

Lanikai School

Minutes of Board Meeting, January 25, 2017

Board Members present:

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

Community members present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Cate Cullison, Community Member
Jaymie Tyau, LSO Treasurer
Bob Purdy, DOE FAC Dev Branch, Proj. Coor.
Franklin Wong, Wong & Assoc.
Patrick Wong, Wong & Assoc.
Brian Canevari, Parent

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2016.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Mr. Cullison.
- Approval of November minutes was moved by Dr. Whitesell and seconded by Ms. Chapman. Motion approved unanimously. Dr. Whitesell offered a symbolic toast to Mr. Noh, who after working with the Commission has earned our school a 5-year accreditation.

2. Community Input:

- None.

3. Capital Development Committee: Franklin Wong & Associates, LTD

- Mr. F. Wong explained that his company won the contract to design the Lanikai Elementary School Cafeteria – New or Expansion Project. In the 1960s, when the school was built, the funds were not available to build a sufficient cafeteria.
- 3 plots of land were examined and the site where the current admin and art buildings including the trees in front of those buildings was determined to be the best.
- Architectural drawings of the new building were presented. The building would be done in two phases. Phase 1 would be converting the existing cafeteria to an administration building followed by the demolition of P1 & P2. Phase 2 would include utility resets, removal of the three trees, and the construction of the new cafeteria.
- This presentation was an advanced presentation to the board for informational purposes only. The next step would be to get community input, and then plans will be adjusted based on that input. Then, the final drawings would be presented to all interested parties. With approval, the DOE authorizes the final design phase (~65% of the design). Then there is another design phase (~90% of design). The legislature has approved funds for the design, but has not funded the actual construction.
- Mr. Purdy stated that this would likely be a legislative add-odd in terms of budget. The key now is to separate the absolute must-haves from the lower priorities, getting a realistic cost, because Senator Thielen and Representative Lee have to fight for this money. Construction costs base bid might be around \$8-10M (\$450-\$600/sqft) plus repurposing the current cafeteria and purchasing a new art portable. Construction

timeline would likely be around a year. He emphasized that this building needs to serve multiple purposes, and they are trying to accommodate that. He suggested bringing in Senator Thielen and Representative Lee as soon as we have a solid estimate of costs. He would like the Board's input within the next couple of weeks.

- Mr. Cullison asked if we were being short-sighted by not putting in a full kitchen. Mr. F. Wong said that there really isn't physical space for a full kitchen. Mr. Cullison also asked about positioning the stage differently so that people could observe the stage from outdoors. Mr. F. Wong said that they had considered this, but there were too many issues that came up. Mr. Cullison suggested that the building be LEED certified, but at the very least, he wants to make sure that storm water is managed. Mr. F. Wong said that the building will not be LEED certified, but the DOE subscribes to Full CHIPS. The building will not be Full CHIP certified, but they will go with as many of those standards as possible.

4. Preschool Discussion: Todd Cullison

- Mr. Cullison said that the board needs to talk about expansion, whether it is adding a preschool or intermediate school. Dr. Strawser said that we need to schedule more time to discuss a possible preschool if we are really thinking seriously about it. Mr. Cullison feels that it is not something that we can pick as a priority at this time. Mr. Canevari suggested really focusing on the K-6 that we currently have. Mr. Cullison noted that installing new buildings is very complicated. Mr. Noh has explained to Pualani that although she is in a timeline to find a new site, adding a preschool is not a priority for our school at this time. Mr. Canevari suggested that Pualani could look into renting a home close to Lanikai. Dr. Strawser said that she didn't think she was looking into proximity, but rather an alternative to running her school out of her home. Dr. Whitesell said that the question is really do we want to expand, and if we do, in what direction? He feels that preschool is a better option here for many reasons, but do we have the capacity to include a new building, additional traffic, etc.? Mr. Cullison said that he will respond to Pualani in writing saying that we are not ready to consider her preschool.

5. Lanikai School 'Ohana: Jaymie Tyau, LSO Treasurer

- LSO is gearing up for Vintage Lanikai. They are currently looking for someone to donate 3 cases of wine. Mr. Cullison said that he could provide a number for the contact that they used last year.
- They hosted an LSO members' meeting in December, and the next one will be in March.
- The next event after Vintage Lanikai will be an ho'olaulea and luau with May Day, celebrating our 20th anniversary as a charter school and our school's name change. LSO will need to change its name as well, and that will be discussed at the March meeting.

6. Finance Committee Report: Kim Hanson, Director

- For the 6 months ending Dec, revenues are about 90%. Expenses are generally at 50%, which is what we would expect for that time of the fiscal year. Salaries are at 49%. Electricity is at 55%, so it doesn't look like we will be too much over budget due to the A/C installation.
- Mrs. Pao said that she has not been using her A/C recently because the weather has been tolerable. She said that the best advantage is the quiet enclosed classroom that allows for increased focus among students.

7. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman, Member

- Ms. Chapman would like to thank the Board and Mr. Noh for their support in producing the Lanikai School Zero Waste Video. The video can be viewed at https://youtu.be/nXxcC_nTFD4.
- Lanikai staff, students, alumni, and families (about 200 people all together) collected 514lbs of beach trash at the annual MLK, Jr. Day Kailua Beach Cleanup.

8. Student Council Report: Judy Pao, Sponsor

- StuCo wrapped up the food drive before Christmas because parents helped to load and deliver to St. Anthony's Food Pantry. They received a nice thank you letter for the 1360lbs of food that was donated.
- They are ready to put in a new proposal for the 4-square court.
- StuCo participated in the MLK, Jr. Day Kailua Beach Cleanup.
- They are planning for the Valentine's Day carnation sales, Spirit Week, and another school dance. They are considering moving the dance outside.

9. President's Report: Todd Cullison, President

- Mr. Cullison announced that the visit from the Castle Foundation Director and Chair went well. When they came, they delivered a check to the 4th grade for their service hours that go toward their HIT. They seemed to be impressed with what was happening at our school, and willing to help us with projects. Mr. Cullison noted that it is impressive that both men came to visit and spend such quality time here. Dr. Whitesell said that Mitch seemed particularly interested in our zero waste efforts and our worm farms. He noted that they invited us to apply for a capital improvement grant for upwards of \$100K (like for the basketball cover). The committee meets annually in January. They also suggested we apply for grants for our new cafetorium. Mr. Stender said that Castle gives a lot of money in large amounts, so we just need to let them know our priorities and needs as soon as possible. It is due by April. Mr. Canevari reached out to UH to see if they would help with design, and they explained that there is a student architecture board that is available for hire. Mr. Canevari suggested that we have students here draw what they envision there, and that we use this artwork at the auction to help encourage donations.
- Mr. Cullison received a parent letter of concern and it will be discussed in closed session this evening.

10. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 22, 2016, 6:30pm in the Lanikai School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The board approves the minutes of November 30, 2016.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on January 25, 2017.

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