

Kanu o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:00 PM
Lokahi Room – Kanu o ka ‘Āina

Vision - As a community based learning ‘ohana, Kanu is steadfast in cultivating compassionate, empowered, highly competent learners of all ages, grounded in Native Hawaiian culture and language.

Mission - Kanu’s mission is to kulia i ka nu‘u, or strive for the highest. A philosophy of excellence guides Kanu as we collectively evaluate a quality, culturally driven, intergenerational Hawaiian model of education with Aloha.

Call to Order / Determine Quorum - Quorum met and meeting called to order at 4:06 PM

Attendance: Kanani Kapuniai, Randy Vitousek, Steve Hurwitz, Naomi Tachera, John Colson, WD Keōmailani Case, Mana Purdy, Keala Campbell, Mike Rossi (Zoom), Kim Pickard (Zoom) Absent: Ali Ann Buscher (excused - on a family trip)
Guests: Taf Wise, Keomailani Case, Kanoa Castro

Assignments

Time-Keeper - Steve
Evaluator - Naomi

Pule and Welcome – Keala Campbell led E Ho Mai

Public Testimony on agenda items - none

Consent Agenda

Reports Distributed:

1. Agenda of Oct 10, 2023
2. Minutes of Sep 12, 2023

A motion to approve the Agenda of 10/10/23 and the minutes of 9/12/23 was made by John, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously.

Financial Report and Acceptance

Reports distributed:

1. Revenue Report (Aug 2023)
2. Kalo Store Fund (Aug 2023)
3. Balance Sheet Summary (Aug 2023)
4. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (Aug 2023)
5. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (Aug 2023) w/ Capital Improvements
5. Cash Flow Statement (Aug 2023)
6. Kanu Grant Update (9/10/23)

Taf added:

- 4500 increase in anticipated investment income
- Concern – current school year has no allocations for collective bargaining
- 302D says that we do not have to pay for collective bargaining

Board questions (MR):

1. Does the Governing Board have a finance committee?
2. The finance committee should review the audit and also the finance reports before the board meeting each month.
3. The auditor should give an opinion regarding the audit.
4. The numbers are fascinating but there is no comparison to other students and schools.
5. We need a compared analysis.
6. All Charter Schools share their audits with the Commission. We can use this data to do comparisons within the Charter system.

Aloha kekahi i kekahi – Kōkua aku kōkua mai – Mahalo i ka mea loa‘a – Mālama i kou kuleana

Schedule:

- Finance committee meeting for the Thursday before the Board meeting
- Meetings to be Zoom and WD Keōmailani will set this up
- Members: Chair – Steve, WD Keōmailani, Kanani, Mike, Taf (other board members and Po‘o kumu are also invited)

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mike, seconded by Steve and approved unanimously.

Business Manager’s Report

Report distributed:

1. Memo to Governing Board regarding Admissions, Enrollment, Lottery dated 10/10/23
2. Vanguard Account Update as of 10/5/23
3. Financial Statements, Independent Auditor’s Report, and Supplementary Schedule for Year ending June 30, 2023 and 2022
4. Report to the Governing Board (for the Year ended June 30, 2023) from CW Associates, CPAs
5. Financial Performance Framework Analysis
6. Kanu School Year 2023 – 2024 Draft Budget and Assumptions
7. Letter from Consortium of Charter School Leaders to Attorney General Richard Thomason dated 9/6/23 regarding an unemployment insurance issue

Taf shared:

- We are waiting for reimbursement from ESSR funds. (Approvals include the Commission, DOE and US DOE.
- Sandwich Isles is our current internet provider. We approved \$20,000 to install the conduit and are paying \$3,000 a month. We will try to get a new bid (perhaps from Spectrum).
- Ethics Training must be completed by board members before the end of the year.

Schedule:

- A governance committee meeting regarding the lottery and admissions policy will be scheduled before the next Governing Board meeting in November.
- Taf was asked to let W. D. Keōmailani know when she is available to meet with this committee.

Leadership Team Reports

Reports Distributed:

1. Kanu o ka ‘Āina Kauhale and Ka ‘Ohā Report (Kepakemapa 2023)
2. Hunehune Kalo (Kepakemapa 2023)

Po‘okumu Report

The report format has been changed to align with the WACS goals.

Kauhale Campus Report

- Ohana involvement – building relationships through ‘ohana engagement activities
- Professional Development
 - Seven kumu attended the Kahuli Festival and shared presentation with staff
 - I-Ready Math training for K-8 kumu
 - Grief Counseling Training for Counselor
 - KPP-PD for Kanu kumu
 - Planning training for Educational Assistants
 - ‘Olelo Hawai‘i kumu will visit Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo
- Strategic Planning is very much a part of the goals for moving forward.

Ka‘Ohā Virtual Report

- Professional Development
 - Schools of the Future Conference 11/16-17
 - Google Apps – kumu to attend
 - Pacific Rim Conference – sending reps

Committees

Academic Committee - none

Finance Committee - none

Governance Committee – 10/17/23, 10/23/23

Standing Executive Session

A motion was made by Randy seconded by Steve and approved unanimously to enter Executive session in order to discuss personnel matters.

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

Old Business – none

New Business – Framework compliance committee meeting 11/2 from 10-11am
Kanoa to add the Board to the portal

Evaluator Comments - Naomi

Board committees need to meet each month in order to have extended discussions and be able to bring recommendations to the monthly Board meetings.

Closing pule / mana‘o

Adjournment /Closing

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Steve, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2023 - 4PM

Recap of Motions

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Submitted by:

WD Keōmailani Case
Secretary
Kanu Governing Board