



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
November 19, 2024  
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors  
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am  
Administration Office**

**Monthly Governing Board Meeting Agenda**

- I. Call to order: **9:10am**
- II. Determination of a Quorum: **Confirmed, Present: Members Kennedy, Mizak & Brenneman, Principal Kopacs; Kristie Bryan**
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Approved unanimously**
- IV. Finances-Financial Report
  1. Review and approve: **Approved unanimously**
- V. Principal's Report
  1. 2025-2026 Enrollment Projection District Meeting:
    - i. K: 23 (agreed)
    - ii. 1st: 25 (agreed)
    - iii. 2nd: 10 requested an increase to 14 (approved)
    - iv. 3rd: 17 (agreed)
    - v. 4th: 21 (agreed)
    - vi. 5th: 14 (agreed)
    - vii. 6th: 31 (agreed)
    - viii. 7th: 24 requested an increase to 28
    - ix. 8th: 30 (agreed)
    - x. Total Student Count, prior to meeting 195, County approved 203 -  
**NOTE: WE PROJECT THAT NEW WING OPEN IN TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, COUNTY PROJECTS THAT OUR ENROLLMENT WILL FALL EACH YEAR GOING FORWARD.**
  2. SAA will follow the revised Sarasota County Calendar:
    - i. Semester 1 will now conclude on January 16, 2025 (moved from December 20, 2024).
    - ii. January 6, 2025, Professional Day will move to January 17, 2025, allowing staff time for planning at the end of the first semester. As a

result, January 6th will be a student day and January 17th will be a non-student day.

- iii. March 14, 2025, previously designated as a Professional Day, will now be a student day.
- iv. May 29, 2025, will be a school day for students.
- v. All student days will be full days.

vi. Grading Period Adjustments:

1. Grading Period 1: August 12 – October 25 (43 Days)
  2. Grading Period 2: October 28 – January 16 (44 Days)
  3. Grading Period 3: January 21 – March 28 (43 Days)
  4. Grading Period 4: March 31 – May 29 (42 Days)
3. SAA Teacher of the Year: Senora Betsy North, MS Spanish/HS Spanish Teacher.
  4. International Fair, November 8th. First time since prior to COVID. Huge success!
  5. We have an active SAA PTO (Parent Teacher Organization): SchoolStore fundraiser, Fall Festival, Der Dutchman Pie fundraiser, Kona Ice truck, faculty and staff monthly birthday cake, Boxtops4education, and many more fundraisers and events planned throughout the year. **Board wishes to encourage a representative of the PTO to attend Board meetings.**
  6. District Friendsgiving 11/14 at SAA, all lunches filled with families.
  7. Toys for Tots Toy Drive-students will collect toys and the most collected homeroom/advisory will receive a Pizza Lunch.
  8. Fire Truck visits elementary students on 11/14 which is a follow up to their first visit. Coming up next is the Fire House.
  9. SAA Principal and A-B Honor roll announced, presentation of certificates 11/15.
  10. Taxes completed by Pelligrino and McFarland, 990 will be completed pending signatures from the Chairman of the Board.
  11. Winter Shows: Middle school 12/9, 1st and 2nd: 12/10, 3rd and 4th: 12/11, Musical theater group performing @ Longboat Island Chapel 12/12, Kindergarten and 5th: 12/13. Shows start at 6pm, SAA multipurpose room.
  12. FAST ELA testing: 3 and 6: 12/3, 4 and 7 12/4, 5 and 8: 12/5, FAST Math: 3 and 6 12/10, 4 and 7 12/11, 5 and 8 12/12
  13. Winter Break: 12/23/24-1/3/25

VI. Old Business

1. Exterior Signage: Status update; **Tabled.**
2. Playground: Strategize for sponsorship and/or fundraising - **tabled due to concern about funding needs for phase two.**

VII. New Business

1. **Attendance awareness poster contest was a huge success.**
2. **Just announced: Middle school trip to visit local Colleges on February 6th.**
3. **Phase 2 construction funding and finance needs to be addressed at the next Board meeting. Floor plans re-circulated to board for review.**
4. **Faculty/Staff appreciation - Board to give Amazon gift cards again, same amount as last year. Count is 27.**
5. **Re-Invite Fiona McFarland**

VIII. Public comment period:

1. **Kristie Bryan asked if we could possibly expand the outdoor play area. Board explained that the current fenced play area represents the full**

**extent of our leased property. All of the open space beyond the fence is planned for development by JFED.**


IX. Adjournment: **Adjourned at 10:10am**

Respectfully Submitted, Nov 21, 2024  
Dean Brenneman  
Secretary  
Governing Board of Directors  
Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Approved by vote of Board:

Date

12/17/24

  
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Signature of Board Officer