



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025

Board members present via ZOOM: Angela Bailey, Tameka Howard, Marilyn Highland, Michaela Macdonald, Wade McVay, Becky Polizzi, Angel Shideler

Board members absent: Steve Kamm, Terry McGannon, Matt Wenzel & Susan Wilhelm

Guests present via ZOOM: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Vanessa Pinon, Tanya Jones, Liz Shannon and Trevor Bliss

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 November 13, 2024, Ms. Shideler 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland

- a) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report
- b) Board Governance Training – 2 hr. Refresher Course and New Board Member 4 hr. Training – Dr. Highland updated the Board on what members are due for training. All new Board members have completed their governance training.

IV Principal's Report –

- a) Enrollment – Ms. Pinon stated that the lottery had been completed in December and that all offer letters had been mailed. Our 6th Grade Open House will be held on March 8th from 8 – 12 and our Board members are welcome to attend.
- b) Non-Agenda Item – Ms. Tahmosh took a tour of Rosemary Court with Vice Mayor Ahearn-Koch and Erin DiFazio from the Historical Society. Ms. Tahmosh also updated the Board on the status of our Emma E. Booker mural. The Rosemary Board has not come to an agreement. They feel the current draft does not fit the theme of the District. In other school updates, Selah Freedom has been on campus presenting to all grade levels and the 8th Grade will begin having the Holocaust Museum here for presentations. We will have one survivor and several 2nd generation speakers in February.

V Staff Report – Ms. Howard played a slide show of all the goings on at SSA+S these past few months, including performances, Tiger Pride winners and sports championships

VI Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon

- a) HR Updates – Ms. Gannon stated that planning has begun for next school year. The master schedule is being worked on and the intent survey for next year has been posted.

VII PTSS Report – Ms. Polizzi reported that the PTSS purchased cookies and fruit that were passed out during lunches right before Winter Break. The PTSS is sponsoring an “On A Roll” Celebration for students with learning gains on PM2 who did not make the Honor Roll. They will be treated to snacks and Bingo for prizes. There will be a Trivia contest for the Q2 Honor Roll with a grand prize of a dress down day for the winning team of each grade. The PTSS Leadership team will be set up in Tiger Alley on March 8th and will be recruiting parents for the upcoming school year. The UnFundraiser kicks off in February. If they make their goal of \$40K, then the entire school will earn a dress down week.

VIII Treasurer’s Report –

- a) Financial Statement – December 31, 2024 – Mr. Corwin presented the December 31, 2024 Financial Statement
- b) Tax Form 990 Discussion – Dr. Highland read Sections A and B of the Form 990 to the Board Members.
- c) Reimbursement Updates – Mr. Corwin noted during the Financial Statement presentation that we are waiting on capital funds and three reimbursements, including “A” Money which had been paid out.

IX Old Business –

- a) S&P Rating Update – A copy of the final S&P Report was emailed to all Board members for review. SSA+S retains its BBB- status.

X New Business –

- a) Tax Form 990 Approval – Ms. Shideler made a motion to accept the Form 990 as presented, Ms. Macdonald 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

XI Open to the Public – None

XII Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on February 12, 2025.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm
Secretary

Date

Approved by:

President of the Board

Date