

Longleaf School of the Arts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
February 22, 2021

5:32pm Elizabeth Grovenstein call the meeting to order per GS143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Sabrina Francis, Cheryl Hiser, Dorinda Peacock, Larry Williams, Chuck Hensey, Elizabeth Grovenstein

- **Absent with Notice:** Rheji Burrell, Diane Petteway
- **Mission Statement:** Longleaf School of the Arts will develop students into confident, responsible, and successful contributors in college, career, and community through mentorship and a challenging curriculum that integrates academics and the fine arts.
- **Agenda Approval:** Cheryl Hiser amended the agenda to reflect the 2019/2020 financial audit. Chuck Hensey moves to approve as amended. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is used to approve routine items by voting on all items at one time, instead of voting on individual motions. Prior to approving the consent agenda, the Board will review the consent agenda and any items requiring discussion will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the standing agenda.

Consent Agenda Item	Description	Action

Financial Audit Report

- 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report : Phyllis Pearson of Petway, Mills and Pearson, presented the Financial Audit report. They issued a clean audit opinion. There was 1.5 million in total assets. 1.2 million is liquid. \$2,150 is grant revenue. 3.4 million in revenue and a total expenditures of 3.2 million. This left a \$246,000 increase in fund balance. LSA's Primary Source of funding is the State Board of Education and Local Education Authorities. There is a small amount of Federal funds. LSA is in compliance with the Charter School Act. There are no non-compliance or no findings.

OLD BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update: Mrs. Babb presented the current enrollment numbers. 361 students are currently enrolled.
- Recruitment Update: 196 applications for this year. 163 are rising 9th grade and 33 are rising 10th grade. This is down from 219 applications last year. During the parent

meetings, parents provided input on where they heard of the school. The radio ads and post cards were effective.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021-2022 Lottery Enrollment Decision: Mrs. Winters presented. Based on the number students enrolled, the administration recommends accepting the following during the 2021/2022 Lottery.
 - 125 seats to rising 9th graders
 - 17 seats to rising 10th graders
 - We are expecting an ADM of 410. With no attrition, the numbers above will provide 429 students.
 - An ADM of 410 students will require two additional positions.
 - 2022/2023 school year will include the rent increase.
 - Sabrina Francis moves to approve Administrations recommendations. Larry Williams seconds the motion. The motion is approved.
- Board Recruitment
 - Board Recruitment information was sent to parents via email 2 weeks ago.
 - The applicants will be sending an interest letter to the Board.
 - Sabrina Francis and Larry Williams will interview the candidates.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- Student recognition: Autumn Wille is being recognized as a finalist for the National Merit scholarship.
- Mrs. Williams thanked the recruitment and retention committees along with the student ambassadors for all the work they did with virtual recruitment.
- For Valentine's Day, The National Honors Society sent special Valentines to teachers. The Valentines were based on comments from students and parents.
- Community Leaders: This is a group of parents who sponsor parent community sessions. The community team leaders are sending vaccination information. Angela Stahl, Sharon Mula, Mario Ingham, were present at the meeting.
- Students had Spring community service day last week.
- The GSA student presented information regarding how to make the home and school community safe for LGBTQ+.
- Mrs. Williams presented the COVID numbers and recommendations. There has not been the drop in numbers to recommend a move to Plan A or B.
 - Mrs. Williams communicated with Matt Stevens, property owner, to upgrade the filters to the CDC recommendation.
 - The Board previously voted to approve the administration's recommendation to stay at Plan C through Q3. There is no reason for the Board to vote on Q4 at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Mr. Alberti:** He is so proud to be a teacher at LSA because the Administration and Board has used the science and data to make decisions during COVID. It is clear and objective and shows that the Board and Administration are in tune with the health of all. A Hybrid learning methodology is ineffective.
- **Mr. Mercado:** Reiterated what Mr. Alberti said. With Multiple cohorts, a hybrid methodology may decrease the amount of instructional time. With the cohorts, they may only see a class 1 or 2 times a week.
- **Mrs. Stahl:** What she hears from parents is they trust the Board and the metrics. They are still hearing that there are mental health issues with students. As a parent of a senior, she would like to see some Senior days. She believes the hybrid mode will disrupt what is going on, but she believes that LSA can come up with creative ways to do things. For example, bringing groups of students in the school for study sessions or Senior days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance: Cheryl Hiser
 - The Finance committee did not meet, but Charter Success prepared the budget report. We are on target with 58% of the school year past. The COVID relief fund is over spent and will be corrected once the budget amendment to move funds into that line item is presented to the Board and approved.
- Facilities: Larry Williams
 - Mrs. Williams previously reported that she is in contact with the landlord on filters. She requested that the landlord send back the answers to the questions so she can share that information to the board.
 - Matt Stevens informed Mrs. Williams that the storage unit will need to be built on site. He is ready to rent the storage facility if we need to rent one.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Mercado: Do parents have any questions for the teachers? Mr. Hensey suggested that questions to teachers might be better for a different type of meeting.

7:10pm ADJOURNMENT

Larry Williams moves to adjourn. Dorinda Peacock seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: March 22nd, 2021, 5:30pm