

Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

Public Meeting Notes, May 20, 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 – absent
Cynthia Hunter, 1st Vice President – absent
Jared Underwood, 2nd Vice President
Catherine Camp – absent
Nara McDonald

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Vicky Villegas, Teacher
Heather Tyrrell, Teacher
Amy Brislin, KSO Treasurer
Ed Noh, Community Member
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1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2021.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the April Minutes was postponed to next month due to lack of quorum.

2. Community Input

- Ms. Villegas presented a video tribute to Dr. Whitesell's service on the Board.
- Dr. Noh offered his words of thanks to Dr. Whitesell for his service as an educator and Board member.
- Ms. Lewis said thank you to Dr. Whitesell and Ms. Chapman for their service on the Board.
- Ms. Tyrrell also thanked Ms. Espie and Dr. Whitesell for their service, and the entire Board for all of their time and effort.
- Ms. Tyrrell asked the Board to consider permanent spaces for the Special Education department as they budget for next year. The Department has grown to 10 people, and they only have 1 shared permanent space for work with students. The other spaces are temporary and public spaces that may not meet the needs of federal IEPs. She has concerns with the 2 proposed new positions, with cost and space needing to be considered. Ms. Chapman asked about timelines for the answers for the new space. Ms. McDonald asked if the pods were purchased or rented. Purchased. Ms. Tyrrell mentioned that there is no electricity in the pods so it is a tricky space to use. There is no A/C so doors/windows have to remain open. The space is not private and there is only room for 1-2 students at a time. Ms. McDonald confirmed that SPED space seems in line with the WASC plan and school mission and feels that this will definitely be taken into consideration as they move forward with their strategic plan. Dr. Whitesell said that while we cannot solve problems in these meetings, the Board certainly takes note.

3. KSO Report: Amy Brislin, KSO Treasurer

- KSO has had a busy couple of weeks. The Aloha Collection bag sale fundraiser was a significant success. It generated ~\$2800.00. They only have 16 bags left and will try to sell them at future events.
- With the proceeds, KSO is sponsoring a Fun Day for students on 5/26. There will be 7 bounce houses and ice pops. Each cohort will jump for about an hour and then get a treat. They would

have loved to do more, but this feels like a fun celebration that will feel really special after this difficult year.

- For next year, they are putting together strategies for communication. They feel like they are not reaching all the parents. The last movie night had to be cancelled for weather, and they were unable to get in touch with all parents. They might do an 'opt out' rather than 'opt in' with the Remind App.

4. Student Council Report: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- Student Council is running elections for next year. It has been a great year.

5. Director's Report: Winston Sakurai

- Dr. Whitesell announced that Dr. Sakurai is now seeking approval for only the Technology Coordinator position and is no longer seeking approval for the Assistant Director position.
- Dr. Sakurai said mahalo to Ms. Chapman and Dr. Whitesell for their service to the school.
- The Student Council won their 2nd national award: The ASCA Student Council School of Excellence. For this award, the Council is judged on their civic duties and contributions.
- No additional positive COVID-19 cases on campus. Next year, we will return to a more normal schedule with some mitigation strategies still in place. The school day will be a little shorter than pre-COVID. We are thankful that our 12-year-old students can get vaccinated, and likely our younger students will be able to get vaccinated around the start of the school year.
- We are awaiting our ARP ESSER funding, it will likely come in the next month.
- There will be a slight increase in funding per pupil, but the largest jump in funding will come from COVID relief funds that will be around \$1000 per student.
- Dr. Sakurai thanked the Board for all of their support and assistance through a very difficult year.

6. New Business:

- Dr. Whitesell recommends a June Board meeting. The date will be determined soon.
- Ms. Chapman asked when the proposed Technology Coordinator position will be discussed and decided upon. Dr. Whitesell said in the June meeting. She asked if there were any letters received that needed to be acknowledged. Dr. Whitesell said no. Ms. McDonald stated that we are quite behind on the Budget timeline for next year and feels like the Board should see the Budget before discussing new positions. She said that the WASC plan and Board policies provide an outline for budgeting and making decisions for new positions.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for June TBD, 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- No approvals due to lack of quorum.

Angela Xoinis
Barb VanDerKamp
Jane Hinrichs
Keri Powers
Kristi Petosa-Sigel
Luke Pye
Lynn Zinsius
Mandy Lemes
Stine Lewentowicz
Tehani Ebalei

**please note that attendees' names are self-reported and identity is not verified*