

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

July 19, 2021

Kress Building 3:00 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:08 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 Mr. Thatcher to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.

Seating of Membership for SY 2021-2022

Members discussed roles for the coming school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to seat the following members in their respective role groups: Mr. Salmoiraghi, Community Representative; Mr. Garcia, Administrative Representative; Ms. Potter, Faculty Representative; Mrs. Hayashi, Community Representative; Mr. Bailey, Community Representative; Dr. Oshiyama, Community Representative; Ms. Gravela, Support Staff Representative; Mr. Thatcher, non-voting member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia, and was approved with consensus. Parent representation is still being sought.

Members discussed Officer roles for SY 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hayashi to seat the following Officers: Mr. Salmoiraghi, Chair; Ms. Potter, Vice Chair; Mr. Bailey, Financial Officer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2021 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on June 14, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Potter to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: Mr. Thatcher reported on inaccurate testimony submitted to the Windward Planning Commission, and his rebuttal of that testimony prior to the next meeting of the Commission August 5, 2021.

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** none
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** At the next meeting, members will discuss the Governor's mandate restricting virtual Board meetings.

Commission School Lead Report: tabled. Ms. Ka'ai was unable to attend.

Operations Report:

- **Operations Status:**
Ms. Gravela reported that there are no year-end entries yet in the financial reports. Members asked for clarification on some items.
- **Financial Officer's Report:** Mr. Bailey reported that he reviewed expenditures and found them to be appropriate.
- **Approval of Financial Statements:** Members reviewed the Operations Statement.
A motion was made by Ms. Potter to accept the June 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 that the plan has been submitted and approved, and is being implemented.
Student Achievement: Mr. Garcia reported that testing last year was a challenge. He will be watching how the information will be used, noting that consequences for poor results should not be punitive. In-person this year should show improvement.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 340, pending 40+ new students to be entered into Infinite Campus. He is awaiting access to that system.
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** Members discussed plans to continue to implement the protocols from S2.
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to continue to implement plan as stated in Semester 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter. Discussion: Mr. Bailey asked for clarification about the social distance. Mr. Garcia confirmed, and stated that students and staff will need to understand that the pandemic conditions are still present. Mrs. McDaniel recommended that meal service should be arranged to allow for less students in the cafeteria during each service block. Members were reminded that the Principal was granted the authority to make interim decisions pending guidance from the Governor or CDC. The motion was approved with consensus.
Mr. Garcia reported that we have reached out to the DOH regarding the possibility of offering our facility as a testing and/or vaccination site for the community.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** Mr. Thatcher reported on the Farm To School grant approval. An advisory board will be formed, to include members of the Kaumana Planning Committee.
- **Other Items:** Romeo reported on the success of the summer programs: Makery, SEA, Culinary, ILPs.
- **Mr. Garcia reported on staff's first week schedule, and current staff changes and vacant positions.**

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mrs. Hayashi and Mr. Salmoiraghi will meet with Mr. Garcia this week

Next Meeting: August 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment: 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair