

Connections Public Charter School
Governing Board Minutes
October 23, 2017 draft
Kress Building, 3rd floor, 3:30 pm

Call to Order: Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm.

Members Present: Heather McDaniel, Libby Oshiyama, John Thatcher, Kate Wines, Jonelle Fukushima, La'ie Sukanuma

Members Absent: Tierney McClary, Amanda Uowolo, Alvina Kaho'onei

Guests: none

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2017 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reported that she reviewed the financial statements and noted that they are prepared very professionally and accurately, in a way that is very easy to review. Her review of the Title I Plan made the financial statement easier to understand.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Members reviewed and discussed the Operations Statement for September 2017.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the Operations Statement for September 2017. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Mrs. McDaniel reported on the completion of the AC replacement in the Middle School classrooms.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that Connection. received \$51,249.56 in collective bargaining funds. The amount was based on salary data as of 9/1/2016.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that a new entitlement fund was added to the budget – FFVP Entitlement.

Connections is participating in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. The school was allocated \$12,300 for the 2017-2018 school year. Elementary students at Connections are able to eat additional raw fruits and vegetables as an afternoon snack once a week, with the help of an agreement between the school and KTA's Keawe St store. There is a matching expense added to the budget – FFVP Costs.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment: 361**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on a meeting with state legislators at Imiloa, where schools' input was well received. Facilities funding was discussed, in the context of basic needs as the suggested new framework. Each school's budget for facilities and other basic needs are being considered.**

- **Mr. Thatcher informed members of a parent complaint. Members thoroughly discussed the complaint, and had opportunity to question Mr. Thatcher regarding his investigation, and to question those against whom the complaint was made. Mr. Thatcher was directed to respond regarding school procedures.**

Title I/Student Achievement Report

- **Mr Thatcher reported on a revision to the Title I plan that includes working with CRDG, particularly in math curriculum.**
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the Title I Plan Revision, to include re-establishing the professional relationship with Curriculum Research Development Group, to support, advise/consult, conduct professional development, and monitor implementation the plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.

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New Business:

- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies**
A proposed draft of the Unpaid Meal Balance Policy was presented and discussed.
A motion was made by Mrs. Wines to accept the draft. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.
- **A proposed draft of the NSLP Procurement Policy was presented.**
A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to accept the draft. The motion was seconded by Ms. Suganuma and was approved with consensus.
- **A proposed draft of the NSLP Wellness Policy was presented.**
A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to accept the draft. The motion was seconded by Ms. Suganuma and was approved with consensus.

Old Business

- **HGEA Grievance: The first session is scheduled for November in Hilo, then recessed until February. The Charter School Commission will fund the grievance.**

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers: Four names were recommended for approval.**
A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the addition of four substitute teachers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment: 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather McDaniel

Connections Governing Board Secretary