

Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2009
Minutes

Present: Larry Eger, Ray Thacker, Pepar Anspaugh, Jamie Bailey, Missy Wachob, Samantha Robinson, Marla Patton-Evans, Calvin Sloan, Heather Staine, Henry Marsh, Marilyn Highland

Call to order by Mr. Eger, Chairman of the Board at 6:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

The minutes from the last Board meeting on November 17th, 2008 were presented for approval. Mr. Marsh noted that his first name was incorrect and should be Henry. A motion was made by Dr. Highland to approve the minutes with the correction of Mr. Marsh's name. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marsh. All board members voted unanimously to approve the minutes after changing Mr. Marsh's first name to Henry.

The President of the Board's report was waived.

The Executive Director's Report was presented by Mr. Anspaugh (attached). In addition to his written comments, Mr. Anspaugh went over the following:

- The Landings has to cut \$8.6 million and has considered cutting Deb Methany's position as Charter School Liaison. Attached is the letter written by Mr. Anspaugh to Superintendent Lori White regarding same.
- Federal funding will be received to make up the loss of funds for declining enrollment.
- Saturday, January 31st is the 6th grade expo.
- NAEP selected SSAS to represent all of Sarasota County.
- Florida Schools of Excellence Commission violated the Florida Constitution and is no longer valid.
- Donated \$500 to Rosemary Rising to show support for the neighborhood.
- New classroom audio equipment will be installed soon.
- Due to a continued decline in the economy, up to 40% of students are receiving free/reduced lunch funding
- Ad space sold in new school newspaper will go into the Executive Director's Benevolence Fund

Mr. Eger inquired as to the number that is considered full enrollment. Mr. Anspaugh stated that it would be between 650 and 700 when the new building is finished. The current full enrollment is 650.

Mr. Eger acknowledged that Mr. Anspaugh's written report was very good.

Ms. Patton-Evans reported that the Executive Director's evaluation was stellar and Mr. Anspaugh got rave reviews from the staff.

Each grade has to do a presentation about the opportunities, clubs, etc., that are available to the students in that grade.

Mr. Eger inquired as to whether or not SSAS had to advertise to the public this year to get incoming students. Mr. Anspaugh's response was a resounding "NO."

Ms. Staine reported that the PTSS is very active this year. The PTSS is AWESOME! The PTSS currently has a little over \$20,000 in the bank right now and they are working to create fundraising opportunities that don't require families to sell anything.

Celebration is set for March 7th. We are ahead this year as far as how much money has been raised prior to the event in the past. About 70 tickets have been sold so far. Most tickets are sold the week prior to the event.

The Treasurer's Report was waived.

Old Business:

3-5 Year Plan: Mr. Eger suggested a workshop for 3 to 5 year planning. Mr. Anspaugh suggested that July would be a good time to do that.

Purchase of Plumbing Building: Mr. Anspaugh indicated that the owners of the plumbing building still want \$1,060,000 which he and the Board consider to be too much to pay for that property.

New Tax Questions: The Board needs to create a conflict of interest policy. This matter has been tabled until the next meeting.

Purchase of Ms. Mason's property (717 Central Avenue): The bank's appraisal came in at about \$70,000. Mr. Eger suggested that the Board make Ms. Mason an offer of \$10,000. Dr. Highland made a motion to make that offer. Mr. Marsh seconded. All approved unanimously. Mr. Anspaugh will communicate that offer to Ms. Mason and follow up with the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Anspaugh was asked to leave the meeting so that the remaining Board members could discuss the Executive Director's evaluation.

The Board has not, in the past, created criteria to determine a bonus amount for Mr. Anspaugh. The Board does not wish to create criteria and wishes the bonus to remain discretionary.

Mr. Marsh motioned that Mr. Anspaugh receive a \$10,000 bonus. It was seconded by Dr. Thacker and approved unanimously.

Dr. Highland made a motion accepting the evaluation as proposed. Dr. Thacker seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Eger.

Submitted by:

Secretary

Date

Approved by:

Chairman of the Board

Date