

Lanikai School

Minutes of Board Meeting, March 29, 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
Teo Fleming

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2017.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Mr. Cullison.
- Approval of January minutes was moved by Dr. Whitesell and seconded by Mr. Root. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Board Member Nominating Committee:

- Dr. Strawser recommended that Mr. Brain Canevari become a new member of the Lanikai School Governing Board. Dr. Whitesell moved to approve, Mr. Stender seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Vice President's Resolution:

- Dr. Whitesell moved to adopt the resolution to change the school's name to Kaohao Public Charter School, also known as Kaohao School, effective July 1, 2017. Dr. Strawser suggested changing the word "legend" to "tradition". The Board agreed. Dr. Whitesell expressed concern that the resolution may be too argumentative. The Board disagreed as the name "Lanikai" is in fact, not true to the language. Dr. Strawser felt that the narrative is important behind the name change, and it helps to justify why the school is making this change. Mr. Noh pointed out that the school is not trying to make something right, implying that other people are wrong. He noted that there is not 100% support of changing the name, but we would like this to be a learning opportunity for the school community. Mr. Fleming added that focusing on going back to the original name would be more positive than saying that we are correcting the wrong name. Dr. Strawser noted that down the line, it may be good to have a stronger statement as to why we are changing the name so that they do not change it back. She said that it is important to honor the land by using the given name. The resolution will be sent out via email for approval.

4. Community Input:

- None.

5. Student Council Report: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- Student Council held a successful dance fundraiser on March 17.
- Student council is working on a new proposal for a four square court for the recess field.

6. Lanikai School 'Ohana: Ed Noh, Member

- LSO is holding the Staff Appreciation Week April 3-7. This is always an incredible event and the staff truly appreciates the support from the LSO.
- The auction netted approximately \$100K this year, which is the most successful auction to date. It more than doubled last year's net proceeds.

7. Community Input: Teo Fleming, Parent, Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative

- Mr. Fleming has worked with native Hawaiian tree reforestation efforts in Hawaii, both for-profit and non-profit. With the new name, he would like to also do something that makes an impact on the Hawaiian ecosystem. His idea is to plant an endemic tree for each child in the school. There is a plot of land on O'ahu for this purpose. The cost of the tree is \$60 per student, and \$20 from each tree goes to the school. He feels like this project would be in line with the school's sustainability efforts. Mr. Stender mentioned that he has seen programs like this and they are great for the kids. Mr. Cullison likes the idea of tying this to the 4th grade curriculum, which is a draw for any school. Mr. Canevari wondered what the timeline would be for the school to commit. Mr. Fleming said that if the board approves, the next step would be to start promoting the program with a school staff member that would be the program coordinator. Dr. Strawser suggested that maybe starting on a smaller scale with a single grade would be more successful, especially given all of the fees that parents already pay at the start of school. She mentioned that there is a free 4th grade project planting native plants at Hamakua Marsh, and it is very difficult to get parents to participate.

8. Director's Report: Ed Noh, Director

- Mr. Noh invited the Board to the 1st Grade Performance on April 19, 2017.
- The school's zero waste program was featured in Oahu Inside Out, a free publication.
- Mr. Noh attended the Charter School Awareness day at the capitol. One of the main focuses was the separation of facilities funding from the per pupil funding. Another issue was equity among all children, so they will be further examining the funding of charter schools vs DOE schools. Mr. Canevari asked if this means that Lanikai would get less funding because we would not be eligible for facilities funding. Mr. Noh said that as of now, the facilities funding would be treated as a separate line item and would not affect the per pupil allocation that we receive. Mr. Root asked if there was a difference in the way that charter schools and DOE schools are funded. Mr. Noh confirmed that we are given a flat amount per student while DOE schools use a different formula all together, and the difference is not transparent. Mr. Noh added that there seems to be more understanding and empathy surrounding charter schools, particularly around the innovative processes that charter schools have adopted.
- The Commission approved the full 5 year contract for our charter renewal, and our WASC was approved for a full 6 year accreditation.
- The staff has been working in committees that are working on the WASC recommendations and drafting action plans. Mr. Noh is hoping that having full staff collaboration on the action plan will create a more meaningful document. He appreciates

the staff's appreciation and professionalism toward this effort. The action plan is due June 2017.

- Mr. Noh has not heard from Franklin Wong regarding the feedback submitted about the cafetorium. There will be a 2-3 hour follow-up meeting. Mr. Noh met with Senator Theilen and she was surprised by our progress. She said that we can submit the plan as soon as possible.
- Parent Joshua Tyau drafted plans for the basketball court cover. Mr. Noh spoke with facilities, and the massive structure size may qualify it as a shelter, which would require fire codes. We need to emphasize that the structure is open, not for shelter, and just for shade cover. The school will have to work with C&C to get preliminary permits. From here, we will have the plans, updated material costs, and meet with Castle to request funding on April 19. Mr. Stender said that Ms. Chapman has been working with Castle on this matter. The costs are looking close to \$800K-\$1M. Dr. Strawser suggested that with this increased cost estimate, we should not package multiple projects (makers space, curriculum, etc.) in the Castle proposal.

9. Finance Committee Report: Kim Hanson, Director

- Our annuities only provide statements once a year (May 26), but they will provide updates as requested. As of now we've accrued a little over \$9K in interest since May 2016.
- Lanikai has met the State's requirements to forgo an audit for the 2016/2017 school year. In lieu of an audit, we can do a financial review. Ms. Lewis will email the proposal for board review.

10. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 26, 2017, 6:30pm in the Lanikai School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The board approves the minutes of January 25, 2017.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on March 29, 2017.

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