

Connections Public Charter School

LSB Minutes, August 11, 2014

Kress Building, Room 106

Call to Order: Mrs. McClary called the meeting to order at 3:38pm.

Members Present: Heather McDaniel, Tierney McClary, John Thatcher, Alvina Kaho'onei, and JoNelle Fukushima

Members Absent: Libby Oshiyama and Amanda Uowolo

Other Attendees: Sandy Kelley as recorder

Guests Present: Amy Felton-Toth, Laurel Trammel and William Thorpe

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the agenda with changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and passed with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2014 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept the minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and approved with consensus.

Public Input: Amy Felton-Toth, Special Education Teacher at the High School, was interested in finding out what it would entail being a member of the governing board. Laurel Trammel, Special Education teacher at the middle school, attended the meeting to be informed about the governing board. William Thorpe attended to express interest in being a faculty representative.

Seat New Member for Remainder of SY 2014-2015:

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to seat Tierney McClary as Parent representative, Heather McDaniel as Staff Representative, John Thatcher as Administration representative, Alvina Kaho'onei as parent representative, William Thorpe as Faculty representative, Libby Oshiyama and JoNelle Fukushima as community representatives. There is a vacant community Representative seat available. Mrs. Kelley will attend as recorder and non-voting member. Tierney McClary will represent the Board as President, Libby Oshiyama as Vice President and Fiscal Officer and Heather McDaniel as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and passed with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication: none

Operations Report:

Financial Officers Report: no report

Approval of Financial Statements: tabled

Business Managers Report:

The school has received the first per pupil allocation in the amount of \$1,376,400. This 60% of the full allocation and is based on 370 students.

Administrator report

School enrollment is 345. The school can continue to enroll until October 15, the official count day for charter schools.

Old Business

Student Achievement – Strive HI is the measure of achievement for all schools. Connections graduation rate was said to be 18% due to incorrect graduation of our 12th graders in eSIS. The school's appeal was sent to the wrong email address and not forwarded to the correct address when discovered.

Connections has a high transient rate with a 75% poverty level. The class that did the poorest on the HSA test had 50% new students. The HSA 2014 was the bridge from HSA to Common Core testing.

The comparison in the tests are not valid. It compares year to year with our high transiency rate.

HSTA Contract Ratification update- The HSTA uni-serve, Rae Yamanaka, informed Mr. Thatcher that a grievance will be filled against the school for not signing the supplemental agreement between the school and HSTA.

If the school does not have a supplemental agreement, the HSTA master contract will be followed.

Mrs. McClary, the board chair, received an email copy of the grievance filled by HSTA and has initialed that it was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to formally rescind our ratification of the school's Supplemental agreement with HSTA, from the June 2, 2014 meeting, based on HSTA's interpretation of probation and tenure provisions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and passed with 5 for and one member recused from the vote.

Ethics Commissions Complaint Update:

There was discussion about detail and due date for data requested by the ethics commission.

New Business:

Approval of New Substitutes-

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to add 5 substitutes and Educational Assistants employed at our school to our preferred substitute list. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and passed with consensus.

Next Meetings: September 8, 2014

Adjournment: 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Kelley, *Connections Governing Board Recorder*