

Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 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 April 29, 2009 were submitted for approval. Dr. Highland moved to accept the minutes as submitted. All approved.

President's Report –

Mr. Eger expressed his pleasure with the way that school started this year and how smoothly things ran the first day of school. He also noted that our students have a good reputation for doing well in high school programs throughout the county.

Executive Director's Report –

Mr. Anspaugh reported that changes were made to the way things were done on the first day of school to make things go more smoothly this year and reduce the anxiety of incoming students (and their parents). This included a 6th grade orientation day that allowed the incoming 6th graders to try out their lockers, walk their entire schedule, and meet their teachers prior to the first day of school. All faculty volunteered their time and came in on their own without any complaints.

The annual report that is usually handed out at the end of September will be coming in the near future. SSAS earned an A grade and met AYP. A bonus of \$964.66 is proposed for each staff member from the A+ school money. SSAS scored highest in the county for FCAT writing. SSAS is the only school in the county participating in the merit award program, resulting in merit pay for several teachers from the Florida Legislature.

There are two clubs that have started this year to assist those students needing improvement in the areas of math and language arts. Mr. Anspaugh reported that a physician was on campus one evening during the first week of school to provide physical for the student athletes. This went well and was very convenient to have them on site after school.

The name tags for the parent pick-up line are working very well.

The second 2010 school bus arrives tomorrow (9/11/09). These buses are being used for the Manatee routes and field trips. Mr. Anspaugh sent an email to the Charter School

liaison at the School Board and let her know that any charter school who wished to purchase our old 1986 school bus could do so for \$1.00, first one to express interest will get it. Sarasota Military Academy was the first to express interest and will purchase our 1986 bus for \$1.00.

Many teachers have currently completed grants or are working on them.

(See Director's notes attached)

Administration has created Departmental Synergistic Support Groups to alleviate Administrative time spent in the morning dealing with staff issues. Staff members report to their Support Group leader instead of calling Administration if they are going to be out sick, running late, etc.

SSAS currently has 676 student enrolled. The prepared budget was based on 620 students. See attached budget prepared by Ms. Wachob.

Plumbing building update – Mr. Anspaugh has attempted to contact the owner of the plumbing building but has not heard back. It is currently listed with a realtor.

Ms. Wachob identified a grant writer who would agree to write a grant request for the new building construction and would only charge a fee if the grant was given to the school. She will get that information for the next board meeting.

The SSAS sign has been approved by the city permitting office as three-sided on the corner of the building above the new kiln room.

The City of Sarasota may take down the traffic light at Boulevard of the Arts and Central Avenue. Mr. Anspaugh encouraged the board members to contact city council members regarding the need for that light and/or yellow flashing school zone lights.

Mr. Eger expressed a desire to have a PR person to promote SSAS to the public with the purpose of raising awareness to create a capital campaign for the new building.

Marilyn Highland nominated Marla Patton-Evans as the teacher representative. All present voted unanimously.

Staff Report –

Ms. Patton-Evans reported that the staff is happy and dedicated and very pleased with how the year is going so far.

PTSS Report –

Ms. Staine reported that the PTSS has already provided more than \$2000 in start up money as well as food for the teachers during the week before school started. They were

