

Savannah Arts Academy School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **11/8/2017 8:00 AM** | Meeting location **Savannah Arts Academy**

Attendees:

Chairperson	Julie Allen
Principal	<i>Unable to attend due to District meeting</i>
Teachers	Michael Nestor, Kristin Sheffield
Parents	Lisa Wilkes (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vacala (Secretary), Peter Muller (Parliamentarian), Paula Connelly, Wendy Marshall, Ned Rinalducci
Business/Community Partners	Rev. Stephen Williams (First Presbyterian Church)

Guest and others attending

Anna Belue (Assistant Principal)	Mark Pickering (SCCPSS Capital Projects)
Brandon Tucker (Assistant Principal)	Ardis Wood (Ardsley Park community)
Cynthia Hicks (Gifted Specialist & Testing Coordinator)	

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 October 2017 meeting were approved previously via electronic vote; approved minutes were distributed. Minutes were amended to correct the date of prior approval (changing the date from 5/12/17 to 10/12/17) and Council voted to approve the amended minutes.
OLD BUSINESS:	<p>(1) Facilities Update: Mark Pickering provided an update on current projects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Windows: The courtyard facade is on order and should arrive within the next month. A mock-up of the exterior facade has been ordered. Installation will be in sections -- 3 floors of windows will be done at one time, 6 windows per floor. Estimated completion date is the end of May 2018. New windows will improve energy efficiency and will reduce noise in the classrooms. The existing sashes will be given to an historic preservation company from Florida.</p> <p>(2) Crossing Guard: The district has approved the crossing guard position and will post the opening for hire.</p>
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	n/a
OTHER REPORTS:	Ardis Wood noted that the sidewalk in Tiedman Park is being repaved. She also announced that tickets will be going on sale soon for Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens (March 22-25, 2018) and she distributed information about the tour.

NEW BUSINESS:	<p>(1) Academic Accountability: Cindy Hicks provided an update on CCRPI scores, Dual Enrollment and the College Board Capstone project.</p> <p>a. CCRPI Scores: SAA score increased 96.3 and we made gains in nearly all areas. Scoring changes from year to year. SAA is working with teachers to further improve GMAS scores and is also working on improving student attendance. Ms. Gandy (Main Office) is now responsible for updating attendance and is doing a great job.</p> <p>b. Dual Enrollment: In addition to the prior dual enrollment options at local college campuses and online, there is now an option for SCCPSS students to take AP classes at Savannah Tech.</p> <p>c. STEAM / College Board Capstone: SAA won't become STEAM certified because we have too many single classes. However, we are now eligible to offer the College Board Capstone Program (which is similar in stature to an IB diploma and is equivalent to an associate degree). In addition to their AP classes, students enrolled in the program will complete a seminar and research project during the 11th and 12th grades. Approximately 20 incoming freshmen will be selected for the first year of the program.</p> <p>(2) Parent Member Elections: Council discussed the challenges associated with electing parent members relative to the State statute. Council agreed to continue doing elections at the beginning of the school year. Council agreed in principle to modify the bylaws to increase the council membership. Peter Muller will draft the changes and Council will vote on the revised bylaws at the next meeting.</p>		
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:	n/a		
UPCOMING EVENTS:	<p>Spiders, Snakes & Snails Art Expo through November 20 SAA Dance Department Presents All American November 16–18 Girls Engineer It Day November 18 Newer Voices Dance Showcase November 20 Young People's Orchestra Concert November 21 20th Annual Winter Student Art Expo December 5–January 8 Voices of the Season Choir Performance December 7 Sounds of Winter Choir and Orchestra Performance December 14</p>		
Other:	n/a		
NEXT MEETING DATE:	January 10, 2018	ADJOURNED:	9:15 am

*Attached additional information to any agenda item as necessary

Minutes were approved via electronic vote on 11/15/17