

Grambling High Foundation
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 24, 2019 - 6:30 PM

A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Dr. Copeland.

B. Prayer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made by Mr. Wiley to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Tatum. The agenda was adopted without opposition.

E. Adoption of Previous Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Moegle and second by Mr. Wiley to adopt the previous minutes with the stated addition. The minutes were adopted with no opposition.

F. Roll Call

Present Members

Dr. Birdex Copeland

Forrest Moegel

Don Tatum

Robert Wiley

Eddie Robinson III

Absent Members

Katrina Boden

Rachel Johnson

Hollis Downs

Rhonda Pruitt

G. Lincoln Prep "Showcase" - No showcase.

H. Public Comments – Although the meeting is open to the public, no members of the public were present.

I. Report of the Executive Director -

- 550 total applications have been submitted, which is increased by about 120 from last year. There are 89 students on the waiting list. We have reached out to a few students on the list who have not responded. They are given 5 days to make contact before we move to the next student on the list. Projected enrollment for the coming school year is 480. 360 of these projected students are African American (75%), 51 are Caucasian (10.6%), and 69 are Other/Mixed (14.4%). This is increased 24 students from enrollment at the end of the 2019 school year.
- Jump Start Summer has begun for the Oil and Gas Certification. The Adobe Certification students will begin meeting in July. EOC/LEAP 2025 retesting is available for students this summer as well as credit recovery, which will start in July. An Elementary Program will begin in July as well as an Extended School Year Program for Special Education students.
- The summer food service and the after school food service are separate from the

normal feeding program. The summer and After School Food Services are available to the community and can be utilized by children who do not attend Lincoln Prep. We received 100% positive feedback on a recent audit for the food service.

- Executive Director traveled with Southern University in Shreveport (SUSLA) administrators to the South Louisiana Community College Early College Academy. The Academy is a Lafayette Public Schools Magnet School located on the campus and students are required to score Mastery by 7th grade to enroll. Lincoln Prep is working with SUSLA to design a new Early College Academy model for North Louisiana and has pitched the idea to offer a school inside a school that already offers Dual Enrollment and will soon be the first Southern University Early College Academy. Students who are enrolled will graduate high school with their Associate's Degree.
- Dual Enrollment has been expanded, meaning that some of the barriers for students being in Dual Enrollment classes have been removed. Currently, students are only required to maintain a 2.5 GPA for courses that are on the Transferability Matrix, which means that the course numbers are the same at all campuses across the state. There are no requirements for students taking classes that are not on the Transferability Matrix. Students will now be able to earn different certifications through the Dual Enrollment program, as well.
- The CEP multiplier has increased from the upper 90% range to 100%, meaning that Lincoln Prep will now be reimbursed for 100% of the meals served in the cafeteria. It also has applicability throughout all federal programs. It is determined by the number of students who are considered "directly certified", meaning that their household receives SNAP benefits, they are a foster child, or the sibling of a directly certified student. The multiplier is good for 5 years from the baseline date that the number is submitted, even if the number drops.
- The MFP increase of 1.375% for Level 1 has been approved. All certified teachers will now receive \$1000 per year increase and non-certified teachers will receive \$500 per year increase.
- Many Professional Development programs are happening over the course of the summer. Mrs. Kenley is now on the Board of Directors of LASBO. Louisiana A+ training completed with all teacher for Arts Integration. The Teacher Leader Summit is going on currently and a few Lincoln Prep teachers are attending. San Francisco is hosting the La Gear Up Leadership Institute in July and Lincoln Prep will be represented by 2 students. Summer Content Area Training has many different programs offered throughout the summer for teachers. Teachers are paid a daily rate for attending these trainings.
- 4-5 staff members will not be returning for the coming school year but replacements for the certified teachers are already in place. 2 of the 5th grade teachers are moving down into 3rd and 4th grade, which will require 2 new 5th grade teachers. 5th-8th grade will now be considered middle school, so they will operate on the same schedule. One of the 5th grade teachers is from Florida. His daughter attends GSU and convinced him to move to Louisiana. He is dual certified in Math and Music. He will teach Math and

Science for 5th grade and help with the band. Mrs. Kimball took a job in Minden where her family is from. One of the new teachers will be offering AP Calculus instead of AP Statistics, which is a more useful class. She will also lead the robotics group.

J. Committee Structure and Meeting Schedules – The Board is expecting the have to replace at least 2 members in the coming months. Policy states that the Board of Directors must consist of at least 7 members at all times. Board members were encouraged to think about and nominate someone in the event of some of the current members stepping down. The secretary will provide a list of all current Board Members and their appointed serving durations in the coming days. No discussion was had regarding meeting schedules.

K. New Business – The Executive Director, with concurrence from Dr. Copeland and Mr. Wiley, is authorized to make an offer to purchase property for constructing a new school campus. Any such offer to purchase shall not exceed \$22,500 per acre. A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Tatum to approve this. It was approved without opposition.

L. Reports -

- **Financial (Given by Executive Director Ford in Mrs. Kenley's absence)** - MFP funding is currently at 89% collected and is expected to be at 100% by July. The food service is still self sustaining. Expenditures are at 87%. Salaries and benefits are at 86.8% and 83.7%, respectively. Social Security was initially overestimated, so some difference is present on the report in that area. Lincoln Prep is still awaiting invoices for utilities from GSU since February. Those will be paid upon receipt of the invoices. 5% of the fund balance has been maintained as required. Cheer and Dance show the biggest deficit of all athletics and policies are being put in place to reduce this for the coming school year. Title 1 requires procedures to be in place for students who wish to participate, but cannot afford it. For any other students wishing to participate, the cost will be increased for the coming years. GSU hosted a cheer camp recently and students from Lincoln Prep attended. Lincoln Prep paid for half of the fee and the family was responsible for the other half. The cheerleaders will be holding fundraisers to help offset this cost. A motion was made by Mr. Tatum and seconded by Mr. Wiley to accept the Financial Report for May 2019. The report was accepted without opposition.
- **Alumni and Community Relations** - No report.
- **Transportation** - No report.
- **Education** - No report.

M. Old Business -

- **MOU between Grambling High Foundation and Grambling State University** - No discussion.

N. Next Meeting Date - The next meeting date is July 29, 2019 at 6:30 PM with committees meeting at 6:00 PM, if necessary.

O. Announcements – No discussion.

P. Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Tatum to move into an Executive Session. This was seconded by Mr. Moegle and the room was cleared of all non-Board Members. With nothing further to discuss, the executive session was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Q. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Wiley and seconded by Mr. Moegle to adjourn the meeting. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.