



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025

Board members present: Angela Bailey, Tameka Howard, Marilyn Highland, Terry McGannon, Michaela Macdonald, Becky Polizzi, Angel Shideler, Matt Wenzel

Board members present via ZOOM: Steve Kamm, Wade McVay, Susan Wilhelm

Guests present: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Tanya Jones,

Guests present via ZOOM: Vannessa Pinon, Brittany Lear, Marisa Gourley

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

II Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Dr. Kamm made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2025, Ms. Bailey 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland

- a) Nominating Committee – Dr. Highland stated that she had received one application.
- b) Board Governance Training –Dr. Highland and Mr. McGannon are due for the 2-hour refresher course.
- c) Board Member Application – Dr. Highland presented the application for Marilyn Marquez, former Spanish teacher at SSA+S. A motion was made by Ms. Macdonald to accept the application for Ms. Marquez to the join the Board, Ms. Bailey 2nd and the Board approved unanimously.

IV Principal's Report –

- a) Enrollment – Ms. Pinon updated the Board on current enrollment. We will have 741 students on the FTE report. We lost 6 students, but we have 5 students that are ESE eligible, offsetting the loss of funding. We currently have 201 students receive ESE services: 86 IEPs and 115 Gifted.
- b) 6th Grade Open House – Flyer – Ms. Tahmosh invited Board members to stop in during 6th Grade Open House on March 8, 2025 from 9-12. Additionally, Ms. Tahmosh updated the Board on the Rosemary Court sale. It is made up of 4 historical buildings that cannot be used as classrooms. SSA+S has purchased the same metal detectors that the District is using at their high schools. Adding metal detectors required an update to our school supply list to all plastic. An updated list was shared with the Board.

V Staff Report –Ms. Howard played a slide show of all the goings on at SSA+S since the last meeting including field trips, Scholastic Art winners, Radon calendar winners, District II Solo & Ensemble competition of which SSA+S received 21 superiors and 14 excellents, Travel & Tourism field trip to SRQ, Legoland trip, Holocaust speakers and On A Roll Celebration.

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

- a) HR Updates – Ms. Gannon stated that the intent survey window is open. So far, Ms. O’Carroll will not be returning next year.

VII PTSS Report – Ms. Polizzi reported that the On A Roll Celebration was a success and that students had a great time. The UnFundraiser kicked off on February 1st and \$5000 has been raised so far. The next honor roll social is set for 2/20 and will include ice cream and trivia. The winning team from each grade will win a dress down day. The PTSS will have a table set up in Tiger Alley during 6th Grade Open house. The planning committee is currently working on the carnival, Q3 honor roll and 8th grade celebration day.

VIII Treasurer’s Report –

- a) Financial Statement – December 31, 2024 – Mr. McGannon presented the December 31, 2024 Financial Statement.
- b) Amended Budge Discussion – Mr. Corwin presented an amended budget. This year’s amended budget required very little tweaking. Revenue was greater than expected due to increased capital from the District.

IX Old Business – None

X New Business –

- a) 2024 -2025 Amended Budget Approval - A motion was made by Mr. Wenzel to approve the amended budget 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 6:45 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on March 12, 2025 via ZOOM.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm

Secretary

Date

Approved by:

President of the Board

Date