

Longleaf School of the Arts
 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 322 Chapanoke Road Raleigh NC
 July 13th, 2020

5:30pm CALL TO ORDER Per GS143-318.10

- Larry Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- **Present:** Sabrina Francis, Cheryl Hiser, Dorinda Peacock, Larry Williams, Chuck Hensey
- **Absent with Notice:** Stephanie Hawke, Rheji Burrell, Diane Petteway, Elizabeth Grovenstein
- **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:** Larry Williams moves to approve the agenda. Chuck Hensey 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
Meeting Minutes	Approve meeting minutes for the June 1st special meeting	.
	Larry Williams moves to approve the Content Agenda. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved	

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Williams presented data on COVID and the three plans that are on the table to move forward with.

Mrs. Franklin shared changes in Arts programming. This will give a great opportunity for individualized technique work. While there are limitations with large groups working together, there will still be large group work. There will also be small group work.

Mrs. Williams spoke about the student portfolios that will be created.

Mrs. Williams presented the schedules for each option.

In summary, eighty-six percent of families did not have issues with either the online or blended. Ninety-two percent of the staff preferred online. Mrs. Williams recommended working with the 14% of families who have concerns with online learning to overcome their obstacles.

Mrs. Williams presented accommodation options for the following items.

- Technology issues
- Learning Styles
- Social interaction
- Club meetings
- Mental health and wellness
- Home Alone

Mrs. Williams reviewed the Safety requirements of opening the school.

- Daily health screenings
- Visitor Limitations
- Cleaning and Hand Washing
- Procedures for exposure
- Limited movement
- Mask required

Mr. Jude, school nurse, expressed his concern with plan B is how to handle students who present with symptoms. The concern is that a student would have to be out for 14 days or present a negative COVID test. Mr. Jude is seeing longer turn arounds for the COVID results.

Mrs. Williams discussed the options that MyHotLunchBox, LSA's lunch vendor, provided. All students are welcome to order their lunch. Pick up of weekly lunches would be on Monday afternoon. Meals would contain refrigerated items and items that are easy to warm and serve.

Mrs Grovenstein asked for a closer review of the schedule for plan C. Asked to ensure that the second part of the instructional period be well structured. She felt that in the spring the second part of the class period was not well utilized. As a parent, she found that her son was not utilizing the time well when he was remote. She felt like LSA did a great job converting to online in the spring.

Mrs. Williams stated that in the Spring, they had jumped into online learning without setting all expectations. Setting expectations from the very beginning is key. Mrs. Grovenstein made a great point.

Mrs. Williams discussed the use of Canvas. This is a new Learning Management System that will allow parents to see and keep track of what their students should be doing.

Sabrina Francis asked to confirm that school systems could not be more lenient than the Governor's directive. Mrs. Francis asked how successful Mrs. Williams felt that online learning was this spring. Mrs. Williams knows that LSA's plan was more sound than other school systems and felt that the online learning in the Spring was successful.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brianne Bryant's asked how arts classes would be handled. Mrs. Williams asked each of the Arts teachers to address.

- Mr. Alberti discussed moving to more of an individual method.
- Mrs. Franklin explained studio art. They did their studio, submitted work and she provided feedback. Seven AP students completed AP portfolios.
- Mrs. Smith spoke about theatre. They drilled down to the individual performances. This summer she is working with NYU and other schools to determine how to do online performances.
- Mr. Shook stated that Mr. Alberti spoke for him as well. For Mr. Shook, it gets a little easier. Their voice is their instrument. He is on the State Chorale Board. They are developing resources to support teachers.
- Mr. Barrier commented that he teaches a variety of performance classes. He has looked at national boards for standards of online teaching, such as PE. There will be a lot of individualized instruction.
- Mrs. Mordeci discussed how she is pulling resources with dance organizations and organising virtual dance classes with professional dancers from around the world. During the Spring they worked on group and individual choreography.

