

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

September 13, 2021

Kress Building 3:00 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm.

Members Present: Shinji Salmoiraghi, Romeo Garcia, Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Elsie Hayashi, Ron Kim (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

Members Absent: Anna Madrid

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, Christina Wilbourn

Approval of Agenda:

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

SY 2021-2022 Membership Review

A motion was made by Mr. Garcia to seat Christina Wilbourn as the Support Staff Representative for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hayashi and was approved with consensus.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Garcia to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication:

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** Mr. Garcia presented the names of ten current part-time employees to be added to the list of approved substitute teachers.
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to add the names of ten current part-time employees to the list of substitute teachers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and was approved with consensus.
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** tabled

Commission School Lead Report: Ms. Ka'ai shared that she appreciates public input and board processes.

Operations Report:

- **Financial Officer's Report:** Mr. Bailey reviewed the financial statements. Ms. Gravela noted specific items for members' attention.
- **Approval of financial Statement:**
A motion was made by Mr. Kim to approve the Financial Statement for August, 2021. 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: no additional report
Student Achievement: Mr. Garcia reported that the Renaissance testing report will be provided in October.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 364
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** Mr. Garcia reported that we have transitioned back to the hybrid model, with students attending every other day in assigned groups. This minimizes the number of students on campus, and allows for isolating groups for transition to distance learning if a positive Covid case is reported. Members discussed the impacts of less in-person learning days, and student achievement. Mr. Garcia reported that we are pursuing the possibility of having the school facility as a Covid testing site, for the school community and the broader community.
Mr. Garcia reported on the status of the compliance requirements for the Governor's Covid Vaccination and Testing Policy.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** Mr. Garcia reported that we are continuing to implement the Farm To School grant plan and funds.
Mr. Garcia reported that the Windward Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for October 7, and testimony is being solicited from students, parents and staff, as well as the community.
- Mr. Garcia reported on a partnership with Hawaii Agriculture Foundation to support student achievement, including 3 high school students who are working on an entrepreneurship project.

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** tabled

Next Meeting: August 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment: 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair