**Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

June 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Julie Rohr Academy office

Board members present:

* Dan Kennedy
* Joe Solano
* Denise Gage
* Bill Mariotti
* Kelly Marsh
* Hillary Chojnacki
* Call to order by Dan Kennedy at 7:59am
* Treasurers Report
  + No change since last meeting.
  + Monthly reports going forward
* Principal’s Report
  + Still need 2 teachers – have consolidated 2 positions
  + Employee contracts have arrived from lawyer
  + Cannot get reimbursed on some of the grant money until Cecilia’s contract is confirmed and reviewed.
  + Current enrollment is 182
  + Start-up grant received - $175K will come in disbursements.
* Calendar of Meetings
  + Going forward, the board will meet the 1st Thursday of every month, beginning August 2013 – June 2014.
  + Will post dates on the website, as well as post the minutes going forward
* Request for Approval for new accordion doors
* New accordion doors are needed to add more soundproofing between rooms.
* Matt presented two quotes as there are few local installers in our area to provide additional quotes.
* These doors would come from the operating budget start-up costs so we have plenty to cover the expense, particularly now that we have received the start-up grant.
* Board chose less expensive quote, which actually included more soundproofing.
* Motion to approve – unanimously approved.
* Financial Report
  + District needs a letter of credit and charter needs to show 3% surplus every year, SAA projects 8 – 9% surplus. If school cannot obtain it, hopefully district will be flexible given enrollment, surplus projection and the fact that it’s not required by statute.
  + Charter State Capital $ - State has approved increase of $90 million to charters. Some district board members want to keep flow of funds to charters flat, and retain those funds for the district. This will be an important topic to watch.
* Renovations
  + New construction of art room is in limbo. If the art room doesn’t get constructed, some rooms will have to be moved around.
  + Matt does not foresee anything to go over $10K limit for approval.
  + All renovations are considerably less than projected.
* Picnic
  + Going forward as scheduled for June 22, 2013. We have around 100 people in total who have called to RSVP between the morning and afternoon session.
* New Business
  + Need Approval of Principal’s contract, obtained draft from the attorney
  + Changes to contact:
    - Employee Paid dental and vision insurance: Change wording to 50% paid medical
    - Offer additional benefits paid by employee
    - Will offer either simple IRA or 403(b) instead of eligibility in Florida Retirement System.
    - Changed term of agreement to June 1st, 2013 – July 31st, 2014 for this particular agreement.
  + Board approved changes to principal’s contract, pending approval by attorney – unanimously approved.
  + Review of Probationary Contract for Instructional Employees – need clarification around employee seminars and reimbursement.
  + Board requested more time to review the Probationary contracts.
* Future Business
  + Next Meeting scheduled for July 11th at 8:00am.
* Meeting adjourned at 9:27am.

*Minutes submitted by Hillary Chojnacki and Kelly Marsh*