

Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

Minutes of Board Meeting, April 15, 2021 – via Zoom

Board Members Present:

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

Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Amy Brislin, KSO
PJ Foehr, Commission Liaison
Nara McDonald, Community Member
Catherine Camp, Community Member
Angela Xoinis, KSO
Asha Ryan, Bailey Ciano, Hailey Provence,
Kaylee Lee, Luca D'Avanzo, Porter Smith,
Olive Cody, STUCO Members

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2021.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the March Minutes was moved by Dr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Chapman. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input

- None.

3. KSO Report:

- KSO held a staff appreciation event in March. After operations, they have an unrestricted balance of around \$30K. Without the annual Auction fundraiser, this is a fairly low balance, but they are working on some fundraisers.
- This weekend they will host a drive-in movie, *Raya the Last Dragon*, on campus. This is a free event and will show appreciation to our volunteers.
- They are planning to sell Aloha Collection Bags as a fundraiser. They are hoping to earn about \$5K through selling the bags online or at a socially distanced event starting in May. The goal is to sell ~200 items. With the proceeds, they are hoping to put on a fun end-of-year event for the students.
- Dr. Whitesell asked what the membership numbers were. Ms. Xoinis said it is ~78% of families.

4. Student Council Report: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- Ms. Chapman is so grateful for the students in Student Council. It has been challenging this year, but they have been so hard-working and engaged that it has made it easy.
- The Council won the National Gold Council of Excellence award for the second consecutive year. The students were so happy.
- Ms. Chapman gave the students an opportunity to speak about their experiences in Student Council:
 - Bailey Ciano – Bailey has been in student council for 2 years. It is a good way to celebrate and help out your community and school. It helped her do service, like making masks for the whole school. They also made thank you cards for all of the parent volunteers.
 - Kaylee Lee – Kaylee is historian. Student council makes the school a better place for everyone in all grades. They helped to make it a little more normal this year. They made cookies for the fire fighters, did a beach cleanup, and are currently doing a fundraiser.

- Porter Smith – Porter is in his first year. They made the school a better place, they did sign waving in the parking lot, a beach cleanup, and have been working to keep the students happy.
- Olive Cody – Student council plays a big role in the fundraisers and helping the community. They get to help the school and it is very rewarding. Her favorite events were the beach cleanup and the sign waving.
- Luca D’Avanzo – Luca is so proud to see all of the things they’ve done. Even this year they were able to accomplish a lot.
- Asha Ryan – unavailable.
- Hailey Provence – Hailey was able to achieve her goals this year of helping out the community and the school. Student council encouraged school spirit by holding the spirit weeks.
- Ms. Chapman loves hearing these kids talk about their care, kindness, and spirit.

5. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman

- None.

6. Director’s Report: Winston Sakurai

- Congratulations to our Student Council for winning the 2021 National Student Council National Gold Council of Excellence Award. We are the only elementary school that has won this award. They had to go through a rigorous process that they started last year. They are also applying for another award.
- There were no additional positive cases of COVID-19 on campus since last meeting. There are 64 DOE schools in full, in-person learning, and 8 charter schools in full, in-person learning. 3 DOE schools and 3 charter schools are full virtual. There are a total of 257 DOE schools and 37 charter schools. The goal was to have 50% of schools fully open, and we are nowhere near that as a state.
- We received ESSER II funding of \$244K. The plan is to use this funding for operations in July-September 2021. We are still waiting for APR ESSER funding, it will probably come in June. The plan is to split the ARP ESSER to carry into 2022-2024.
- Dr. Sakurai is speaking with legislators next week about learning loss and advocating for funding for the next 5-10 years. Dr. Whitesell asked how learning loss will be assessed at our school. SBAC, universal screening tests (STAR), IXL, and standards measured by teachers through grading and data. Dr. Sakurai does not feel like there was a much learning loss at our school (he thinks less than 3% where other schools might be around 50%). Effective teachers, staff, parents, and the early November return to in-person learning contributed to this difference. We are implementing an MTSS plan for next year to help support students. We are still awaiting funding numbers for next year and beyond.
- The library roof has a serious leak and will need to be replaced urgently – likely this summer. The bad news is that the solar panels that were funded through a grant will need to be removed and replaced at the school’s expense. The estimate was ~\$40K for the DOE vendor, but a friend of the school may be able to do it for significantly less.

7. Nominating Committee Report: Cynthia Hunter, Chair

- The Nominating Committee has submitted the applications from two nominees: Catherine Camp and Nara McDonald, to the Board. We are happy to have them here tonight to see more about how our Board operates. Both Ms. Camp and Ms. McDonald thanked the Nominating Committee.
- Dr. Hunter moved to appoint Catherine Camp and Nara McDonald to the Governing Board. Motion was seconded by Ms. Chapman. Motion approved unanimously.

8. New Business: None.

9. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 20, 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The Board approves the minutes of March 18, 2021.
- The Board approves the appointment of Catherine Camp and Nara McDonald to the Governing Board.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on April 15, 2021.

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