

Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2018

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Board members present:

- Dan Kennedy
- Robert Mclain Jr.
- Joe Solano
- Kyle Turoff
- Kaisen Mitchell

Others present:

- Matt McHugh
- Donna Scofield - Parent Liaison
- Cecilia Blankenship
- Adam Swilley
- Brett Thomason – Staff Liaison
- Jodi Kopacz
- Julie McHugh

- Call to order at 8:04AM
- Board approved the minutes from the 01/09/2018 meeting
- Public Comment
 - Bree Britton SAA Parent expressed his concerns about the principal search and the future of the school
- Financial Report - Unanimously approved
 - Received lump sum capital funding, put \$150,000 of it aside pending the state lawsuits
 - Setting up new bank account to hold the funds under the FDIC limits
 - Board appreciates the hard work done managing the finances and specifically for the charter renewal
- Principal's Report – Unanimously approved
 - SAA registration period is a little behind the timeline of the other schools
 - Enrollment for charter schools has been improving under Dr. Bowden
 - Currently 135 confirmed students with about 100 on the waiting list

- Literacy week was a great success
- The all school write program was done from 8 to 10AM on the topics of empathy and compassion
- Prospective Board Members
 - Rob introduced prospective board member Dan Dembicki
 - Mat introduced prospective board member Stephanie Murphy
 - Both were unanimously approved as new board members
- Van Purchase
 - Matt presented the need to purchase a van to be used predominantly for food service delivery. The initial quotes put the cost at around \$26,000 to \$30,000. Matt is in the process of receiving additional quotes.
 - Board approved a motion to allow Matt the ability to move forward on the purchase of a new van
- Car Port Enclosure – Board approved moving forward on enclosing the car port pending permitting and building code compliance
- Property – Matt is working to determine what exactly the county is going to require and working with Fred Starling from the Starling Group
- Search Committee – See attached letter
 - The Governing Board meeting to vote for the selection of a principal will be on 3/20/18
 - There will be a work session on 3/5/2018 to present and discuss the results of the search committee's work
- Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM

Minutes submitted by Joe Solano

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