

Lanikai School

Minutes of Board Meeting, April 26, 2017

Board Members present:

Phil Whitesell, Vice President
Ed Noh, School Director
Oz Stender
Espie Chapman
Kim Hanson, Treasurer
David Root
Eun Strawser
Judy Farnham-Pao, Secretary - absent
Todd Cullison, President
Brian Canevari

Community members present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Kristin Garcia, 2nd Grade Teacher
Barb Van Der Kamp, 2nd Grade Teacher

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2017 and April 3, 2017.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Todd Cullison.
- Approval of March minutes and the April 3 minutes was moved by Mr. Cullison and seconded by Dr. Srtawser. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input:

- Nothing to report.

3. Student Council Report: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- Student Council is still working on getting two 4-square courts in the back field. They will not be able to fund the entire court. The other project they are working on is directional signage for the school campus. Mr. Cullison asked how much the 4-square courts would be. Ms. Chapman said the two bids are for \$5700 and \$9000.

4. Lanikai School 'Ohana:

- Nothing to report.

5. 2nd Grade Teacher Presentation: Kristin Garcia and Barb Van Der Kamp, 2nd Grade Teachers

- Ms. Garcia explained that 2nd grade has taken responsibility for helping care for the worms on campus. She showed a video of the kids playing with, sorting, watering, and learning about worms. Ms. Van Der Kamp showed a video explaining the vermicomposting process that the 2nd grade participates in. This integrates with the life & environmental science and math curriculum. Ms. Garcia added that 3rd grade is now building on 2nd grade's participation and integrating it into further curricula.
- Mr. Cullison thanked the teachers for coming in because seeing the day-to-day at the school helps the Board to support school operations.

6. Director's Report: Ed Noh, Director

- The school has been preparing for May Day. He is glad that the board will be attending the ceremony and luau. The ceremony this year will be dedicated to the name change. Mr. Noh has experienced a lot of positive feedback from the community regarding the name change. The new logo has been finalized and incorporates elements from the previous logo. It has a new perspective looking in from Na Mokulua. We have also decided to change the school mascot to

the 'iwa bird, as represented by local birdlife and the shape of ka'iwa ridge. Mr. Noh would like for the school to be better stewards of this land, and he is hoping to have each grade level in charge of a stewardship project. Mr. Cullison suggested teaming up with local group Malama Ka'ohao.

- Teacher observations and evaluations are wrapping up for this school year. Mr. Noh has seen a lot of fresh ideas and lessons even from veteran staff. He loves seeing their passion and energy. Mr. Canevari asked how many student teachers we have. Mr. Noh explained that it varies, students come for observations first, then return for their practicums. We currently have 9, and most are from UH. UH says that our school models their best practices, so it is a great school at which to place student teachers. Mr. Canevari asked whether it is a positive or negative experience from a student's perspective. Mr. Noh explained that the student teachers work very closely with the mentor teacher and there is an effort made to ensure quality education and student/teacher bonds. Dr. Whitesell added that it is a long process to get a student teacher to the solo teaching phase.

7. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman, Member

- Castle Foundation grant went through the first phase, and we should find out the results in December. We requested \$700K. This would fund a shade court, makers' space (2 converted shipping containers), and renovation of the current learning lab. Mr. Root mentioned that he is working on sourcing the containers, and he thinks the Matson submission should happen soon. Mr. Stender talked to BoH foundation that gives \$25K-50K grants. Ms. Chapman will be looking into other grants as well.
- Mr. Noh added that Le Jardin and St. Marks visited our school to attend a student-led tour of our Zero Waste Program.

8. Finance Committee Report: Kim Hanson, Director

- Presented 3Q P&L and year-end projections. We have received most of our income already ~\$2.4M, and expenses are running about 76% of budget, so on track for 3rd quarter at ~\$1.8M. The electricity increased about \$10K as a result of the new air conditioners. Mr. Noh believes that this expense is worth it because it has created such focused learning environments.
- The projection reports a net excess of ~\$4K for the fiscal year end, less than our original budgeted net excess of \$22K.
- The Board approved doing a financial review in lieu of an audit for the 2016-2017 school year.

9. President's Report: Todd Cullison, President

- Franklin Wong will be meeting with the school on May 3 to respond to our comments about the cafeteria project proposal.
- Mr. collection will begin as soon as possible at Lanikai School.
- Cullison is looking forward to seeing the Board members at the May Day Ceremony.

10. Health & Safety Committee: Brian Canevari, Member

- Mr. Canevari will be joining our Health & Safety Committee. His experience with Safe Routes to School makes it a good fit. This included many trainings with DoH. The Safe Routes to School program in HI had a conference at Lanikai School, and they are offering \$3500 mini-grants for encouraging kids to bike/walk to school. The only caveat is that we must track the data and conduct a parent survey asking about obstacles to kids biking and walking to school. This survey and data collection will happen the first week of May.

11. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 24, 2016, 6:30pm in the Lanikai School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The board approves the minutes of March 29, 2017 and April 3, 2017.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on April 26, 2017.

Todd Cullison, Philip Whitesell, Kim Hansen, Judy Farnham-Pao, Oz Stender, Espie Chapman, David Root, Eun Strawser, Brian Canevari.