

Savannah Arts Academy School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date 10/12/2017 | time 8:00 AM | Meeting location Savannah Arts Academy

Attendees:

Chairperson	Julie Allen
Principal	Gif Lockley
Teachers	Michael Nestor, Kristin Sheffield
Parents	Lisa Wilkes (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vacala (Secretary), Peter Muller (Parliamentarian), Paula Connelly, Wendy Marshall, Ned Rinalducci, Tony Royek
Business/Community Partners	Amber Ylisto (SCAD)

Guest and others attending

Anna Belue (Assistant Principal)	Cynthia Hicks (Gifted and Testing Coordinator)
Brandon Tucker (Assistant Principal)	Ardis Wood (Ardsley Park community)

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration	Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance during SAA morning announcements
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Minutes from the May 2017 meeting were approved previously via electronic vote; approved minutes were distributed. We will use the new template provided by the district for all future meetings minutes.
OLD BUSINESS:	<p>(1) Facilities Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Roof: T-Mobile equipment has not yet been reinstalled on the roof; the mounting system will not work with the new equipment. They are in process of re-designing the mounting detail which needs to meet the highest safety standards and must maintain the aesthetic appearance of the building. b. Windows: A mock-up window was utilized to ensure the window fit the opening appropriately for the exterior and interior trim to closely match the original trim. The mock-up was installed and improved; the mechanics of sealing the window into the opening was also reviewed and approved. Courtyard windows have been ordered. Installation is scheduled to begin in November, beginning with the courtyard, with estimated project completion by June 2018. All site work is being coordinated through Principal Lockley and SAA administrative staff to affect a limited number of classrooms at any one time based on class/school schedules and

	<p>events including testing. Todd will be attending our next school council meeting to discuss the site plans.</p> <p>c. Blinds: The budget for the windows project calls for the reinstallation of existing blinds. Blinds that were missing or damaged prior to the start of the project will be evaluated for replacement.</p> <p>(2) Accreditation Follow up: The three main areas for improvement are teacher collaborative planning (difficult because SAA has more single classes than other high schools e.g. only one AP Chemistry class), use of technology effectively in the classroom, professional learning communities (PLC) using data-driven instruction. Actions plans to address these issues were discussed. The report will be placed on the SAA website under the Advanced Ed tab. Mr. Lockley indicated more teacher planning days are needed for quality planning and parent teacher conferences.</p> <p>(3) Academic Accountability Update: Mrs. Hicks provided the council with the AP Five Year School Score Summary 2017; SAA is outperforming the state and is trying to provide assistance to economics and biology teachers to improve AP scores. Per GADoE reporting, SAA is 13th in the state for mean SAT scores (1168; 601 ERW and 568 math) and our ACT average composite was 24.7 last year. The PSAT test was given to 698 students on 10/11/17.</p> <p>(4) Work-Based Learning Update: Dr. Cook is the new department head and he is working with Amy Perry to improve the work-based learning (internship) program including greater oversight with student journals, monthly think tanks on campus, regular work site visits, employer assessments, and the creation of an advisory committee. There are currently 24 students in the program and we are looking to increase it to 35 to 40 students next year.</p>
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	n/a
OTHER REPORTS:	n/a
NEW BUSINESS:	(1) Crossing Guard: SCCPSS Campus Police Department will not be providing SAA with a crossing guard. SAA will make another request due to heavy traffic during carpool hours. Safety for students is a concern.
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:	n/a
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Senior Piano Recital – October 12 at 7:30 pm (Auditorium) SAA Varsity Volleyball Round 2 state playoffs Tuesday, October 17th at SAA Reaper Run – October 21 at 7:30 am (Lake Maher) PTSA Beautification Day – October 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Spiders, Snakes & Snails Art Expo – October 23 through November 20
Other:	Mr. Lockley informed council members that next year is SAA's 20th Anniversary.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	November 8, 2017
ADJOURNED:	9:13 AM

Minutes were approved via electronic vote on 10/12/17