The Keils asked about pivoting to Plan B. Will students who opted to stay online be able to remain online? Mrs. Williams answered yes.

Marian Ingham asked if we will be able to change after the decision. Mrs. Williams stated that she is asking the board to revisit the decision at each board meeting.

Brenda Priest asked how students will get arts supplies. Mrs. Williams stated that there will be a plan to distribute devices and art supplies at the start of school.

Marian Ingham asked if students would still be required to complete service hours. Mrs. Williams stated that Student Services is working to get examples of service hours that can be accomplished during COVID.

Chanel McIntyre asked how a student would learn when out of school for exposure. Mrs. Williams said they would have the option of attending online at that point.

Jen E'Entremont asked if schedules could be changed if their students requested classes that are more conducive to in person learning. Mrs. Williams said that schedule changes would be a case by case decision.

Chanel McIntyre: If the school was shut down for clearing. How long would the school be shut down? Mrs. Williams answered that the school would move to online learning immediately and the building would be closed for clearing from 2 - 5 days.

Lyla W: Will there be a recommendation for computers? Mrs. Williams is working with our IT director on recommendations.

Mr. Alberti gave the staff perspective. Students are going to be negatively impacted if you are at a computer screen for 8 hours a day. That is why there are intentional 45 minutes breaks for each 90 minute period. The staff will deliver high quality arts education online as well as in person.

Angela Stahl: The transition to online was handled well. She felt that all the questions were handled well. She wanted to tell the other parents that the planning for plan B has been extensive and the cost is high. She feels that Plan C seems to be the best option and the safest option. She asked Mrs. Williams if parents could be provided with the teachers email addresses at the beginning of school. Could a consideration be made for club meetings to be done outside of the school. Her hesitation of going online is that the teachers may need extra time to work out the relationships and get to know each the students.

Kelly McGlouglin: Expressed a sincere thank you to the staff and board for all the hard work to define these plans. It has been a while since the survey was completed and her thoughts have changed because the COVID rates in Wake County have gone up. She is disappointed when she goes out and people are not wearing masks. Her concern that that some people at Longleaf would not wear mask or if they are coming from a family who is not social distancing then they are potentially bringing COVID into the school. Another observation, is how do parents feel about teachers putting themselves at risk? She doesn't want anyone to be put at risk.

Devon Shook stated that he feels it is better to start in Plan C and move to B, rather than do it in reverse.

The Keils asked how will singing and blowing into a wind instrument be handled safely. Mrs. Williams and administration are working on the safety.

Jen MillHogg: Will students be required to be in online school during regular time? Mrs. Williams answered yes. The teachers will make sure the class time is structured and well utilized. Students are expected to attend class during those scheduled classes. There is a state law that directs a specific number of instructional hours per year.

Marian Ingham: How do we get students who are remote reluctant to get excited about the school year? Mrs. Winters is open to holding coffee with counselors prior to school year to support students.

Theresa Hawxwell: Will there still be a freshman bootcamp online? Mrs. Winters answered yes. Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Williams are working on plans.

Chanel McIntiry: Is there a group we can make for children with no siblings? Mrs. Williams said that that is something that Student Services and students could define and plan. Mrs. Winters explained the mentors program and how that engages students.

Larry Williams moved to accept the recommendation of Administration to open school online. Sabrina Francis suggested the motion be amended to accept the administrations recommendation of Plan C to be revisited at each board meeting. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion as amended. The motion is approved.

7:46pm CLOSED SESSION

Larry Williams moves pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(6) the Board will move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing performance issues. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

8:39pm OPEN SESSION

Larry Williams moved to resume open session. Sabrina Francis seconded the motion. The motion is approved.

Larry Williams announced there was no report out of closed session.

8:40pm ADJOURNMENT

Larry Williams moved to adjourn. Cheryl Hiser seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: July 27th 2020, 5:30pm Longleaf School of the Arts