

Longleaf School of the Arts  
Board of Directors Meeting Meetings  
Zoom Meeting  
January 24, 2022

5:32pm CALL TO ORDER Per G.S.143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Cheryl Hiser, Chuck Hensey, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Sabrina Francis, Dorinda Peacock
  
- **Absent with Notice:** Larry Williams
  
- **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**  
Sabrina Francis 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 from 12/13/2021 LSA BoD meeting	

Cheryl Hiser moves to approve the consent agenda. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update
  - Mrs. Babb presented the enrollment update
  - At the end of December there were 4 withdrawals. At the end of January there are 2 withdrawals.
  - Currently, 362 students are enrolled.
  - Report cards went out today and a spike in withdrawals usually occurs after report cards are issued.
- Recruitment Update
  - Mrs. Williams presented the update.
  - We have received 145 applications to date. The applications have increased 9.8% over last year at this time.

- The number of applications is 5% lower than the year LSA received the highest number of applications.
- There are three family interest meetings left.

#### HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- Mrs. Williams presented the report.
- COVID updates were presented.
  - The metrics and formula for how LSA determined how and when to reenter the building were presented.
  - Mrs. Williams reviewed the numbers that led to moving to virtual classes for the first two weeks of January. One third of the teaching staff was not present and 66 students were out.
  - Mrs. Williams reported that decisions can not be made only on the transmission rate. We must have a rationale; such as, having enough teachers. Wake county determined that number was 80% of the staff. Once we have 6 - 9 teachers out, we need to go remote.
  - Currently, all of NC is in the critical transmission status. Based on the metrics put in place last year to determine reentering the school, we are at a 1.
  - Mrs. Williams is proposing that we maintain what has worked with Longleaf. Windows do not open. In the fall there were only 4 positive cases. Over the Holiday break the cases spiked like they did everywhere. The NC Dept of Health and Human Services commented that they appreciated what the School was doing.
  - Mrs. Williams turned over the presentation to the School Nurse, Mrs. Diane Herbst.
  - In November, 36 students were out because they were positive, had been exposed, or were sick with symptoms. In December there were 38 students out of school. In January, there were 96 students out. The American Academy of Pediatrics announced that over 1 million children have contracted COVID in the past month. Mrs. Herbst is proposing to follow our original guidelines.
  - Mrs. Herbsts answered a question that she received via email from a partner. Why has LSA not updated the guidelines according to the CDC? If we had updated the guidelines, she believes that we would have had cases of spread in our school.
  - Mrs. Herbsts recommends to continue following the procedures we have been following.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- LSA mask/face coverings
  - Cheryl Hiser moves to continue with the current mask policy. Dorinda Peacock seconds the motion. The motion is approved.
  - Mrs. Hiser recommended that LSA require N95 masks.

- This is something that we can recommend but can't require.
- The Board asked Mrs. Herbst to share that information.
- Mrs. Hiser asks Mrs. Herbst if it was possible to have N95 masks available for students who do not have them, but would like to upgrade.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Muha: I thought the CDC has explained that the updated guidance is to help the economy by putting "essential" workers back to work. I don't think that updated guidance should be used as a rule for students.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance: Cheryl Hiser
  - The budget is on track for where we are at this point in the school year.
  - The Budget numbers were reviewed and an amendment presented to increase revenue by \$113,562. and increase the expenses by the same amount..
- Budget Amendment
  - Cheryl Hiser moves to approve the budget amendment as presented. Dorinda Peacock seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

#### 6:29pm ADJOURNMENT

Sabrina Francis moves to adjourn the January meeting. Elizabeth Grovenstein seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: February 28, 2022, 5:30pm Longleaf School of the Arts