

Lanikai School

Minutes of Board Meeting, November 30, 2016

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

Community members present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Carly Tobias, Parent
Pualani Ramos, Director of Green Preschool
Brian Canevari, Parent

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2016.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Mr. Cullison.
- Approval of October minutes was moved by Dr. Whitesell and seconded by Ms. Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input:

- Ms. Ramos runs the Green Preschool in Kailua currently from her home. They offer a holistic, child-centered, activity-based preschool education to students. She has been renting the house, but recently they decided to renovate and asked her to move out. She has found a temporary location, but she has been thinking about affiliating with Lanikai School. Ms. Tobias added that the philosophies of the two schools are similar and would work well together. The student ratios are 1:6, everything is organic (toys, food, etc.), and the environment is very nurturing. Movement is encouraged to facilitate brain development. Ms. Ramos would like to affiliate with Lanikai School and house her preschool on our campus so that it can grow.
- Dr. Whitesell noted that we have not had a private preschool here; we have only had the state-funded junior kindergarten. Mr. Cullison said that if we housed a preschool, we would have to go out and do an open bid. Ms. Ramos feels like Lanikai would be a good match and could function as a feeder school for Lanikai.

3. Lanikai School 'Ohana: Ed Noh, Member

- Mr. Noh announced that the commercial dishwasher is on the way to Hawaii, and will hopefully be functional for the lunch program soon. The next LSO quarterly meeting is Thursday December 8, 2016.

4. Director's Report: Ed Noh, Director

- Mr. Noh presented the new charter school application packet. The packet explains the process, the terms available, and how the term is determined based on organizational and financial targets. It is due December 21st and requires board approval, so Mr. Noh will be sending it out via email in December. Dr. Strawser suggested that we make notes that

Ka'ohao Charter Public School was formerly Lanikai School so that the Commission remembers to use our past performance when considering our application.

5. Capital Development Committee:

- Mr. Stender has been looking into ways to get private money to fund our facilities through various local foundations. He spoke with Terry George and Mitch D'Olier, Castle Foundation, and they are coming on December 15th to visit the school and see our capital needs. One of Castle's missions is to provide for the educational needs of the community. He feels that it is worth having a conversation with them about filing an application for grants.
- Dr. Strawser asked if we are giving a big picture of needs or if we are pitching a specific plan. If it's a pitch, how big do we go? Mr. Cullison explained that these foundations are rarely seed money. They are more likely to provide the last chunk of funds after you already have funds in place. For this reason, Mr. Stender feels that the shade structure would be the best jumping off project. Dr. Strawser would like to come up with a plan of talking points. Mr. Noh will prepare this. Mr. Canevari added that it is important to show that the property is stable and that the investment will last for many years.
- The board discussed the preferences for the shade structure. They are leaning toward a permanent structure rather than a fabric roof, and perhaps integrating Hawaiian culture into the structure, especially given the name change of the school. Mr. Canevari suggested asking UH Architecture students to come up with ideas or plans.

5. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman, Member

- Nothing to report.

6. Finance Committee Report: Kim Hanson, Chair

- The income statement as of 10/31/16 was presented. Revenues are about 60% of the annual budgeted amount YTD because funds are front-loaded into school. Current expenses are 38% of our annual budget. The per pupil funding has increased to \$7089.11, which amounts to a \$90K windfall for the school. Mr. Noh explained that charter school funding is a function of DOE funding, so as DOE funding increases, so will charter school funding.

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 25, 2016, 6:30pm in the Lanikai School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The board approves the minutes of October 26, 2016.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on November 30, 2016.

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