

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts – Administration Building

Board members present:

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

Others present:

- Cecilia Blankenship
- Matt McHugh
- Jodi Kopacz
- Kristen LaFrance
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Kristie Bryan – Staff Liaison
- Julie McHugh
- Adam Swilley

- Call to order at 8:05am
- Board approved the resignation of Kyle Hembree
- Board approved minutes for January 9th, 2017 meeting
- Financial Report – Approved
 - Emailed / Printed financial profit and loss and balance sheet reviewed
 - New bank account with the mortgage holder Bank of the Ozarks to be opened
- Performing Arts and Music Program
 - Working with the Opera House this year for the Broadway show, the drops used for 42nd street would not fit in the Player's Theater
 - There will be some additional costs with the Opera House mostly due to increased union costs
 - Opera House has been fantastic in working with us to help make it cost effective for SAA

- Broadway show will be May 25th, tickets will cost \$25 and \$20
- Goal to raise between \$5,000 to \$6,000 to help cover a portion of the performance costs
- 2 of SAA's teachers, Mrs. LaRose and Mr. Pascuzzi received letters of recognition from the Florida department of education
- Principal's Report - Approved
 - Open enrollment is almost complete
 - Enrollment is 226 right now
 - Lottery for Kindergarten and 6th grade
 - Testing will begin February 28th with writing
 - Development of the Playbill for the Broadway show will be done by the students this year including QR codes and Instagram behind the scenes looks
 - Saturday February 25th is the Drama Department Picnic
 - 2 Career days will be held in March, looking for speakers
 - May 18th is the SAA Arts Festival
 - Over 40 people from the Chamber of Commerce Leadership group visited SAA
- Senate Proposal (Simmons) regarding capital outlay for charter schools
 - Could affect capital funds for lease payments
 - Discussed using the 2 different Charter school alliances to monitor the progress of this legislation
 - Discussed ensuring SAA has a plan in place to comply with the proposed legislation, purchasing additional land, purchasing existing property that is leased, reallocating funds
- Current agent of record – Kristen will investigate using CT Corporation to act as the agent of record for the school
- Discussed the architects proposed buildings for the new property
- Retirement Plan
 - Matt is waiting on proposals from 2 additional vendors to determine what the best approach is going to be
- Land / Portables
 - Matt will have complete costs and timeframe for implementation of portables including sewer and electric for the March governing board meeting
 - Discussed revisiting the strategic plan for the school once the short term portable plan is in place
- Meeting adjourned at 8:51AM

Minutes submitted by Joe Solano