



Savannah Arts Academy School Council

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

I. Call to order

Julie Allen called to order the regular meeting of the School Council at 8:05 on May 10, 2017

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Julie Allen, Chair/Parent; Anna Bliss, Vice Chair/Parent; Peter Muller, Parliamentarian/Parent; Michael Nestor, Teacher; Ned Rinalducci, Parent; Tony Royek, Parent; Dan Snope, Teacher; Jennifer Vacala, Parent; Lisa Wilkes, Secretary/Parent. Other guests included: Dr. Anna Belue, Assistant Principal; Brandon Tucker, Assistant Principal; Reverend Stephen Williams, Community Representative; Ardis Wood, Guest – Ardsley Park Neighbor.

III. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Lisa Wilkes presented the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made and was passed to approve the March 2017 minutes. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Open issues

a) Facilities

- (1) **ESPLOST 2 Update:** It will be at least a year or more before the window replacement project will be completed to reduce academic impact on the school.
- (2) **ESPLOST 3 Update:** This will be taken off future agendas due to it being in year 5 of the budget. Begin reaching out to SCCPSS Facilities in Year 2 of ESPLOST 3 to provide input on school needs and design plans.

- b) **Accreditation Update:** SAA received accreditation. There were 2 minor areas of improvement that were highlighted. The Council will get more information on areas for improvement at the September 2017 meeting.

- c) **Dual Enrollment & Arts Classes/Internship Program:** Due to Mr. Lockleys's absence, this will be tabled until the 2017-18 school year meeting schedule. Mr. Snope explained it is a funding issue because SAA does not receive the funding for those students and yet they are taking the space of another student who may have wanted to attend SAA for all four years.

V. New business

- a) **Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018:** The meeting dates are: September 27, 2017; November 8, 2017; January 10, 2018; March 7, 2018; and May 9, 2018. These dates were approved by the council.
- b) **Election of Officers for 2017-2018:** The new Officers are: Julie Allen, Chair, Lisa Wilkes, Vice Chair; Jennifer Vacala, Secretary; and Peter Muller, Parliamentarian. Anna Bliss is rotating off the Council at the end of this school year. Elections will be held during the first two PTSA meetings of the next school year to fill the vacancy (presenting at the August meeting and voting at the September one). The Chair and Council thanked Anna for her years of service.
- c) **Anticipated Issues for 2017-2018:** These include:
 - (1) Accreditation – areas for improvement and the action plans to address them
 - (2) End-of-year testing issues such as the 2018 AP testing dates, GMAS (content / alignment / process / transparency), SLO content, and inconsistencies among teachers with grading.
 - (3) Dual enrollment policy for SAA
 - (4) SAA Internship Program criteria and accountability
 - (5) STEAM
 - (6) Window replacement process
- d) **Superintendent Announcement:** The Chair informed the Council of the newly selected Superintendent candidate, Dr. Ann Levett. Dr. Levett presently serves as Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- e) **May SCCPSS Board Meeting**
 - (1) FBLA Nationals: The Board recognized 6 SAA students who will be attending the National Competition.

VI. Adjournment

Julie Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:53.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Wilkes, Secretary