



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024

Board members present via ZOOM: Angela Bailey, Marilyn Highland, Terry McGannon, Michaela Macdonald, Liz Shannon, Angel Shideler, Matt Wenzel, Susan Wilhelm

Board members absent: Lee DeLieto, Steve Kamm

Guests present via ZOOM: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Vanessa Pinon, Tanya Jones, Tameka Howard, Becky Polizzi

I Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.

II Meeting Minutes – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Ms. Bailey made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2024, Ms. Macdonald 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland

- a) Board Governance Training — The new PTSS President and Faculty representative will need to complete the 4-hour training.

IV Principal's Report –

- a) Enrollment and Five Day Count – Ms. Pinon updated the Board on next year's enrollment progress. We have 358 on the wait list: 201 – 6th grade, 79 – 7th grade, 78 – 8th grade. We currently have 746 students enrolled for the 24/25 SY.
- b) School Demographics – Ms. Tahmosh reported that we have had a shift in our student population. Our white population is at 52%, which is down 10% from last year. Our Latino population is up 30% from last year.
- c) SIP & Climate Surveys – Ms. Tahmosh reported that the Science Department is having students complete a monthly survey in reference to bullying. Even after introducing new policies the survey numbers remain the same. Most bullying occurs off campus, and 70% in via social media. Teachers are making an effort to send positive email parents about their child, not just when there is an issue.

V Staff Report – Ms. Shannon and Ms. Howard reported that Ms. Masoud and Mr. Hubbard's 7th period class are working on the school's greeting card that will be displayed during the holidays at UTC. We will share the link via Facebook when voting opens. We have a new therapist, Dr. Kim, who brings along a dog named Finn.

VI Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report –

- a) HR Updates – Nothing to report
- b) Out of Field Letter/Parent Notification – Ms. Gannon reported that we have 2 teachers missing the ESOL endorsement, but are in compliance as they are completed the course work on time.

VII PTSS Report – Ms. Polizzi has been selected to take the place of Ms. Solomon as the PTSS President. She is looking forward to the remainder of the school year.

VIII Treasurer’s Report –

- a) Financial Statement – July 31, 2024 – Mr. McGannon presented the July 31, 2024 Financial Statement, noting that we are starting the year off strong. Mr. Corwin is working with the accountant to ensure accuracy with our current liabilities.
- b) Mr. Corwin reported that he is currently working on the annual audit and will share findings when the audit has been completed.

IX Old Business – None

X New Business –

- a) Teacher Representative Nomination – Tameka Howard – Mr. McGannon made a motion to accept the nomination of Tameka Howard as the Teacher Representative, Ms. Bailey 2nd and Board approved unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Wenzel to accept Becky Polizzi’s nomination to the Board as the new PTSS President, Mr. McGannon 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.
- b) Board Resignation – Lee DeLieto – Mr. McGannon made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. DeLieto, Ms. Macdonald 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.
- c) Board Member Vacancy Discussion - Dr. Highland stated that the Board has 2 vacancies, but is well represented. She asked if the Board might be missing someone with an expertise that could be helpful, a lawyer, realtor, etc.

XI Open to the Public – None

XII Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 9, 2024 via ZOOM.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm
Secretary Date

Approved by:

President of the Board Date