



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026

Board Members present: Ashley Czak, Marilyn Highland, Tameka Howard, Steve Kamm, Wade McVay, Michaela Macdonald, Angel Shideler,

Board Members present via Zoom: Angela Bailey, Terry McGannon, Matt Wenzel, Susan Wilhelm

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

Guests present via Zoom: Marisa Gourley

- I. Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.
- II. Meeting Minutes November 12, 2025 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Dr. Kamm made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes, Ms. Shideler 2nd and the Board unanimously approved.
- III. President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland
 - a) Nominating Committee – We may have one person that is interested in applying for a Board position, but no application has come through, yet.
 - b) Board Governance Training – Dr. Highland noted that Ms. Bailey is due for her refresher training.
- IV. Principal's Report – Ms. Tahmosh
 - a) Enrollment – Ms. Pinon stated that our enrollment count is back to 742 students. We were able to pull from the wait list for students who left at the semester to attend at other schools. An application breakdown for the 26/27 school year was also provided. During the application window from 8/1/25 – 12/1/25 we received:
 - 592 Applications – 100 were duplications or errors and 73 were for siblings currently enrolled or children of employees
 - 419 Applications were entered into the lottery
 - 275 Enrollment offer letters were sent
 - b) The 6th Grade Open House will be held on March 23, 2026 from 8 – 11 a.m. All Board members are invited to attend.
 - c) Transportation with SCS – Ms. Tahmosh informed the Board that the SCS School Board held a transportation workshop during a recent school board meeting outlining new school hours. They proposed changing our school day from 9-4:15, which does not accommodate our 7-period schedule. As a paying customer, we were not informed of this proposal.

- d) Title II Budget Plan – After the 9th revision, Ms. Tahmosh was able to get the Title II Budget approved. Ms. Tahmosh reached out to the other charter schools to determine if they were having issues getting their Title II budgets approved. All but one stopped requesting funds as they felt it was not worth the fight.
 - e) Meeting with Designers – Ms. Tahmosh met with Design Build to discuss the renovation at 741 Central Ave. They team walked through the site this morning and will begin drafting out plans on how we can best use the space for classrooms and performances.
 - f) New Mural – Ms. Tahmosh announced that Swirly Painter will be adding another mural to our school. It will be on the north facing wall of the main building as part of the “Call for Walls” art initiative.
 - g) HVAC – Ms. Tahmosh reported that all systems were replaced over Winter Break and the Gym A/C is also fully functional.
- V. Staff Report – Ms. Howard presented a slide show of student activities over the past month. Our first Art Show was held at Sarasota Architectural Salvage and was a huge hit. A grant covered a field trip for the intensive reading students to visit the Ringling Museum and the Ca d’Zan mansion. Faculty and Staff have been awarded over \$30,000 in grants this year. Please vote for SSA+S in SRQ’s “Best of the Best” contest.
- VI. Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon stated that Admin is currently editing the intent survey and that it will be sent out soon. Ms. Rueda will be retiring at the end of year, would like to substitute. Ms. Gannon provided a brief update on the case involving Mr. Bradley. He is still incarcerated and has plead not guilty.
- VII. PTSS Report – Ms. Czak reported that the PTSS funded pizza parties for Mr. Mapes and Mr. Matthews, the Busch Gardens scavenger hunt, and the 2nd quarter Honor Roll Social. The PTSS will be running concessions for Toracon. They plan on catering lunch for staff in March and are in the planning stages for the year end carnival.
- VIII. Treasurer’s Report –
- a) Financial Statement – Most recent month available – Mr. Corwin briefly went over the November 30, 2025 Financial Statement.
 - b) Tax Form 990 Discussion – To be discussed at the next meeting.
 - c) Reimbursement Updates – Mr. Corwin provided the school’s monthly earnings statements for November 25 – January 26 and explained the FTE differences. The November total of 740 was based on August count. In December, the district took our FTE to 725.69. The district made this adjustment as a favor in the event that we were short on students. In January, they increased it to 737.58. Mr. Corwin said that the FTE will get adjusted to the correct number after February count. SSA+S will be receiving a capital payment of 80% in February.
 - d) S&P Rating – Mr. Corwin stated that the annual S&P Rating process will begin later in the month and the annual meeting will possibly be held in March.
- IX. Old Business – Nothing to report.
- X. New Business – Nothing to report.
- XI. Open to the Public – None
- XII. Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2026 on Zoom.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm
Secretary Date

Approved by:

President of the Board Date