

**Grambling High Foundation  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
LPS Multipurpose Building  
September 26, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiley at 6:30 PM.
- B. Prayer**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Approval of the General Meeting Agenda** – Mr. Watley moved to approve the General Meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Mr. Tatum. The agenda was approved without opposition from the Board.
- E. Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Ms. McIntyre moved to adopt the previous minutes. This was seconded by Ms. Lewis the previous minutes were adopted without opposition from the Board.
- F. Roll Call**
  - a. Present Members**
    - 1. Robert Wiley
    - 2. Clara Lewis
    - 3. Barbara McIntyre
    - 4. Elizabeth Smith
    - 5. Don Tatum
    - 6. Ed Watley
  - b. Absent Members**
    - 1. Hollis Downs
    - 2. Pamela Stewart
    - 3. Eddie Robinson, III
- G. Public Comments** – Although the meeting was open to the public, no members of the public were present to comment.
- H. Report of the Executive Director** –
  - a.** Current enrollment is 722, with 39 attending NLW alternative placement classes. 1,049 total applications have been received, which is increased from 692 applications at the same time last year. 157 applications were received after September 30 last year.
  - b.** Grade Configuration:
    - 1. Currently grades K-2 at NLW (leased second floor of building) and grades 3-12 at Grambling Junction Campus.
    - 2. Proposed after Thanksgiving . . . K-2 remain at NLW and grades 3-12 would move to new school campus. Several Board members had questions regarding this configuration. Executive Director asked Board members to defer questions until New Business
  - c.** Extra-curricular highlights: Football team is 2-2. Roster is largest LPS team we have fielded, with 35 students on the active roster. Band has over 40 students with only 2 seniors. Cheer team has 36 students with 20 varsity and 16 junior varsity. Cheer team also only has 2 seniors. Dance team has 22 students enrolled on team.
  - d.** Miscellaneous updates:

1. Dual enrollment . . . 13 of 44 seniors in Early College Academy. 25 of 56 juniors in Early College Academy. 21 of 60 sophomores currently taking dual enrollment biology course. Courses are Grambling, SUSLA and LaTech, with a combination of on campus and online courses.
2. K-2 student visited Lincoln Parish Library. Student received a presentation, participated in a project and received orientation on the children's section of the library.
3. During the upcoming week, LPS will celebrate both HBCU and LA GEAR UP week. There will be an emphasis on college preparation, with dress up days for students and visits from University students to the LPS campus.
4. Board questions:
  - Are all students on TOPS University Diploma track?  
A: Most are, but not all. We have about 12 students on Jump Start graduation pathways. We have several opportunities for students not planning to go to college and we are working to provide additional opportunities for non-university students.
  - Are we communicating with parents regarding all of the opportunities at Lincoln Prep?  
A: We work hard at keeping parents informed, although we find that much of it sometimes goes over their heads, so we keep talking about it with them. As students get closer to graduation, parents are more likely to be engaged and get a better understanding of the programs.
  - Are any other schools with this program?  
A: Executive Director is aware of only two other schools in North Louisiana with students earning Associate Degrees. Both are schools in Shreveport and we have graduated more students than each of them. Board Member Lewis informed board that Gibsland-Coleman High School had a student or students graduate from Bossier Parish Community College.

## I. New Business

- a. **Proposed Material Amendment** – To increase enrollment from 780 to 900 by increasing grades 7-12 from 60 students to 80 students per grades level. Grades K-6 would remain at 60 students per grades level.

1. Pros:

- Provide additional seats for middle and high school students
- More HS student improves SPS
- Positive impact on budget
- Larger size is more competitive in Class AA

2. Cons

- First and second grade students not at new campus
- Does not retain space for PK-3

3. Several Board Members expressed questions about the amendment.

Questions were about impact to School Performance Score, overall class sizes, impacts to ACT scores, communication issues at the K-2 NLW campus, high

school performance, modular buildings and not bringing K-2 students to new campus. The Executive Director answered several questions during a lengthy conversation and will bring back additional information for the next meeting.

#### **J. Reports**

- a. **Financial** – MFP funding was expected to be at 16% collected but is currently at 14.2% due to a lag in receiving the funds. Approximately \$114k in Federal grants requested for the month of August. Cafeteria reimbursement was \$14,634, with a net income of \$4,036. Expenses are projected to be a 16% and current expenditures are at 11.6%
- b. **Alumni and Community Relations – No report.**
- c. **Transportation and Facilities Update – No report.**
- d. **Education – No report.**

#### **K. Old Business**

- a. **New Charter School** . . . still in work. Executive director will bring Draft Application to October meeting for approval.
- b. **Construction Update –**
  1. Completion dates have been pushed back a little more . . .
    - Administration/Library – 12/6/2022
    - Cafeteria – 12/1/2022
    - High School Wing – 11/17/2022
    - Middle School Wing – 12/7/2022
    - Grades 3-4 Wing – 11/17/2022
    - Grades 1-2 Wing – 11/29/2022
    - Gymnasium – 2/20/2023
  2. 62 percent complete as of September 62%
    - Roofing complete
    - Bathroom tile complete
    - Interior painting has begun
    - Road paving and sidewalks beginning
  3. Football stadium, track, lights, goalposts, fieldhouse, baseball and softball dates are still TBD.
- c. **Ribbon Cutting and Open House** . . . tentatively scheduled for December 27, 2022.
- d. **Relationship between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University** – no update.

#### **L. Future Meetings**

- a. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be on September 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

**M. Announcements** – Lincoln Prep has an upcoming game in Tallulah. There will not be a spectator bus because so many students participate in the game. In the past, only a few people signed up to ride the spectator bus due to the number of people participating in the game (players, cheerleaders, dance team, etc.) As the school grows, there may be a need for a spectator bus.

**N. Executive Session (if necessary)** – not held

**O. Adjournment** – Elizabeth Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lewis seconded this motion. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.