

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

August 16, 2021

Kress Building 3:00 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm.

Members Present: Shinji Salmoiraghi, Romeo Garcia, Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Jerri Potter, Cheryl Gravela, (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

Members Absent: Elsie Hayashi

Guests: Ron Kim, Anna Madrid, Pua Ka'ai, Pam Thatcher, Carrie Martin, Jean DiMillo, Kate Wines, Kathy Booth, Jessica Butler, Olin Kotaki, Rowena Mansanas, Damon Murphy, Eric Boyd, Travis Prose, Crystal Fortin, Trista Calles

Approval of Agenda:

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

Seating of Members for SY 2021-2022

Members from the last meeting are Romeo Garcia, Libby Oshiyama, Kirk Bailey, Jerri Potter, Elsie Hayashi, Cheryl Gravela, Alvina Kaho'onei, Shinji Salmoiraghi

Mr. Salmoiraghi recommended that seating of membership for the 21-22 school year be redone according to the Bylaws. Mr. Garcia will notify staff of the opportunity to nominate persons to represent the three staff role groups: administration, support staff and teachers. The item will be on the next agenda.

Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2021 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on July 16, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Potter to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 16, 2021. The motion was seconded Mr. Garcia by and was approved with consensus.

Public Input:

There were remarks from multiple attendees regarding the Governor's vaccine mandate.

Carrie Martin submitted an email, attached

Mallory Sankofa email attached

Jean DiMillo email attached

Travis Prose, 11yr employee, fully supports mandate.

Carol Gray sent email; supports mandate, and disputes comments about non-vaccinated employees being bullied.

Anna Madrid supports vaccines, does not support mandate.

Correspondence & Communication:

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers: one to review**
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: tabled**

Commission School Lead Report: appreciates public input and board process.

Operations Report:

- **Operations Status:**
- **Financial Officer's Report:** Mr. Bailey reviewed the report and recommended approval.
- **Approval of Financial Statements:** Members reviewed the Operations Statement.
A motion was made by Ms. Potter to approve the Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and was approved with consensus.
- **Title I/Student Achievement Report:**
Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22: no report
Student Achievement: no report

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment: 366**
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** Mr. Garcia reported that there have been about 265 students in attendance daily, and there is a list of 21 distance learners. Due to the report of a positive case today, the decision was made to transition to distance learning for 10 days, returning in person August 30.
Regarding the Governor's vaccine mandate: The mandate was reviewed. Members discussed the Board's position.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** Mr. Garcia reported that student activity has increased. Students are attending daily. We are implementing the Farm To School grant plan and funds.

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mr. Salmoiraghi reported on the MCREL framework. It could align with teacher evaluations. A two year plan was suggested.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment: 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair