



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
January 20, 2026  
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors  
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am  
Administration Office**

**Monthly Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

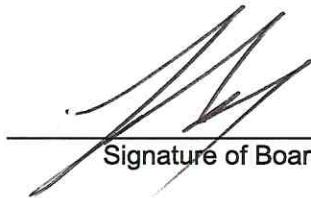
- I. Call to order: **9:03am by President Kennedy**
- II. Determination of a Quorum: **Quorum present. President Kennedy, Vice President Mizak, and Treasurer Dembicki in attendance**
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Approved unanimously**
- IV. Finances-Financial Report: **Approved unanimously**
  1. Review and Approve Financial Reports
- V. Principal's Report:
  1. Pre-Re-enrollment forms have been sent to our current families as a gauge to next year's retention. Then, District Choice for families opens February 2nd-March 2nd. **96 currently re-enrolled for Fall 2026. No existing families have notified SAA that they plan on leaving next year. SAA lost approximately 12 students over Winter Break largely due to families moving out of area or homeschooling.**
  2. Beta Club State Competition was held January 7-9th, in **Orlando** and our SAA students were exceptional. Mr. Egan is planning for Nationals which will be held in June in **Nashville. Suggestion made to add this great news to website.**
    - Elementary Small group-state champions
    - Junior Large group-state champions
    - Junior Duo Trio Performance- State champions
    - Lyric-3rd place anime drawing, and 8th grade ~~Spanish~~ **Spelling**
    - Premier Performers- Sparrow, Alpha, Kamilah, Petra, and Hadara
    - Lia- 3rd place Spanish 5th Grade
  3. Update on District visit to SAA with Dr. Johnson and Millie Wheeler on 1/16/2026.
  4. January 22nd will be the 100th Day, elementary students will participate in a 100th day parade dressed in hand made 100 item t-shirts while some will dress like their 100 year olds.
  5. On January 28th, 4H is going to Tallahassee.

- VI. Old Business:  
1. Phase 2 Build-Out: Continuing discussion **Still waiting to hear back from Tandem.**  
2. New Board Member recruitment **Eric Boelts will visit campus with Vice President Mizak**
- VII. New Business:  
**1. SAA parent Cassandra Devlin met with the Board to discuss plans to create an SAA Foundation that would serve to advance both short and long term goals of the School. Board was very receptive to the idea.**
- VIII. Public Comments:  
**1. There was also a suggestion to hold an Open House during the county's open enrollment window.**
- IX. Adjournment: **9:38am by President Kennedy**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Mizak, Ph.D.  
Vice President and Acting Secretary  
Governing Board of Directors  
Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Approved by vote of Board:

2/17/26  
Date

  
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Signature of Board Officer