

Connections Public Charter School
Governing Board Minutes
May 8, 2017
Kress Building, 3rd floor, 3:30 pm

Call to Order: Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Members Present: Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Libby Oshiyama, Bill Thorpe, Jonelle Fukushima, Alvina Kaho'onei, Alison Villiarimo, Amanda Uowolo

Members Absent: Tierney McClary

Guests: none

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2017 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: Ms. Fukushima presented a resume from a former employee of another school.

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reported on her review of the financial expenditures. She noted expenditures of Title IIA funds for staff development in several off-island conferences.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Members reviewed and discussed the Operations Statement for April 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the Financial Statements for April 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Mrs. McDaniel reported that Connections received the last per pupil allocation in the amount of \$267,261.80. As a result of an error by the Charter School Commission, \$10,921.72 (the amount of erate credits) was withheld for erate fees, which should have been \$3,800.38. We will work with the Commission to correct the mistake by requesting that they issue a credit, hopefully within this fiscal year.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that a donation of \$2500 was received for Studio Shaka from Ed Olsen.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that expenditures in the Training and Development account were for:

- Payment for the Balanced Leadership Consortium by McREL in Nov/Dec. The multi-school conference was paid for with Title IIA 2015-2016 funds.
- Travel costs, registrations and per diems for the ISN National Conference in Minneapolis in April, attended by four teachers and Principal Thatcher. This conference was paid for with Title IIA 2016-2017 funds. Mr. Thatcher paid his own expenses.
- Costs for the Autism Across the Spectrum Workshop in Wisconsin in March, attended by all seven SpEd teachers and Vice Principal St. George.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that the contingency account contains a \$20,308.94 payment to Kevin's Auto for repairs to the International bus, which has been in need of repair several times this year.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that we will need to reestablish the designated check signers for Connections. Mr. Thrope will be removed upon his resignation from Connections. Suggested new check signers are Kristen Kua, Resource Teacher, and Carol Gray, Registrar.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the changes on the check signer register for Connections, removing Mr. Thorpe and adding Mr. Kua and Ms. Gray, as of the end of June 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and was approved with consensus.

Mrs. McDaniel discussed the process for Board membership selections in July. Members will work with their role groups to determine selections and/or candidates.

Administrators Report:

- **Current enrollment: 369**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on recruitment for teachers for Grade 3 and High School math for next school year.**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on a Charter Schools Commission Education Summit Conference in Honolulu on June 27. Five people from Connections will be able to attend.**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on a Commission requirement to develop targets for improving academic and other performance measures. Members reviewed the proposed Targets and Value Added Goal.**

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the proposed Targets and Value Added Goal, to be presented to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Mr. Thatcher made a motion to go into executive session at 4:32 to discuss a parent complaint. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel.

Mrs. McDaniel made a motion that members compose a reply based on discussion, to address the parent's concerns. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thorpe and was approved with consensus.

Mrs. Uowolo made a motion to go out of exec session at 5:32. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei, and was approved with consensus.

Title I/Student Achievement Report

- **The Title I Plan**
Mr. Thatcher referred to the Title I target plan discussed earlier in his report, and its relevance to student achievement.

Old Business

- **HGEA Grievance: no new information.**

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none**
- **Calendar Change : Members reviewed the updated version of the SY 2017-2018 calendar, including Teachers Institute Day (February 16), Elementary Conferences day October 31, and the semester break change. Suggested changes were presented to grade levels for their input.**
A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to approve the changes to the draft 2017-2018 calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: tabled**

Next Meeting: July 10, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment: 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Heather McDaniel
Connections Governing Board Secretary