

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday September 21, 2021 4:00pm

Call to Order/ Determine Quorum:

In Attendance: WD Keomailani, John, Naomi, Steve, Kanani,

Absent: Randy, Nahaku

Guests: Keomailani, Kanoa, Nicole, Taffi

Quorum met w/ 5 Board members present

Pule: Aunty Kanani

Assignments:

1. Timekeeper: Steve
2. Evaluator: Naomi

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda as presented
Motion to approve the agenda made by Steve, Second by John, All in favor, Abstain - none, Against – none, Motion approved.
2. Approval of August 17, 2021 Minutes:
Motion to approve the 8/17/21 minutes made by Steve, Second by John, All in favor, Abstain - none, Against – none, Motion approved.

Financial Report:

1. Report reflects the first month of the school year,
 - The per pupil allocation may be bumped up.

Business Manager's Report:

2. Notice received today from Sandwich Isles saying that campus will only have internet for 30 days due to a right of entry issue. Hawn Tel will be taking over service but there may be a problem with this.
 - Aunty Kanani will be following up with DHHL Commission
 - SIC has had a relationship with the DHHL beneficiaries, not Hawn Tel.
 - Taffi will try to get a waiver and go to Spectrum or Hawaiian Tel.
3. Questions: What is the reserve?
4. KALO has a grant for all 17 Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools. KALO received 3.8 million for 3 year. How is it determined how KANU can spend their portion. Kanani asks that a report be provided at the next meeting.
5. Pupil numbers = 572 combined. Offers are being made in Ka 'Oha for student enrollment.
6. 11% of our staff are out on sick leave – This is 7 staff. We are struggling to find subs.
7. Regarding Covid mandate
 - Testing opportunities are every Wednesday with Hamakua Health.
 - Color is another type of testing that is being provided.
 - Results are being uploaded to Symphony every pay period

Leadership Team Reports:

1. Total enrollment 572 (pending offers at Ka 'Oha)
2. Geer grant of \$140,000 - agreement of services has been offered and is being reviewed by Leadership. The curriculum format is being worked on by the Geer committee.

Kauhale Report

1. Professional Development – all star assessment has been received and shared with the staff on campus.
 - How do we intentionalize looking at our data and displaying and representing the data through an indigenous perspective and not just through the common standard modes?
 - Trying to shift the mentality of all kumu by sharing the mana'o of how do we all increase Math and ELA skills in all content area.
2. Teacher shortage has been evident with no kumu to fill daily vacant spots. Po'o are being subs.
3. Campus needs more spaces that are well ventilated
 - 1 tent vendor that has visited campus has not submitted a proposal.
 - Current 30X50 tent cost about 1,300/mo. (Big Island Tents) OHA funds cover this expense.
 - Looking for a space for grades 3-5. Ventilation and open areas are needed because this pod does not have open lanai like all other grades do.
4. Kanani will look into \$ for tents

Kauhale:

Elementary

1. Highlight – It is great to have keiki on campus. We are watching for emotional concerns.
2. Grades K and 3 were shut down because of Covid exposure between keiki/ohana outside of school – not contacts in school.
3. Classes are utilizing the campus to enhance their learning.

Secondary

1. First Covid case on campus – but it did not spread on campus and this speaks to the mitigation strategies that have been put in place. We are constantly reviewing and updating our policies.
2. State mandate regarding travel – po'o to approve travel. Po'o will meet with AG to find out the details because the upcoming Fall break is soon.
3. Celebrations: Great focus on project based learning – Providing PD's and templates to kumu.

Ka Oha:

1. Still going strong despite a bumpy start.
2. Google classroom is being used and working well.

Committees:

Academic: none

Finance: none

Governance: Committee met on 9/28/21 to discuss the Governor's mandate regarding Covid vaccinations and testing. The leadership reported the status of the campus and Ka 'Oha employees as it concerns the mandate. The leadership team was asked to share their procedures that will assure that KANU is compliant with this mandate.

Standing Executive Session:

W D Keomailani made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personal matters, Second by Steve, All in favor, Abstain - none, Against - none, Motion approved.

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Old Business: none

New Business: none

Evaluator:

At 5:49 Naomi shared analogy of a canoe and the need to always have someone who can steer.

Adjournment/Closing:

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Second by WD Keomailani, All in favor, Abstain - none, Against – none, Motion approved.

Recap of Motions:

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Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Submitted by: WD Keomailani Case
KANU Governing Board Secretary