kindergarten and 1st grade. No one has made a big issue with the policy. Discussion on our policy vs going with the district policy. Motion to change current policy - Passed
Start with medical exceptions, use county policy and add licensed medical doctor, and licensed doctor of osteopathy, licensed nurse practitioners add licensed clinical psychologists, licenses must be from the State of Florida.

Motion to allow medical exemptions which must be signed by a medical doctor , osteopathy, licensed clinical psychologist , with an active FL license,

motion passed.

Motion to adopt compliance policy where students without a valid exemption will be provided a mask, if student declines, the student will not be permitted to be in class, student may be given an SAA referral and the parents may be asked to pick up their student from school.

Motion Passed

Motion on exemption form. It will require the medical professional to add the students name to indicate whether they are OD MD, etc. and provide their active FL license number.

Motion Passed -

Motion to follow the county's triggering - with the verbiage that includes 8% positivity rate.

Motion Passed

Letter will be drafted to take effect next Thursday.

Any student who has not opted out pursuant to this guideline, will be provided with a mask, they will not be allowed to stay in the classroom, and the parent may be asked to pick the child up from school.

Motion to adopt policy for All staff, employees, contractors, visitors are required to wear a face mask, subject to the provisions of the ADA, ocEA, or any other relevant regulations.

Motion Passed

C. For the next meeting we need to decide who the parent liaison is, and also who on the board can be a liaison for staff to come to.

D. Motion to use the TSIA funds - **Motion Passed**

IV. Public Comment - Jerry Pascuzzi giving his findings in class. No major issues with students not wearing masks. Only a few middle schoolers are opting out.

V. Adjournment - 10:45am

Minutes recorded by Brett Thomason

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Thomason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".