

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School

Governing Board

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96436987603?pwd=ZWs2S3NsajNrSERBK0xhSURoWHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 964 3698 7603

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Call to Order / Determine Quorum: 4 members present at 4:07 called to order by Kanani Kapuniaia

Attendance: WD Keomailani, Kanani Kapuniaia, Randy Vitousek, Naomi Tachera, Steve Hurwitz, Nahaku Kalei Absent: John Colson

Guests: Kanoa Castro, Taffi Wise, Keomailani Case, Nicole Ryan, Maya-Lin Green (parent of a 9th grader), PJ Foehr (4:36 pm)

Assignments:

Time-Keeper - Naomi

Evaluator - Kanani

Pule: Kanoa – E hō mai

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by WD Keomailani and seconded by Naomi. Approved unanimously.

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Financial Report and Acceptance (see December financial reports)

- The issue of five KANU students being reported as DOE students has not been resolved.
- The following have been underspent due to the effect of Covid: account codes #8200, #8400, #8600, and #8920

Legislative Update (see Legislative update report dated 2/8/22)

- HB 2122 regarding charter reimbursements is supported by charters
- There are 52 buckets of federal funds that come to Hawai‘i based on the census. Funds go to the DOE, then the commission, then to us, but we don’t always get what we are supposed to receive.
- HB 1865 is a charter school bill. Senator Inouye introduced the companion bill.
- HB 1565 – will provide funds for Charter Facilities

Business Manager’s Report (see report)

- CIP has been released to the Governor's office
 - We should not commingle the CIP funds with the per-pupil money and therefore should open a new account.
 - We will follow our regular procurement process
- Declaratory Ruling Request (will be discussed in the Executive Session).
- Breach of Contract w/ Harmony –
 - A letter was sent but no response has been received.
 - Harmony was contacting Margo directly and contacting families
 - 17 students did leave the school
 - Is there documentation regarding all contacts in this regard? Yes, Taf said there is.
 - We have the right to withhold payment per the contract
 - Harmony could sue us as their recourse

Leadership Team Reports (see Kauhale and Ka ‘Ohā Joint Report – Feb 2022)

School Wide Leadership Update

- Regarding WASC – Has KANU met the objectives according to the WASC recommendations? It is suggested that the leadership team put some energy into this review.
- Staff handbook – There has been a question about the tone of the book. Aunty Pat was asked to review the handbook and this issue has been resolved.

Kauhale Campus Program

- The Kauhale Po‘o provided a staff huaka‘i to Mahiki to be on ‘āina and to inspire kumu to inspire their students through their experience.
- One component of the Geer Grant is kilo or observation. The kumu were provided with an opportunity to kilo (observe) in order to understand how to increase Math fluency within ‘āina and culture based learning.
- **Elementary**
Kumu are working with ‘ohana to support haumana learning while in isolation and maintaining ‘ohana relationships. The 5th grade kumu is already working on student transitions to Middle School next year.

Grade K is making academic and social gains despite their kumu being out on leave and having numerous substitutes. Po'o is constantly checking in with kumu to make sure their social and emotional needs are being met.

- **Middle/Secondary**

Project Ka Leo Ho'okupu, a newsroom project, is hoping to connect with other classes.

Po'o is working with the kumu to enhance place-based learning for this project.

They are including their own music in the project.

NRCS is a resource working with the animal husbandry group in order to determine how many animals can be put in the grass area in the back of the school. The data collection will be over a 2 year period.

There have been more discipline issues than normal. These are originating from outside of school. There is a good system to come together with 'ohana to solve problems.

- Question: How has social media affected the student's work?

Kanoa talks to the students about being able to be focused while on campus.

Kanoa explained that security has been increased on the school computers and that this has helped.

- **Ka 'Ohā Virtual Program**

There is a focus on keiki that have fallen behind and/or are struggling. Ka 'Ohā is having meetings with 'ohana to focus on putting students first.

Attrition rate data is showing a great return rate.

The team is looking at transitions.

Committees are once more being set up.

How can a ho'ike at the end of the semester show the curriculum?

- Question: What is the percentage of struggling keiki?

Committees:

Academic Committee no meeting

Finance Committee no meeting

Governance Committee This committee met and will work on evaluations as a priority.

Standing Executive Session:

A motion was made by Randy to move into Executive Session to discuss legal issues, personnel issues, and student discipline matters of identified students and Steve seconded the motion. Approved unanimously

A motion was made by Randy to exit the executive session and Steve seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Evaluator Comments

Mahalo to the po'o and Business Manager for their reports.

Discussion of the student discipline issue showed that we have good systems and good decision making in place.

Also, it was good to hear that time was taken with the staff.

Adjournment /Closing

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Recap of Motions

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Submitted by: WD Keomailani Case
KANU Governing Board Secretary