

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 964 3698 7603

Passcode: KanuGB

Call to Order / Determine Quorum: 6 members at 4:04

Attendance: WD Keomailani, Naomi Tachera, John Colson, Nahaku Kalei, Kanani Kapuniai, Randy Vitousek, Steve Hurwitz (Randy left at 5:30PM)

Guests: Kanoa Castro, Keomailani Case, Taffi Wise, Nicole Ryan, PJ Fowler

Assignments:

Time-Keeper: WD Keomailani

Evaluator - Naomi Tachera

Pule: E ho mai - led by Keomailani

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by John and seconded by Randy. Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (2/8/22)

Motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 made by Steve and seconded by WD Keomailani. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report and Acceptance (see School Business Update dtd 3/8/22, Cash Flow Statement Jan 2022, Balance Sheet Summary Jan 2022, Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail Jan 2022, Kalo Store Fund Jan 2022)

- 1.8 CIP has not been received
- Budget for SY 2022-23 will include (3) scenarios. The budget and enrollment discussion will include the board members.
- Questions raised regarding the buses, food and inflation:
 - What is the status? Currently looking for 4 vans in the states but they are hard to find and costly.
 - Are there contract transportation services available? This is extremely costly, and the cost of fuel will affect the cost of transportation.
 - Can Kanu have vendors supply lunch? There seems to be support through the Legislature for this.
 - How will inflation impact the budget? We have a good reserve for cash flow, but costs are going up.
- There has been no response from Harmony regarding the breach of services.
A motion to accept the financial report was made by Steve and seconded by W. D. Keomailani. Approved unanimously.

Note: PJ will check on the Impact Aid funds and also CIP money.

Business Manager's Report (see Legislative Update Mar.8, 2022, HB1865 HD1,

- Question raised: What is affecting the unavailability of new hires?
 - It is hard to move to Waimea because affordable housing is not available.
 - Perhaps no interest in the specific Secondary areas to be taught (example: Science).
 - Can we provide teacher housing on our Kauhale Campus?
 - Kanu asked DHHL about 10 years ago but were informed that anyone living on the land has to follow the DHHL process to have a specific blood quantum.
 - Po'o should keep a record to be able to show a need for kumu housing.

Leadership Team Reports (see Kauhale and Ka 'Ohā Joint Report March 2022)

School Wide Leadership Update

Geer Grant Presentation to Vibrant Hawaii

Staff have submitted their intent to return forms.

Kauhale Campus Program

- NAEP testing is complete

- Hula Drama discussions have been started
- Student-Led Conferences in March
- Hired a rotational Education Assistant

Question: Do we have after school tutoring available

- All day LLI and also have kumu that stay after school to tutor students
- No 3-4 pm after school program
- Partnering with Kumon to provide after school assistance
 - KANU can provide scholarships for Kumon
 - Just Math for now
 - Parents and school staff can recognize the students needing the tutoring
- Ka ‘Ohā is continuously improving intervention services.

Elementary

- ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i has increased in elementary classes.
- Staff have assisted when needed for grade K
- Building kaikaina relationships across the grades

Middle/Secondary

- Hands on outdoor learning and engagement with the ‘āina through projects
- NHEP grant – scheduled first college visits for seniors and their parents.
- Challenges with replacing kumu who retire or move
- Began a partnership w/ Lili‘uokalani Trust to support the social/emotional health of students in middle and high school.

Ka ‘Ohā Virtual Program

- Working on curriculum through a collaboration with Kaho‘iwai.
- The iReady screener is being tested by 40-50 students. This is to transition in a mindful way.
- Trying to improve the student intervention process.
- ‘Ohana kōkua on each island.
- Truancy – documenting the process and doing our best to serve the families.

Regarding truancy:

Naomi shared that the court system has changed in the last 2 years. Even though truancy may come up in court, there is no one going out to check on families any more. Regarding family visits, Naomi shared that we do not want to send an untrained person into the home.

Committees:

Academic Committee none
 Finance Committee - none
 Governance Committee - none

Standing Executive Session:

A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Naomi to move into executive session to discuss legal issues, personnel matters and HR issues. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Nahaku and seconded by Steve to end the executive session and return to regular session. Approved unanimously.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Evaluator Comments – Lots of highlights, lots of challenges and lots of HR issues.

Information also shared: In the high school animal husbandry project there are new baby rabbits, 2 kunekune pigs, chickens will be added soon, also a handful of Tilapia are present. The elementary grades visit the project and learn as well.

Adjournment /Closing

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve and seconded by John. Approved unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM .

Recap of Motions

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Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2022 at 4PM

Submitted by: WD Keomailani Case
KANU Governing Board Secretary