

Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

Minutes of Board Meeting, November 18, 2020 – via Zoom

Board Members Present:

Philip Whitesell, President
Winston Sakurai, School Director
Celia Miner, absent
Espie Chapman
Jim Swieter, Treasurer
Jill Oliver
Laura Young, Secretary
Cynthia Hunter, 1st Vice President
Jared Underwood, 2nd Vice President

Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Tehani Ebalei, KSO
PJ Foehr, Charter School Commission, absent
Amy Brislin, KSO
See additional viewers on p4

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2020.

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

2. Community Input

- Ms. Norma Creps asked that cameras be installed in the classroom to allow virtual learning that can be streamed in the case of illness or safety concerns. She thanked the Board and staff for accomplishing so much. She stated that parents are excited, but also nervous. She reported some errors in the handbook and asked how to submit corrections. Ms. Lewis said she can submit any corrections directly to her.
- Mr. Brett Fillmore addressed safety and education of the children first. He thinks that getting back to school will be great for the kids. Organizationally, he felt there are some problems that need to be worked on. He does not want the Board to lose sight of this just because students are returning to campus. He doesn't feel that families have forced this decision. He feels that the school has a reputation for its togetherness, and that the fracture and division needs to be confronted with social courage, dignity, and professionalism.

3. KSO Report: Tehani Ebalei, President and Amy Brislin, Treasurer

- Ms. Ebalei thanked the Board for voting to reopen. The KSO has been on campus almost daily installing purchases and donations that they acquired. They set up tents, cleared grounds, put up fencing, installed sinks, installed plexiglass, ordered/painted/installed picnic tables. She is proud of everyone coming together and getting things done.
- Ms. Brislin reviewed the financial contributions to the school this year, including PE equipment, welcome treats for teachers, computer equipment, movie night technology, and COVID supplies. Remaining balance is ~\$27K.
 - COVID Supplies – 10 picnic tables, 65" tv, rolling whiteboard, yoga mats, and math manipulatives.

4. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman

- Today we had 2-20' containers delivered to campus. Thank you to Dr. Sakurai and Jeff Mizuno for helping with this project. The containers are in between the art room and the LC.

5. Director's Report: Winston Sakurai

- Thanks to everyone for helping us get ready for reopening. We are making progress on our task list and anticipate opening on November 23. The health and safety items in use are above and beyond the requirements of the DOH.
- We are encouraging parents to review the Elementary School 'Ohana system of bubbling cohorts for safety. Mahalo for everyone's support.
- Dr. Hunter asked if our students were following both masking and social distancing protocols, instead of the typical recommendation of either mask or social distancing. Dr. Sakurai confirmed.
- Soil contamination has been mitigated with both a barrier (construction fence) and ground covering. The DOE will eventually provide a more permanent solution as this is their property. The termiticide contaminant in the soil is chlordane.
- Dr. Whitesell thanked all the parents, staff, and community members that worked to prepare the campus to open next week. The Board determined in July that campus would reopen when allowable and safe. We must be conscientious in applying our handbook guidelines, and we must be diligent of any evidence of COVID-19 in the community. We also must be prepared to change course quickly, including moving back to learning from home if need be. Dr. Whitesell feels like we are ready to reopen and will be successful. He wishes everyone good luck. Ms. Chapman added a heartfelt mahalo to our parent volunteers who have spent so many hours on campus working. Also thank you to the teachers who have not only continued their teaching responsibilities, but also contributed to the reopening efforts. Dr. Hunter also sends aloha to our teachers and is keeping them at the top of her thoughts.

9. New Business:

- None.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for December 16, 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The Board approves the minutes of October 28, 2020.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on November 23, 2020.

Philip Whitesell, Espie Chapman, Celia Miner, Cindy Hunter, Jim Swieter, Laura Young, Jared Underwood, Jill Oliver.

Additional Viewers:

Christine Hannah
Colene Geier
Jason Ventura
Jennifer Medeiros
Kevin Brindock
Kirsten Oleson
Kristen Ball
Leslie Schnaible
Mandy Lemes
Mary Greaney
Michelle Hoover
Norma Creps
Rene Palko
Tatiana Strezoski
Tehani Ebalei
Louren Chen