

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts – Outside Administration Building

Board members present:

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

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Jodi Kopacz
- Kristen LaFrance
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Kristie Bryan – Staff Liaison

- Call to order at 8:00am
- Board approved minutes for November 14th 2016 meeting pending minor spelling correction
- Financial Report – Postponed until January
- Principal’s Report - Approved
 - Enrollment is 225
 - Post cards going out for next years enrollment
 - A number of transparency changes are being legally implemented that may affect the school enrollment procedures
 - Dan requested that Cecilia ask if a board member can attend the principals meetings that are held by the county
 - Attendance continues to be an ongoing concern – communicating issues to parents via letters, postcards, and emails.
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- Land Acquisition
 - Smooth closing

- Currently have 3 bids for the demolition of the existing structures
- Application Form – Approved pending changes below
 - Volunteer verbiage to be changed from required to expected
 - Add email address to the bottom of the form
- Staff Holiday recognition – Approved allocation of funds to supplement PTO funds if necessary
- Received a grant from WalMart for \$2,000 for the music program
- Strategy discussion on the use of land and needs of the school
- Board unanimously approved recommendation of the excellent work that the faculty and staff have done for the 1st half of the year
- Board approved proceeding to contact Ameriprise financial to investigate 401K options and for Matt to present the 401K options to the board in February
- Meeting adjourned at 9:01AM

Minutes submitted by Joe Solano