

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

Tuesday, November 14, 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

Attendance: WD Keōmailani Case, Kanani Kapuniai, Keala Campbell, Randy Vitousek, Naomi Tachera, John Colson, Kim Pickard, Ali Ann Buscher, Mike Rossi, Mana Purdy (Zoom),

Absent: Steve Hurwitz

Guests: Taf Wise, Kanoa Castro, Keomailani Case, Edlyn Carvalho

Assignments

Time-Keeper - Keōmailani

Evaluator - Naomi

Pule and Welcome – Nā 'Aumākua (led by Kanoa)

Public Testimony on agenda items - none

Consent Agenda

Reports Distributed:

1. Agenda of Nov. 14, 2023
2. Minutes of October 10, 2023

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously to approve the agenda of 11/14/23 and the minutes of 10/10/23.

Pu'ulu Aukahi Mākua –Edlyn Carvalho, president of the Pu'ulu Aukahi Mākua shared information about the parent group.

Information Distributed:

1. Proposal for Fundraiser Worksheet – Spirit Cards
2. Proposal for Fundraiser Worksheet – Hula Drama Galabid Silent Auction
3. 2023-2024 Spirit Card Fundraiser Results
4. Cash Deposit Forms (3)

Yearly Board approval for Spirit Card Fundraiser

- Purpose of the Spirit Card fundraiser is to support educational huaka'i as well as end of the year activities.
- The class that sells the most cards has a celebration. (Suggestion is to celebrate with mea 'ai Hawai'i)
- The Gala Bid Silent Auction is being planned as a virtual event during the 2024 Hula Drama. The purpose of this fundraiser is to support school special projects, activities and events.

A motion to approve the August 2023 Spirit Card fundraiser and also the August 2024 Spirit Card fundraiser was made by Randy, seconded by Mike, and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve a silent auction fundraiser for the Pu'ulu Aukahi Mākua was made by Mike, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously.

It is suggested that the fundraising forms be completed and approved with the appropriate signatures for the fundraisers that were approved during this meeting. Copies of the approved fundraisers should be provided to the Administrative team members (who will share it with Katie / Kalo) and also a copy should be provided to the Kanu GB for record.

It is also suggested that we think about Kanu having too many fundraisers because we could be asking too much of our 'ohana and our community. It was suggested that the Board find out what the financial need is in order to assess if the fundraisers are all necessary. Perhaps one large fundraiser could serve all needs rather than too many smaller ones.

Financial Report and Acceptance

Reports Distributed:

1. Revenue Report (Sept 2023)
2. Kalo Store Fund (Sept 2023)
3. Balance Sheet Summary (Sept 2023)
4. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (Sept 2023) w/ Capital Improvements
5. Cash Flow Statement (Aug/Sept 2023)
6. Kanu Grant Update (11/8/23)

Mike Rossi shared:

- The Vanguard investment is maturing on Dec 12th. We can look at a ladder of maturities which allows for some of the money (invested longer) to have a better interest rate. The finance committee will look at this in order to make a recommendation to the Board.
- The finance committee reviewed the proposed budget and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Kim and approved unanimously to approve the draft budget for school year 2023-2024.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Kim and approved unanimously to support the recommendation by the principals regarding the revisions to the fundraising and classroom budget document dated October 10, 2023, with the Po'o being able to execute this as appropriate.

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

Business Manager's Report

Reports Distributed:

1. Memo to the Governing Board (dated Nov 13, 2023) Re: Business Update
2. Letter from the Consortium of Charter School Leaders to Attorney General Anne Lopez dated 10//30/23.

Taf shared:

- The Commission ED search is still on-going. Steve Hirakami is a finalist.
- ESSR reimbursements were received.
- The meeting with Lieutenant Governor Luke included discussion regarding collective bargaining. We will not receive the collective bargaining money this year.
- About \$290,000 will be received from OHA.
- The admission policy is in review with the commission.
- There is a need to continue the conversation regarding Malamapōki'i admissions and kindergarten admissions at Kanu. The leadership team will work on an admissions policy to bring to the Board for approval.

Leadership Team Reports

Reports Distributed:

1. Kanu o ka 'Āina Po'o Kumu Report (Nowemapa 2023)
2. Hunehune Kalo

School Wide Leadership Update

- Leadership met with the frameworks compliance group of the commission to review 4.0
 - Why is there a discrepancy with the data?
 - Schools are required to have a 95% participation rate.
 - Example: Kanu ELA needs 61 more students to test in order to meet the participation rate (and not be penalized).
 - A federal law says that parents may opt out of testing but there is a federal policy that says that schools will be penalized if their students do not test.
 - Kanu is penalized per ELA and Mathematics.
 - Kanu administration submits a report to the commission but this information is not acknowledged.

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

- o How can this be changed? Perhaps there needs to be a unified message to all ‘ohana that we test at Kanu. Show the ‘ohana that student participation will be a positive for the school.
- o Another way to get points and show growth in student learning is using I Ready.

Kauhale Campus Report

- ‘A‘ole Vape will be working with Kanu students to discourage the use of vapes.
 - o There is also a parent component
 - o This program is for grades 6-8.
- Po‘o kumu will look into detectors in the bathrooms.

Ka ‘Ohā Virtual Report

- The Kauhale Po‘o are meeting weekly with the Ka Ohā kumu.

Committees

1. Academic Committee – no meeting
2. Finance Committee – 11/13/23,
3. Governance Committee 10/17/23, 10/23/23. On 10/17 this committee met with Eriic Kaponu and on 10/23 this committee met to continue to discuss the transition as well as strategic planning. Taf says there is \$50,000 to spend on strategic planning by 6/30/23. We should make this decision by March.

Standing Executive Session

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Mike and approved unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and/or legal matters.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Mike, and approved unanimously to exit the Executive Session.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Evaluator Comments - Naomi shared a summary of the meeting.

Closing pule / mana‘o - Adjournment

A motion was made by Keomailani, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Next Meeting Date: December 12, 2023 - 4PM

Recap of Motions:

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Submitted by:

WD Keomailani Case
Secretary
Kanu Governing Board