**Sarasota Academy of the Arts**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

April 11th, 2016

Location: Sarasota Academy of the Arts - Art Room

Board members present:

* Dan Kennedy
* Bill Mariotti
* Julie Henry
* Joe Solano

Other present:

* Matt Mchugh
* Cecilia Blankenship
* Call to order at 8:06am
* Principal’s Report
  + Competition from Booker Middle School and to a lesser extent SMA Prep.
  + 225 currently enrolled with a wait list
  + Staffing need to hire assistant principal and full time ESE liaison and ESE teacher
  + Salary less than district of $41,000 vs SAA $37,000
  + Space need 2 additional classrooms
  + Adding dance and creative writing classes for next year
  + Technology SAA is ahead of all other schools except maybe Sarasota Middle
  + Teacher Stephanie LaRose recognized as a high impact teacher
  + Wells Fargo donation for the summer reading program
* Rules relating to visitors tabled until Rob is in attendance
* Property Acquisition
  + Asking $550,000 for 1.25 acres
  + Matt spoke with financing company Building Hope, preliminary projection $600,000 financed with closing costs would be approximately $4,000 / month payment
  + PECO funds from the state will begin next year that could be used to pay for this
  + Motion to approve further research on the land purchase
* Treasurer’s Report / Financial Report - Approved
* Prospective Board Members
  + Caroline Tanner will be leaving the area
  + Existing Board Members should think about who we can look at inviting
  + Cecilia will invite Kyle Turoff to attend the next meeting
* School Uniforms
  + Dan expressed Julie McHugh’s thoughts on not having school uniforms
  + Discussed benefits to uniforms for field trips
  + Discussed having polo shirts for middle school field trips, elementary students already wear tee shirts
  + Dan to talk to Children’s World for a proposal for polo shirts
* Governing board training – 2 hours to complete
* Meeting adjourned at 8:45AM

*Minutes submitted by Joe Solano*