

Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Board of Directors Meeting Special Session
Long Range Planning Meeting
October 10, 2009
Minutes

Present: Larry Eger, Pepar Anspaugh, Jamie Bailey, Missy Wachob, Marla Patton-Evans, Calvin Sloan, Heather Staine, Henry Marsh, Matt Wenzel

The Board met at the campus of Ringling College of Art and Design at 9:00 a.m. to view their newly constructed classroom facility. Following the tour, the attendees returned to the campus of Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences.

Mr. Eger called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

A motion was made by Ms. Patton-Evans to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Marsh seconded. Unanimously approved.

President's Report –

Waived in the interest of time.

Executive Director's Report –

Waived in the interest of time.

Staff Report –

Waived in the interest of time.

PTSS Report –

Waived in the interest of time.

Old Business –

- a) Plumbing building update – There has been no contact from the owner of the plumbing building. Mr. Eger suggested that we table that conversation for now as the plumbing building will not impede our building process.

Mr. Anspaugh noted that we may need the plumbing building space when we begin displacing students during construction.

- b) Conflict of Interest Policy – The Board read through the proposed Conflict of Interest policy. A motion to accept the COI policy as presented by Ms. Patton-Evans, second by Matt Wenzel, all approved.

- c) Mason Property – A motion was made by Ms. Staine to approve a maximum cash offer of \$20,000 to Linda Mason for her property at 717 Central Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marsh. Unanimously approved. Ms. Staine will speak with Ms. Mason to arrange a meeting with Mr. Eger and Mr. Anspaugh.

VIII. New Business

a) Timeline for New Building

Mr. Marsh suggested that the first step is to hire a civil engineer to determine what we will be able to “do” with the property (site analysis). Water, sewer, parking, etc. Mr. Marsh will gather some names of civil engineers to present to the Board. Heather will check the parent volunteer forms to see if anyone is a civil engineer.

Mr. Eger discussed the need to find out the square footage per student requirements for a new school building. Mr. Anspaugh and Ms. Bailey will get that information for the next Board meeting.

The Board will need to investigate the city’s vacating the right-of-way for 7th Street between Florida and Central Avenues.

Financing – Mr. Eger asked if a bank will loan the school money to build the new building. Mr. Anspaugh indicated that there are financing companies specific to charter schools that will loan us money. Ms. Wachob noted that there may be alternative ways to finance the building during construction as a construction loan.

There are many things that we need to know to go to an architect for a plan.

Mr. Anspaugh stressed the importance of state-of-the-art facilities to match the state-of-the-art teaching that goes on here. Mr. Eger said that the school should be the center of the community and be able to offer more than just school. (Farmer’s Market, ESOL night classes, etc.)

The school needs publicity to prepare for a capital campaign. The PTSS will try to find a parent volunteer to do some press releases. Writing an editorial on charter schools would be a good way Mr. Anspaugh could draw attention to the school in a positive light.

b) Choose Architect and Building

Lawson Group was the architect at the Ringling buildings.

Mr. Eger suggested that we look at the proposals from Fawley Bryant, Jonathan Parks, Lawson Group, and Carlson Studios. (See attached)

Mr. Marsh will get some names of civil engineers.

Mr. Eger and Mr. A will meet with the grant writer regarding things we can get grants for.

Timeline –

1. Talk to the grant writer
2. Gather school board information on space requirements
3. Civil engineer
4. Meetings with architects

Mr. Reed located a virtual tour of a charter school in Pensacola. The Board viewed the virtual tour to get some more building/space ideas.

Mr. Marsh had to leave at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Anspaugh and Mr. Eger will talk to the grant writer and Mr. Marsh will talk to a civil engineer prior to next board meeting.

Next meeting date will be November 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by:

Secretary

Date

Approved by:

Chairman of the Board

Date