**Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2016

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts – Administration Building

Board members present:

* Dan Kennedy
* Joe Solano
* Phil St. John
* Ed Whitehead
* Robert Mclain Jr.
* Kyle Turoff

Others present:

* Matt Mchugh
* Cecilia Blankenship
* Julie Mchugh
* Jodi Kopacz
* Kristen LaFrance
* Kelly Marsh
* Rebecca Blitz
* Call to order at 8:01am
* Board approved minutes for September 12th, 2016 meeting
* Principal’s Report - Approved
  + Enrollment is 224 goal
  + Received 5 star 3rd year in a row, 1 of 19 schools
  + Best and brightest award
    - Board approved submission of applications for Stan Koci, Jeff Kolowith, and Jane Bergin
  + Recess – all factors point to it being good to provide, working on logistics in providing it
* School Improvement Plan
  + Reviewed the goals in the SIP
  + Working to improve the lowest quartile
  + Working on math fluency in real life situations – looking for a business partner to help with this
  + Waiting school board approval
* Financial Report - Approved
  + Received PICO money from the state
  + Audit is complete – will look to schedule presentation to the board from the external auditing firm, draft of the audit to be emailed for review.
  + Reviewed the profit and loss and balance sheet
* Land Acquisition
  + Waiting on appraisal of land from the bank
  + Talked to Homebanc – were not sure if they could match the C1 Bank mortgage offer
  + Current mortgage is through C1 Bank / Bank of the Ozarks
  + Other banks that were not interesting in providing a mortgage for the land only include Centennial, American Momentum, and Sabal Palm
* Budget - Approved
  + Reviewed the budget
  + Salary increases for instructional staff
* Board Member orientation
  + Discussed the onboarding / ramp up process for new board members and coming up with a more formal education process to bring new members up to speed
  + Discussed providing an information packet to prospective new board members to allow them to review prior to joining the board
  + Rob Mclain was going to draft a policy for bringing new board members on board
* Business Partnership / Volunteer
  + Discussed facility improvements in order to present the school in the best light for solicitation of business partnerships
  + Discussed volunteer hours
* Discussed applying for the Community Foundation giving partnership – Kyle Turoff to investigate the application process
* Meeting adjourned at 9:05AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*