

PLP BOD OPEN SESSION Strategy Planning Meeting Minutes- Date: September 17, 2012

PLP BOD Present: Michelle Adams, Anne McIntosh, Julie Robinson, John Allemeier, Brian Hochman, Pam Rogers, Tara Bain, Scott Broemann

Absent: None

PLP Administration: Chris Terrill, Chris Scholl, Amy Sevic

Location: Upper School Seminar Room

I. Call to Order

At approximately 6:02 pm, Meeting called to order by Chair.

II. Conflict of Interest Reminder per N.C. General Statutes 138A-15(e). Chair reads Conflict of Interest Reminder per N.C. General Statutes 138A-15(e) which states:

“In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, 138A-15(e), it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from an undue participation in the particular matter involved.

Chair asks if any board member has a conflict with any issues coming before the board this evening. Michelle Adams goes on record that her spouse was involved with the amphitheatre which may be impacted by the upcoming campus expansion. Board sees no conflict.

III. Chair turns meeting over to Pam Rogers. Pam turns over to Chris Terrill for update on campus expansion. Chris T presents Scenario 1 (ACC alone) and Scenario 2 (ACC and Fine Arts Bldg).

IV. ACC

In current sketch drawing ACC does not provide classroom space. PLP needs to reduce/eliminate over-crowding. The ACC Committee unanimously supported GL Wilson proposal. GL Wilson proposed a revision of the ACC sketch with 9 classrooms; estimated cost of \$2.4 million.

NOTE: All concessions and game receipts would fund athletics; not be included in any scenarios to pay for construction costs.

V. Fine Arts Building

Estimated cost of \$1.4 million, a Fine Arts Building would provide space for approx 10 classrooms to reduce over-crowding; could possibly include tearing out of amphitheatre in its current location. Chris T said he would consult with Fine Arts faculty to determine the layout of the classrooms and space; board asked about performance

space and possibility of renting out of the space. Discussion of adding approx 2,000 more sq feet (at approx \$300,000) to provide potential airnasium/eating space for students or adding new programs (such as upscale, organic culinary or graphics arts). Head of School said he would survey PLP community to get feedback on potential new programs that they would support that would distinguish PLP from its competitors.

VI. Science and Technology Building

Discussion that PLP now has a prized Team Spork that is high-ranking and receiving regional and global recognition; Science and Technology Building would be a priority. Discussion about strengthening ties with business community about possibly assisting with funding a STEM Bldg. Discussion about running Scenario 3; concerns are that school would incur too much debt.

VII. Additional space

- HoS noted that lockers are not being utilized in Upper School; possibility of converting these areas to usable space.
- HoS discussed glass walls down at Lower School to create more library space.

VIII. Funding for ACC

- Kaleidoscope Foundation is up to approximately \$750,000 now and the PLP Staff is excited and promoting Annual Drive.
- HoS would add to enrollment; mainly at the 6th grade and 9th grade levels approximately 60 new students to generate additional revenues.

V. Bus

With school enrollment growing and concerns about drop-off and pick-up lines, HoS is researching possibility of adding a bus next school year to go Wal-mart at Exit 36 in Mooresville and another bus to go to Target at Exit 25 in Huntersville. Currently, PLP parents utilizing bus to The Cove are pleased and satisfied.

VI. SWOT

Pam recommended board to focus on WEAKNESSES (W in SWOT) this evening. Discussion ensued:

- Board potentially support one college application fee for each senior (approx \$50); college guidance decide which school with goal to stretch students to apply to top-ranked schools.
- Board consider re-messaging "Average, Honors, and AP classes"
- Board consider creating policy of what is required for AP class entrances so parents and students are more aware of what is needed to succeed in AP courses.
- Board consider strategic plan for school improvement plan focusing on building plans, increasing graduation rates, retaining of top faculty talent, recruiting of exemplary teaching faculty.

· Board consider K-12 SACS accreditation. HoS went through the accreditation process last year at his former school and has a book outlining the procedure. Board consider if SACS accreditation is warranty and make policy.

VII. General Membership Meeting- Fri., 21 September, 2012

At 4 pm, Anne M, John A, Michelle A, and Scott B/Brian H will open the meeting. At 7:30 pm, a quorum needs to be present to officially close the General Membership meeting. Chair will send out details via email.

VIII. VOTE

Motion made to adjourn. Second. Majority vote. Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne McIntosh, Ph.D.,
Secretary, Board of Directors