

**Connections Public Charter School**  
**Governing Board Minutes**  
**August 12, 2019**  
**Kress Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

**Members Present:** Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Alvina Kaho'onei, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Jonelle Fukushima, Libby Oshiyama, Yvette Hansen, Damon Murphy

**Members Absent:** Damien DeMello, Jr.

**Guests:** Donna Therrien

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Mr. Thatcher discussed a proposal for a condition on his membership to be a non-voting member, to remain in compliance with the requirement that no more than 1/3 of the Board's voting members can be employees, or former employees.**

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to place a condition on Mr. Thatcher's membership to be a non-voting member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Ms. Kaho'onei to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salmoiraghi and was approved with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes for July 22, 2019 meeting:** *A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to accept the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Commission School Lead MOU:** Mr. Thatcher reported on changes in the structure of the Charter School Commission, including School Leads. Ms. Therrien was introduced as the Commission School Lead assigned to Connections, and defined her role as liaison and advocate. She will attend future meetings as available.

**Correspondence & Communication:** none

**Financial Officer's Report:**

Members reviewed and discussed the Operations Statements for June and July, 2019.

**Approval of Financial Statements:** *A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to accept the Financial Statements for June 2019 and July 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and was approved with consensus.*

**Operations Report:**

- **Operations Status:** Mrs. McDaniel reported that the first allocation (60%) of the State per-pupil funding for 2019-2020 was received. Late staff changes may require a re-evaluation of the salaries projection. Building R&M, school supplies and Networking/Telecommunication items are higher as is typical for summer break, in preparation for the upcoming school year.

**Administrator's Report:**

- **Current enrollment:** 336
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on enrollment challenges:** There are still residual effects of last year's natural disasters. Families transfer out as a response to non-attendance court referrals, in spite of intensive support measures to improve attendance of chronic absentees.

- The recommended staff list for SY 2019-2020 will be presented at the September meeting, allowing for recent late changes in staff and assignments.
- The school year started for students today, and went smoothly. An assembly for secondary students provided an opportunity to share important information, and reinforce concepts of community and responsibility.

**Title I/Student Achievement Report:**

- Mr. Thatcher reported that the SY19-20 Title 1 Plan has been approved. The plan is much more extensive than in prior years.
- Student Achievement: Mr. Thatcher reported Smarter Balance scores will be available next month. Mr. Thatcher asked for clarification from Ms. Therrien regarding TSI status.
- Mr. Thatcher reported that usage of the Kaumana property has increased. Efforts to mitigate flood damage to fencing, and temporary greenhouse structures and temporary shelters for student comfort and safety while studying on the property are being implemented. Students will be working with staff to identify usable plant resources on the property.

**Old Business**

- Administrator Evaluation Process: Mr. Salmoiraghi reported on the evaluation instrument (MCREL) Ad hoc members will modify the MCREL guideline, and reconcile it with the administrator's contract. The proposed timeline is to have a draft by December, for trial implementation in the second semester.

**New Business:**

- Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none
- Governing Board Policies: Members will consider a re-evaluation the Personnel Policy at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Heather McDaniel  
*Connections Governing Board Secretary*