



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts
November 18, 2025
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am
Administration Office**

Monthly Governing Board Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order: **9:00am 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. Friendsgiving Lunch, a District event, was a wonderful event for families to enjoy a "Thanksgiving meal" together on 11/13/2025.
 2. Thanksgiving Break is November 24th through the 28th.
 3. Sarasota Academy of the Arts had a promotional table set up at Bay Haven School for prospective SAA middle school parents on 11/13. SAA now has SAA pens and pencils, and business cards to pass out during events like these.
 4. Sarasota Academy of the Arts Administration, Dr. Kopacz and Vice President, Dr. Pat Mizak met with the District Financial office via Teams, and agreed on the enrollment number of 210 for the 2026-2027 school year.
 5. The Planetarium In School Field Trip 12/4 was incredible. A large dome in which students enter and are taken into space which was held in the gymnasium.
 6. December 4th-Schoolwide Circus Event-Wonderland with Nik Walenda. Special thanks to the Collins family for the donation of buses, tickets, and food for the event. **Mrs. Collins funded the event**
 7. St. Armands Circle Holiday Night event- December 5th
 8. Elementary, 4th and 5th, STEM Fair after school 12/8
 9. Longboat Island Chapel Event-evening on 12/9
 10. PTO Movie Night with Holiday Crafts 12/12

11. Holiday Shows the week of 12/15.

12. District Visit to SAA at 8:30AM, 12/17 **Cancelled**

13. End of the Quarter, Friday, 12/19

14. FAST Testing-PM2 during the month of December. This assessment provides mid year progress monitoring for students 3-8.

15. Once SAA returns from Winter Break we begin re enrollment with our SAA families and then it is opened for prospective families.

VI. Old Business:

1. Phase 2 Build-Out: Continuing discussion

2. New Board Member recruitment

VII. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding enrollment for 2026-27 school year

2. Discussing regarding realignment of Sarasota County Schools, public perception of charter schools, and nationwide trends.

3. SAA was awarded the Florida School Recognition Award. Disposition of the approximately \$16,000 award will be discussed at the next board meeting.

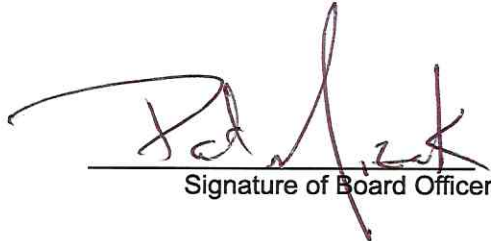
VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned by President Kennedy at 9:50am**

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:

12/16/25
Date


Signature of Board Officer