

Ka'ōhāo Public Charter School

Minutes of Board Meeting, May 22, 2019

Board Members present:

Philip Whitesell, President
Ed Noh, School Director
Celia Miner, via Skype
Espie Chapman
Kim Hanson, Treasurer/Secretary
David Root, via Skype
Eun Strawser, Vice President
Cynthia Hunter
Brian Canevari
Jim Swieter

Community members present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Natasha Skoberla, KSO Secretary
Jen Medeiros, Parent
Aulii Medeiros, Student Council
Kainoa Wade, Student Council
Anezka Nemec, Student Council
Lahela Antonio, Student Council
Rachel Elliker, Parent
Elizabeth Cody, Parent
Wylie Nash, Parent
John Holzach, Parent
Julie Smith, Parent
Sheila Nemec, Parent
Winston Sakurai, Incoming Director
Charlie Wade, Parent

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2019.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the March Minutes was moved by Dr. Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input:

- Mrs. Nash announced that the parents are here at this meeting as concerned 5th grade parents. They would like to get information on the scope, budget, and timeline for the basketball shade cover project. They have at this point not been able to get any information. They are requesting a clear line of communication. They would not like auction projects to be so large in the future so that the projects are realistic and completed by the next school year. She submitted a letter that she would like to be included in the minutes of today's meeting.
- Mrs. Cody expressed that she believes that these funds should be spent on shade as originally promised and voted on. Shade at this school is paramount to her and her family. She is concerned because there has been a lack of communication to the parents, and many parents are in the dark. She is requesting a clear timeline and scope of the project.
- Mr. Wade thanked Dr. Noh for his leadership and for the completion of so many projects over the past years. He understands that things go very slow when working with the State of Hawaii.
- Dr. Whitesell acknowledged the receipt of two emails dated May 15, 2019 and May 21, 2019. He asked Dr. Noh, as project manager on the shade structure, to comment. He also clarified that the KSO board and the Ka'ōhāo Governing Board are separate entities, and that some of their issues are not appropriate to be addressed this evening.
- Dr. Noh agreed that he had hoped this project would have been completed already. He explained that we are on state property, so they act as our "landlords". For all the projects thus far, we were able to get permission and a "blessing" from the state. We had assumed that the shade project would happen similarly. At the initiation of the project, the state required us to go through their procurement process. We got the Commission and the State Attorney General involved, and eventually it was determined that we did not have to go through the state procurement process. Once a vendor was selected, the state told us that we had to get the

permit from C&C. The permit is in process. Mr. Holzach requested the architectural drawings, budget, and details. He explained that the project has grown in scope from what the parents originally wanted. He said that he knew that this project would be too large to be realistic. Mrs. Cody said that the KSO (she was on the KSO board at the time) understood that this would be a long project, and that it was considered an important enough project that they still voted, approved, and fundraised for it. She would like a more thorough line of communication with the parents explaining the bumps in the road. Mr. Holzach said that he believes the money should be spent on different shade applications, like smaller shades over the assembly area or the 4-square court. Dr. Noh said that he would deliver a timeline to the parents. Ms. Chapman clarified that the 4-square court was funded by students. Mrs. Hanson suggested that the smaller shade projects would be good projects for the KSO. Mrs. Smith asked if they could form a subcommittee for this shade project. Mr. Holzach made a recommendation to form this committee and for him to participate.

7. Student Council: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- Ms. Anezka Nemecek thanked the school on behalf of the entire student council for the opportunity to serve the school this year. Dr. Noh thanked them for their leadership and the great impact that it has had at Ka'ōhāo.
- New StuCo Board: Gemma Canevari, Tanner Young, Ocean Ahlgren, Meleana McKay, and Tanner Millard.

3. KSO Report: Natasha Skoberla, KSO Secretary

- The biggest KSO events this year were the carnival, auction, and campout.
- Modular furniture update – they met with a designer and the moneys raised at the auction are not enough to change everything. The KSO have worked with teachers to find out what the priorities are in each classroom (furniture, televisions, storage, etc.) The top needs are desks and storage.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Kim Hanson

- The financial updates are on hold until Mrs. Lewis returns from maternity leave.
- One of our annuities matures on May 26. Initial value was \$400K. We need to either reinvest it or hold it. This earned 1.2%, and we can reinvest it in another annuity for ~2.5%. Mrs. Hanson recommends reinvesting at least half of the funds and saving the balance for the shade structure. The next annuity matures in May 2020. We've earned about \$24K in interest from the investments all together. After discussion, the Ms. Minor moved to let the annuity mature into cash and move it into our school's money market account. Dr. Strawser seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Board members will ask for additional opinions in the next couple of months. They will evaluate options at the August meeting.

4. Health & Safety Committee Report: Brian Canevari

- Mr. Canevari attended the Health & Safety Committee Meeting. They are managing safety supplies, working on drop-off/pick-up, and continuing to encourage safe routes to school.

5. Director's Report: Ed Noh

- Dr. Noh welcomed Dr. Sakurai to our board meeting. Dr. Noh stated that his experience at this school has been the experience of his life. This will be his last meeting as Director. He has been communicating with Dr. Sakurai and working on the transition.
- Dr. Noh recognized our two retiring staff members: Mrs. Shirley Marks with 22 years of service and Mrs. Julie Halpern with 10 years of service. Dr. Darraghlynn Lee will be moving to the SSC position. Mrs. Mandy Lemes will be moving into the Technology Teacher position. Mrs. Samantha Andrade will be returning to our school in the 6th grade EA position. The new school

counselor will be Mrs. Keri Powers Pye. Dr. Sakurai stated that he appreciates the smooth transition that Dr. Noh has created.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for July 24, 2019, 6:00pm in the Ka'ōhāo School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The Board approves the minutes of April 24, 2019.
- The Board approves letting the annuity mature into cash and move it into our school's money market account.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on May 22, 2019.

Philip Whitesell, Kim Hanson, Espie Chapman, David Root, Eun Strawser, Brian Canevari, Celia Miner, Cindy Hunter, Jim Swieter.