

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

February 14, 2022

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, Pua Ka'ai, Carrie Martin, Kai Burley, Eric Boyd, Tammy Keao

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2022 meeting and February 1, 2022 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on January 10, 2022 and February 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.

Public Input:

Mr. Boyd shared his concern regarding incorrect items posted on the school website's Governing Board page. He also noted that the minutes should be posted in the school office.

Another concern was the requirements for Board membership, and a possible conflict of interest.

Mr. Salmoiraghi indicated the posting of minutes would be corrected, and that he would inquire on the question of membership requirements.

Ms. Keao submitted a letter regarding dissatisfaction with her supervisor. Mr. Salmoiraghi indicated that the concern would be addressed later in executive session.

Ms. Martin shared comments about student well-being, regarding the possibility of offering vaccinations onsite. She cited what she said were two examples of adverse reactions, as well as potential adverse reactions. She questioned the issue of liability, and whether informed consent had been addressed.

Ms. Burley discussed whether a line is being crossed between the school's responsibility as educators, and the issue of providing health care, regarding offering vaccines on site. She indicated that she supports individuals' right to choose, and suggested offering information for all sides of the issue. She stated her opposition to an on site Covid vaccination clinic.

Mr. Garcia shared that the response to the opportunity was minimal, and that the on-site vaccination clinic would not be scheduled.

Correspondence & Communication: Items will be addressed in Executive Session.

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** One new name was recommended to be added to the list of substitute teachers.
A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to add one name to the list of substitute teachers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher. Discussion: Mrs. Hayashi requested more information about the new person. The motion was approved by a vote of eight ayes and one abstaining (Mrs. Hayashi).
- **Review of SY 22-23 calendar:** A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** As addressed earlier, corrections will be made to the posting of minutes, and membership requirements will be investigated.

Commission School Lead Report: Ms. Ka'ai reported on the exemplary application submitted by Mr. Garcia for the Title IVa grant.

Operations Report:

- **Financial Officer's Report:** Mr. Bailey reviewed the financial statements for January 2022. Ms. Gravela noted specific items for members' attention, and members discussed items. Ms. Gravela suggested adding line items to the income and expenses in the budget for the Title IVa grant funds.
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to add detail regarding the Title IVa grant funds income and expenditures to the general budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.
- **Approval of Financial Statements:**
A motion was made by Mr. Kim to approve the Financial Statement for January 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.
- **Title I/Student Achievement Report:**
Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22: Mr. Garcia reported the next grant request is due in March.
Student Achievement: Mr. Garcia reported on Renaissance scores, for Fall and December test dates. The variation in scores points out challenges of operating during Covid adjustments, and the challenge of getting students to recognize the importance of testing. Analysis will continue.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 357
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** Mr. Garcia reported on COVID protocols. He shared a parent concern regarding the masks requirement for students. Ms. Madrid asked for clarification regarding the reporting of positive test results following the weekly DOH testing clinics.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** The State Land Use Commission hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 17th at 9am. The LUC will likely finalize their decision to deny the Special Use Permit. Once the decision is finalized, CPCS/CBESS will have 30 days to appeal. Mr. Salmoriaghi reported that the cost of an appeal is minimal. Mr. Bailey asked for clarification regarding the restriction of 15 acres in the re-submittal of a request for SUP. Mr. Garcia clarified the modified permit request process. 15 acres is the build-out limit, but the entire property is still accessible. The advantage of the dual paths is that either path could be successful or not. Mrs. Thatcher asked for clarification regarding who makes the decision of where the 15 acres would be. Mr. Garcia clarified that the lessees decide. Mr. Bailey asked if new water and traffic studies being done, and Mr. Garcia confirmed. Mr. Bailey asked about whether input was being solicited from the Native Hawaiian community. Mr. Garcia reported on seeking that input. The school's counsel, Mr. Kevin Richardson, advises on the possible advantage of waiting for the LUC decision.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to move forward with the LUC appeal . The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

- **Other Items: Executive Session**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to go into Executive Session at 4:45pm to discuss personnel and Special Education concerns. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to go out of Executive Session at 6:45pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to uphold the position of management in addressing the personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to support the timely and accurate posting of Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.

The possible conflict of interest concern was tabled pending further information-gathering.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to authorize Mr.Garcia, Mr. Salmoiraghi and Student Services Dept. Head Mr. Murphy to generate a response to the Charter Schools Commission's Notice of Concern, by the deadline of February 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms Madrid and was approved with consensus.

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process Report: (discussed in previous Executive Session)**

Next Meeting: March 14, 2022 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 7:04 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair**