



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts
February 17, 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: **8:57am 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:
 1. Review and Approve Financial Reports **Approved unanimously**
- V. Principal's Report:
 1. Enrollment continues for the 2026-2027 school year. Trends appear to be positive. **Current count 167 students. Ahead of last year at this time.**
 2. 3rd Quarter Progress reports were sent on February 13th to our families.
 3. No school on February 16th, Presidents Day
 4. PTO Valentines Day for all students was held on February 14th.
 5. Students in Grades 5 and 6 attended a Writing Workshop at the Van Wezel called Baba Got Bars learning the writing process through rhymes and hip hop music on February 10th.
 6. Prospective Family Tours occur the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We have enrolled students from the tour for this school year. This maintains a student spot for 2026-2027 SY.
 7. PTO Spirit Week, Read-A-Thon and Penny Wars the week of the March 9th-13th.
 8. Spring Break is March 16th-20th which is during the planned SAA Governing Board Meeting.
 9. Ms. Harris, school counselor, prepared a Lunch and Learn for Middle School students to help adjust to the stresses of school and academics on February 17th.
 10. SAA and Riverview HS Math Tutoring and Mentoring collaboration began on 2/12/2026. This is the first of its kind created by Dr. Kopacz and former students of SAA.
 11. Students attended Sarasota High School in collaboration with their arts and music program. SAA 8th graders got a first hand experience on February 17th.

12. 6 overhead projects, 8 touch screen chromebooks, and 20 chromebooks were purchased with the remaining A money which was approved by the Board.

13. SAA complied with the Attestation of Compliance, pursuant to Chapter 2025-7, Laws of Florida. Adhesive stickers were placed on textbooks stating:
SAA Attestation of Compliance Chapter 2025-7, Gulf of America 2.3.2026 and compliance form signed by Mrs. Kennedy and received by the Department of Education.

14. In the February MES the District added a new category: Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program with an earning of 2,508 and current month distribution of 1,672.00. I would like to use these funds for our technology needs of updated chromebooks. This is money received by the State due to the significant decline in student enrollment.

VI. Old Business:

1. Phase 2 Build-Out: Continuing discussion

2. New Board Member recruitment - **Eric Boelts will attend the May board meeting.**

3. Discussion of SAA sports program

VII. New Business: **March meeting moved to March 24, 2026 due to Spring Break.**

VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Adjournment:

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:

3/21/26
Date


Signature of Board Officer