

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 4:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 820 6700 0978
Passcode: KanuGB

Call to Order / Determine Quorum

Attendance: WD Keomailani C., Kanani K., Steve H., Naomi T., Randy V., John C. (Quorum is established)
Guests: Kanoa C., Nicole R., Keomailani C., Tafi W., PJ F.

Assignments

Time-Keeper - Steve
Evaluator - Naomi

Pule and Welcome: Keōmailani (Nā `Aumakua)

Public Testimony on agendized items - none

Consent Agenda

Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Minutes (September 13, 2022)

Motion to approve agenda and previous month's minutes made by John, second by Randy and approved unanimously.

Financial Report and Acceptance (see Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail)

The Geer grant revenue has been received.

Variances that are off are because of timing.

Esser funds changed from last school year to this current school year.

Motion to approve the financial report made by WD Keomailani, second by Steve and approved unanimously.

Business Manager's Report (see School Business Update)

- We need to follow the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) provisions regarding leases. Lease agreement w/ Kalo is month to month.
- DHHL lease (to year 2057) is incorrect and Taffi has asked for the correction to be made.
- GASB redefines short term and long term leases.
- Last year we got called on our USDA money for the long term. USDA wrote letters on our behalf.
- ESSER data will affect the trend data but this can be explained in the contract narrative. (PJ agreed)
- Review the School Business Update regarding the contract renewal process and GB kuleana. Page 15 requires the Board president's signature.
- Board Member Information sheet
 - Each board member will complete and sign their statement individually.
 - We need to look at the terms for each board member.
 - A working meeting is needed to complete the Charter Application.
 - The leadership team will work to complete as much as possible before the committee meeting
- The application needs to be in by Dec 15th – no exceptions.

Leadership Team Reports

School Wide Leadership Update (Kanoa)

- Quarter 2 has begun
- Ka 'Ohā staff visited campus.
- Implementation of the hard-to-staff differential – 25 kumu qualify.
- The Commission came to campus for a desk review.

- The Geer grant dinner and summit was attended by the grant committee members.

Kauhale Campus Program

- Kani ke `Ō and Festival of Lights are scheduled.
- Qt 1 conferences are completed.
- Building a pillina is always a challenge for staff.
- Book blast (K-8) will launch this month.

Elementary

- Keomailani was the keynote speaker for the Puakalehua Early Learning conference.
- Partnership w/KS for early literacy training of trainers.
- Lei Piko and mo'okuauhau is an affirmation of goals set for the classes.
- Po'o kumu is checking in on kumu regarding their mental health.

Middle/Secondary

- Nalukai is a Fall and Spring partnership with three Hawai'i Island Schools. Participating students are identified by their kumu.
- Machine learning is another new program related to artificial intelligence.
- Ka Leo Ho'okupu newsroom project has reached out to KHON reporter
- Challenges – 8 haumana have left for various reasons

Ka 'Ohā Virtual Program

- Kumu have settled into the year and are moving forward.
- Ka 'Ohā kumu and staff were on campus for a retreat.
- Ka 'Ohā needs to be hiring another tech person.
- Collaborations of dance class for after school program and Ka 'Ohā

Board Question: What is the status of student mental health?

Elementary – It is a plus to have students back on campus this year. We are focusing on in social interactions and relearning how to be in social bubbles. We have implemented kumu partners in all elementary classes in order to avoid teacher burnout. Teachers are needing to find strategies for keeping students engaged. Mary is providing SEL classes regarding and is observing students for anything that may alert her to a child being disconnected.

Middle and High – Students are checking in with a counselor as needed. Securely Program monitors student possible inappropriate use of the internet (example: self harm searches etc.)

Ka Ohā – Not much change is noted because the virtual program did not change.

Board Question: How are we regarding preparation for the safety of our school?

Emergency preparedness plans are talked about a lot with staff. We will soon be working with Blue Line Solutions to provide training for students/staff in the school. (November)

All windows have recently been tinted.

Committees

Academic Committee - No meeting in October but the committee will meet on 10/18/22 at 4 pm.

Finance Committee – none

Governance Committee - The Board made a decision regarding the mask guidance, however this needs to be ratified by the Board. The governance committee will schedule a meeting to clarify the process for complaints.

Evaluation Committee (ad Hoc) – none

Motion to ratify the mask mandate for the 2nd quarter of school was made by Steve, seconded by John and approved unanimously.

Old Business

The Contract Renewal Commission visit went well.

New Business

- Kanani asked PJ for clarity regarding the process for receiving union contract benefits. Send a letter to Danny with a cc to Yvonne and PJ.
- Kanoa sent a letter to Danny regarding the hard to staff differential. Per Danny, Kanoa should speak to an HSTA representative.

Standing Executive Session

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Steve and approved unanimously to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Evaluator Comments - shared by Naomi.

Closing pule / mana'o - Aunty Kanani thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Adjournment /Closing - A motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by WD Keomailani and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2022, 4PM

Recap of Motions:

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Submitted by:

WD Keomailani Case
Kanu o ka `Āina Governing Board Secretary