

Lanikai School

Minutes of Board Meeting, September 28, 2016

Board Members present:

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

Community members present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Janny Gibson, LSO President
Andrea Solum, SpEd Teacher
Julie Halpern, Counselor
Lynn Zinsius, SpEd Teacher
Colette Cortez, Secretary LSO

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2016.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Mr. Cullison.
- Approval of August minutes was moved by Dr. Whitesell and seconded by Ms. Farnham-Pao. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input:

- No input.

3. Student Council Report: Judy Farnham-Pao, Sponsor

- The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Fundraiser started this month. The goal was to raise \$2000, and they have raised over \$4000. As a reward for meeting the goal, Mr. Noh will be dying his hair pink, and several staff members will be joining.
- There was a “Pink Out” at school for the Race for the Cure Fundraiser, and on that day over \$1000 was raised. We are encouraging staff and students to register for the race. If our team remains near the top of the fundraisers, they will get VIP treatment at the race. KITV came and filmed a story at the Pink Out and it was on TV.
- StuCo went to Leadership Camp at Camp Erdman in late September. They learned a lot and are already putting this learning to use. The students set a community goal, a school goal, and a global goal. Community: race for the cure, School: directional signs on campus, Global: multi-school beach cleanup.
- They will hold a food drive around the holidays and will host a dance before Winter Break.

4. Teacher Presentation: Andrea Solum, Lynn Zinsius, and Julie Halpern, Resource Team

- Mrs. Halpern discussed some of her responsibilities around the school. She tries to reach all of the students by teaching a guidance lesson to each class once a month. This helps the students to feel comfortable coming in and talking to her. She does individual counseling as needed and holds Lunch Bunch to help specific kids build social skills. She also works with the SpEd department, servicing students as required by IEPs. She creates behavior support plans for kids that might need accommodations that help them to succeed in school. Finally, she does 504 plans, which are non-academic support plans that are

covered under the ADA (life-threatening allergies, health issues, physical disabilities, or ADHD). Ms. Halpern said that her favorite thing to do is teach, and she showed a lesson about gratitude that she had taught to K-2 students.

- Mrs. Zinsius explained that she and Mrs. Solum provide services to students that have IEPs, which focus primarily of academic goals. They also write plans for speech, OT, or PT if needed. The SpEd team provides specialized instruction to help students meet the goals described in their IEPs. They can modify lessons from the classroom, or use specific tools and props to aid in learning. The goal is to make it easier for students to learn in their own way. The SpEd team also performs testing to develop a plan and assess progress. They try to provide services in the classroom whenever possible. IEPs are reviewed annually, but parents can request a meeting at any time. Parents are a part of the team. The SpEd teachers prepare progress reports that accompany the students' report cards, and help prepare the students for their transition into the next grade. They have recently applied for a grant for 10 stand-up desks for the school.
- Mrs. Solum spoke about their emphasis on inclusion in the general ed classroom. The national average is 65% of kids are in the class >80% of the day. The Hawaii average is 30%, but here at Lanikai, 95% of kids are in the class >80% of the day. Inclusion helps remove the stigma of Special Education because the SpEd teachers work with identified kids in small groups.
- Dr. Whitesell asked how many kids have IEPs, Mrs. Zinsius said about 20 students. Dr. Whitesell asked about the screening process for incoming new students. Mrs. Zinsius said that there is a screening process, and if students are identified, they are monitored and then provided intervention if needed.
- Mr. Noh said that our inclusion rates are significant and is something that we have worked hard for. He is very proud of Mrs. Zinsius and Mrs. Solum. Mrs. Solum attended a training where our school was given kudos for how our IEPs were processed because everyone is doing their jobs so well.

5. Lanikai School 'Ohana Report: Colette Cortez, Secretary LSO

- Ms. Ciano and Mrs. McKay's class won the membership drive challenge, so they will get \$150 for the classrooms. Family membership has increased from last year. They are still encouraging staff members to join.
- The 1st quarterly meeting was in September. Planning is on the way for Fall Fest, October 22, chaired by Kiri Esibill. Janny Gibson and Carly Tobias are co-chairs.
- Vintage Lanikai committee is procuring volunteers, and the goal will be for a fixed shade cover for the basketball court. The event will be on February 18, 2017.
- Snow day will be happening again in January, and John Holzach estimates \$1500 budget.
- The current VP2, Rachel Androski, is moving to Alaska, so the LSO will be selecting a new VP2.
- Dr. Strawser stated that Mr. Noh's attendance increases member meeting attendance because people feel like the information given will be more important. She recommended presenting the meetings as a discussion about specific issues that affect the school.

6. Director's Report: Ed Noh, Director

- The school hosted Kihei Desilva and his wife Mapuana Desilva at a staff meeting in September. They are experts on the history of this area, and told stories about Ka'ohao

and discussed the importance of renaming the area. This is about awareness and honor for the 'aina. We are preparing for the official announcement at our 2017 May Day performance.

- Today was the mock visit for the WASC accreditation. Natalie Nimmer met with small groups and asked sample questions. Mr. Noh emphasized with the staff that this is a time to be honest, and to help our school grow. He distributed the self-study summary of findings and conclusions. Dr. Whitesell attending the general meeting today, but he feels like the WASC committee will ask about formal evaluation of board performance. On October 17 at 5pm, the committee would like to do a Meet & Greet with the Governing Board, LSO Board, and chapter chair members.
- Mr. Noh asked Mrs. Chapman to speak about our school's participation in the North Shore Youth Food Summit. Ms. Chapman explained that we were the only school that presented (3 students did the presentation). Natalie from Kokua Foundation wrote a letter to the school commending our participation and progress in Zero Waste, and the strength of our student presenters.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for October 26, 2016, 6:30pm in the Lanikai School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The board approves the minutes of August 24, 2016.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on September 28, 2016.

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