

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes *DRAFT*

April 17, 2023

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:22 pm.

Members Present: Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Damon Murphy, Anna Madrid, Christina Wilbourn, Michael Fischer
(Xiomara Mejia, Recorder)

Members Absent: John Thatcher, Gerald Taber

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, John Woolverton, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Cade Loftin

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the draft agenda for the April 17, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the agenda for April 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes March 20, 2023 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on March 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Food Program Update: Mr. Salmoiraghi delivered an update.

Mr. Salmoiraghi reported the kitchen has begun its 3rd week of full service, and they have hired a senior to help in kitchen. Mr. Salmoiraghi also reports that they have started receiving food from the Kaumana property: sweet potatoes and romaine lettuce. He is asking that Kaumana employees to do a prewash for the produce before it is sent to school. There are currently 5 kitchen employees: 2 full time and 3 part time. Mr. Salmoiraghi suggests Kaumana focuses on growing high-cost vegetables to save on money.

Public Input: Ms. Madrid said she has an entertainment company that could do any type of events ranging grad nights to prom, she offered her services to the school.

Correspondence & Communication: none

Commission School Lead Report: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers:

Mr. Loftin asked for a motion to hire a new substitute, Hayley Monday. Ms. Wilbourn made a motion to hire Ms. Monday as a substitute. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.

Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: Update on Student Government Dress Code Policy and Public Display of Affection Policy.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Woolverton both shared an update on the policies. Student Government has been given the original policy and are working towards a proposal. Decision has been made that it will not be called a Dress Code, rather Dress Guideline. They will have a draft ready for both the Dress Guideline and Public Display of Affection Policy to be approved by next meeting.

Old Business:

McRel Update – Mr. Murphy will be in contact with someone at McRel for both the administrator and teacher evaluation information.

Operations Report:

Operations Status:

Financial Officer's Report: Members reviewed the financial statements for March 2023. Ms. Gravela discussed the report and addressed members' questions. Nothing of concern was noted.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the Financial Statement for March 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 341

Title I Report: May 1st personal deadline to have all title one reports completed, but due May 12.

Student Achievement Report: tabled

Kaumana Property Report: Mr. Murphy brought forward a few reports.

*Mr. Murphy reported that supreme court sent case to mediator where it was established that the school should work towards building on **15 acres**. Kaumana Property lease has been raised to \$37,000 a year. Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Murphy working with the AG to get a waiver on the fee. Need to either get a waiver or our own appraiser. Members discussed and asked clarifying questions.*

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to fill out a new application to build the school on 15 acres. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to apply for a waiver to reduce the fee from \$37,000 down. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.

Other Items:

Mr. Murphy will be speaking to Jim MataBishop from Fun Factory. He will be meeting with him in 2 weeks.

Discussion and justification: Trying to find a way to motivate our students regarding their attendance and literacy. Reward system would be students receive tickets to attend fun factory.

HAAS Recommended Program– Employee Contribution Plan to offset inability for teachers to write off items personally purchased for students. Discussion: Gathering more information to see if this could be used toward Employee Motivation.

Charter School Commission setting up workshop for Sped and ESSER. Mr. Murphy has a meeting with them tomorrow.

Reporting on bus accident – *During date of the accident, the school bus was not in compliance. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Gravela have been working with DoT regarding this matter, now it is all in compliance. Working to get drivers alcohol and drug tested. Will be signed up for program this week.*

Reporting on April 14, 2023 Leadership Meeting – *Currently setting up data system to have accurate student data on assessments. Mr. Loftin is working on peer review groups with SpEd teachers and EA's. Also working on getting peer review groups started through all Gen Ed. Curriculum: K-6 – Is Journeys still an option? Secondary teachers are requesting new math curriculum, as well as curriculum for 10th grade science. Members discussed.*

Mr. Murphy is looking into program to teach kids how to take test and improve their test taking skills to benefit their futures.

Ms. Wilbourn made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel matters, including Mr. Woolverton, Mr. Loftin, and Ms. Gravela as guest and Ms. Mejia as recorder. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer and was approved with consensus.

Ms. Madrid made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Mr. Bailey dismissed at 5:22 pm.

Next Meeting: May 15 2023 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 5:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Kirk Bailey

Connections Governing Board Chair