

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

Tuesday, May10, 2022, 4:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 964 3698 7603

Passcode: Kanu GB

Call to Order / Determine Quorum Quorum met at 4:07 pm with 5 board members

Attendance: WD Keomailani C., Kanani K., Naomi T., Steve H., Nahaku K., Randy V.

Absent: John Colson,

Guests: Kanoa C., Nicole R., Keomailani C., Taffi Wise, Nancy L., PJ

Assignments

Time-Keeper - Steve

Evaluator - Naomi

Pule and Welcome: Nā 'Aumakua (Keomailani)

Public Testimony on agendized items - none

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Nahaku, seconded by Steve and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (4/12/22)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Naomi T., seconded by Steve H. and approved unanimously.

Financial Report and Acceptance

(See attached report)

- 4201 Title I - no reimb yet
- 4300 Other Grant Revenue – OHA \$ is late
- 8100 Rental of Building and Grounds - reflects \$ for the tent
- 8150 Non Employee Insurance – reflects timing
- Cash flow at end of period = 282 days cash on hand

Business Manager's Report

(See attached report)

- Per-pupil may be \$9,812 per student (includes some collective bargaining)
- The governor can approve the budget and then restrict or change the allocation.
- The public schools get about \$19,000, so we are still receiving less than half of the public schools per pupil allocations.
- 1.3 million in Covid \$ - retroactive to the past school year – but this is a reimbursement process. We need clarification regarding the allowable spending categories. DOE will have to approve the spending.

Motion to reaffirm the GB officers as GB Chairman – Kanani Kapuniai, GB Vice Chair – Randy Vitousek, GB Secretary WD Keomailani, and GB Treasurer – Steve Hurwitz, in order to open a new account for the CIP money was made by Randy V., seconded by WD Keomailani C, and approved unanimously.

- The CIP money is currently in the savings account until the new account is opened.
- RFP was made available to Board members for review. The leadership team will be reviewing (may include board members also).
- This will be posted on May 11th.
- A survey was sent to all Board members and staff.
- A finance committee meeting should be set up to go over the survey and possible budget scenarios.

Motion to accept the financial report was made by Steve H., seconded by WD Keomailani C., and approved unanimously.

Leadership Team Reports

(See attached report)

School Wide Leadership Update (Nicole)

- May is “dense” (a lot going on to end the year).
- The site visit went well
- Leadership group did self evaluations and sent these to the GB evaluation committee.

Kauhale Campus Program

- Ho‘ike Hula will be on 5/19 on campus. This is the first time Kanu is able to bring families to campus.
- Kumu observations and organizing one-on-one meetings with the kumu
- End of the year prep with all keiki
- Students in the community

Elementary

- Increase the caliber of reading and writing for next year.
- Increase the relevance of project in reading and writing skills

Middle/Secondary

- Graduation ceremony for sunrise and sunset for grade 12.
- Aloha Aina award – Mahina Young. This includes \$1,000 for a project. (Outdoor classroom space)
- Challenged to find qualified kumu for next school year
- KS Kumu Aaron will not be available as a counselor for KANU.

Ka ‘Ohā Virtual Program

- Lā Ho‘oloka started on Kauhale Campus and went well. The keiki were happy to see one another
- Retreat coming up next Mon and Tues.
- Nicole met with kumu at Bishop Museum on Oahu – potential site for next year
- 5th and 8th grade promotions
- 12th grade graduation will be on line. Invitation to be a Zoom

Question and Discussion:

- Why do we see a drop off in the number of kumu applicants?

The cost of living in Waimea is high and kumu are unable to find affordable housing.

- Kanoa was asked to provide information regarding the senior class and their plans after graduation.
- Do we have a mentoring program?

Kanu had an internship program in the past but because of Covid, this did not happen as much this year.

- Do we have after school academic assistance for our students?

We have Kumon right now and also some kumu volunteers to assist haumana.

- Do we have teachers who are transitioning out.? The grade three kumu is moving to Kona and the position has already been filled. Secondary has 1 retiring kumu, one moving closer to home and one changing profession. Another kumu may also be moving from Kauhale to Ka ‘Oha next year.

Committees

Academic Committee - none

Finance Committee will be meeting

Governance Committee - none

Evaluation Committee (will report to Executive session)

A motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Randy V., seconded by Steve H., and approved unanimously.

Standing Executive Session

A motion to exit the executive session and return to regular session was made by Randy V., seconded by WD Keomailani C., and approved unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Support for Kanu Graduates:

- Can we hire graduates as educational assistants and encourage them to pursue a future in education?
- If a graduate has not decided to go to college can we offer a mentorship for them as Kanu?
- How can we raise teachers?
- Can the board know what the graduates' future plans are?
- How can the Board try to assist in launching them into the future?
- Has Kanu helped graduates to achieve their best and be ready for the future?

Who can represent the Board at graduation. Nahaku will consider speaking for the Board.

Board Retreat:

- Wednesday, July 13 – Friday, July 15, 2022
- Share agenda items
- 9 am to 3 pm with lunch provided.
- Lualima room at Kanu

Evaluator Comments

The end of the year celebrations were shared (hula ho'ike, closing out the year, graduations)

Discussed GB retreat

Adjournment /Closing

At 5:45 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by WD Keomailani C., seconded by Randy V. and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: June 14, 2022 4PM – this will be Zoom

Recap of Motions

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KANU Governing Board Secretary