

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

May 24, 2021

Via googlemeet 3:00 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Members Present: John Thatcher, Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Jerri Potter, Cheryl Gravela, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Elsie Hayashi, (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

Members Absent: Alvina Kaho'onei

Guests: Romeo Garcia

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for February 25 and April 12, 2021 meetings: Members reviewed the minutes from meetings on February 25 and April 12, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Potter to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** none
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** Mr. Thatcher reported that in June the Board may have some BOE policies to add.
- **Review of SY 2020-2021 Calendar:** The current approved calendar has 193 days, exceeding the teachers' contract. Members discussed options for revising the calendar.
A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to revise the SY 21-22 calendar end dates to May 27, 2022 for students and May 31, 2022 for teachers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.
- **Commission School Lead Report:** tabled

Operations Report:

Operations Status:

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reported that she has reviewed expenditures and found them to be appropriate. She will work with Mr. Bailey in reviewing finances until the next time members/officers are seated.

- **Approval of Financial Statements:** Members reviewed the Operations Statement.
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to accept the April 2021 Operations Statements. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hayashi and was approved with consensus.

Title I/Student Achievement Report:

- **Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22:** Mr. Garcia reported on the SY 21-22 plan. This year's initial report is almost complete. We are on track to meet deadlines for funding.
- **Student Achievement:** Mr. Garcia reported that student test scores will be considered based on Covid impacts (attendance etc).

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 372 (started with 353). 72 SpEd schoolwide, 41% secondary are SpEd. This impacts student achievement. More support will be needed next year if the rate remains. May lose students if other schools are open in person next year.
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** CDC mask guideline change did not affect the State's or school's protocol. Mr. Garcia provided an outlined report to members.

- **Kaumana Property Report:** The Farm To School grant has been submitted. A response is expected in June. Summer Programs will utilize the property resources. It is expected that the appeal to the Planning Commission should be heard soon. Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Garcia will be meeting with a planner to assist in moving forward.
- **Other Items:**
Mr. Garcia reported on summer programs, with targeted students who will benefit from additional opportunities in Connections at SEA (Summer Experiential Academy). Secondary students will have opportunities in Marine Science, Hawaiian Studies, ELA, Math, Culinary and Technology. Elementary students will have opportunities to improve reading, writing and math skills.

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Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mr. Salmoiraghi reported that he met with Mrs. Hayashi, Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Garcia, focusing on the MCREL five core responsibilities. He asked for input regarding how to involve stakeholders. Surveys were suggested.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment: 455pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair