

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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 – called to order at 4:06 PM – quorum established

Attendance In Person: WD Keōmailani, John, Randy, Kim, Ali Ann, Mana, Kanani, Steve, Mike, Keala

Attendance via Zoom: Naomi Tachera

Guests: Keomailani Case, Kanoa Castro, Nicole Ryan (Zoom), Taf Wise, Maya Chong, Kamaka Meringolo

Assignments

Time-Keeper: Steve

Evaluator: Mana

Pule and Welcome – E Ho Mai - led by Keōmailani

Public Testimony on agenda items - none

Consent Agenda - Approval of 2/13/24 agenda and 1/9/24 minutes

Edit 2/13/24 agenda: Move old and new business after committees and before Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by WD Keomailani and approved unanimously to approve the agenda of 2/13/24 with edits and the minutes of 1/9/23.

Financial Report and Acceptance

Reports Distributed:

1. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (Dec 2023)
2. Balance Sheet Summary (Dec 2023)
3. Cash Flow Statement (Nov/Dec 2023)
4. KALO Store Fund Report (Dec 2023)
5. Revenue / Expenses Report (Dec 2023)
6. Vanguard Dashboard
7. Vanguard Activity Report January 2024
8. Vanguard Holdings Report
9. CS Commission Risk Assessment – Second Quarter
10. Asbestos Inspection Fee Proposal (dated 1/23/24)

Discussion:

- The Finance committee met on 2/12/24
- The CIP money has been received.
- Waiting for the permits for the gym construction.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by John and approved unanimously to pay the expenditure for the asbestos.

Discussion:

- The assessment and report will say that the campus is without asbestos
- The school pays this expense instead of the lessor because it is statutory

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

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

Business Manager's Report

Reports / Information Distributed:

1. 302D-15 Appeals
2. List of House/Senate Bills relating to Charter Schools
3. Memo from Taffi Wise (dated 2/12/24) Re: Business Update
4. Memo from Taffi Wise (dated 2/12/24) Re: AG Request for Support
 - Copy of Letter from Consortium of Charter School Leaders (dated 12/7/23) Re: Urgent request for Legal Opinion)
 - Copy of Letter to Mr. Gene Zarro (dated 1/3/24) from Carter K. Sio Re: Urgente request for Legal Opinions Regarding Charter School Issues
5. Letter from Kanu Governing Board addressed to Attorney General Anne Lopez (dated 2/8/24) Re: Urgente request for Legal Opinions Regarding Hawai'i Charter School Issues

Leadership Team Reports

Reports Distributed:

1. Po'okumu Report – Pepeluali 2024
2. Ka 'Ohā Enrollment Increase Proposal (dated 2/5/24)

Leadership Updates

- Recommitments from kumu are due on 2/23
- Enrollment lottery will begin during the Spring Break
- A School Sabbatical Leave Application was shared
- PT resource kumu has been hired in elementary to help with intervention, differentiation and tracking.
- A wa'a is being built on campus. This is a campus K-12 effort.
- 'Ohana surveys have been completed with Ka Ohā and iReady test scores are being analyzed by kumu.

Discussion:

- Naomi raised the concern about children with disabilities in home school. Suggestion is that we have eyes on these keiki. Are welfare checks done?
- Do all of the Ka 'Ohā kumu see their students everyday?
- Kamaka shared that he sees all of his students at least one time a week.

Committees

Academic Committee – no meeting
Finance Committee – 2/12/24
Governance Committee – 1/31/24

Old Business -

Sabbatical Leave form – All board to review and respond to the Po'o with any comments.

School Action Plan Goals - The Governance Committee will review and discuss the Board kuleana. (Goals #1 & #5)

New Business -

Request for virtual access to monthly board meetings – This issue will be discussed in a Governance Committee meeting.

Maya Chong and Kamaka Meringolo presented an MOU for Article XVI of the HSTA contract

- Some of the items are already happening but Maya wants to put it on paper. (Example Lā Kū'oko'a)
- How will these suggestions in the MOU improve school performance?
- The APC committee did not share this document with the Po'o
- The Governance Committee will discuss this.

Standing Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Kanani and approved unanimously to exit Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve aseconded by Kim and approved unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2024 - 4PM

Recap of Motions:

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Submitted by:

W D Keōmailani Case

Secretary -Kanu o ka 'Āina Governing Board