

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

January 10, 2022

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:16 pm.

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

Members Absent: Elsie Hayashi

Guests: Cheryl Gravela

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the agenda, with a change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and was approved with consensus.

Commission School Lead Report: Ms. Ka'ai reported on funding items. Title IV A funds may become available to charters who submit requests. Mr. Garcia will provide more detail in his report.

Approval of Minutes for November 22, 2021 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on November 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 22, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher 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:** tabled

Operations Report:

- **Financial Officer's Report:** Mr. Bailey reviewed the financial statements for November and December, 2021. Ms. Gravela noted specific items for members' attention, and members discussed items.

- **Approval of Financial Statements:**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to approve the Financial Statement for November 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and was approved with consensus.

A motion was made by to Mr. Bailey approve the Financial Statement for December 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

- **Title I/Student Achievement Report:**
Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22: Mr. Garcia reported that the plan is being implemented.
Student Achievement: tabled. Mr. Bailey requested a report on student test data for the next meeting.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 356
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** Mr. Garcia reported about additional challenges with the new Covid variant. Management made the decision to offer Distance Learning to all families for January. 58 students were already doing Distance Learning, 56 additional new students choosing that option. A Distance Learning support person has been hired. Up to 16 staff have called out in one day. The administrative team will meet again tomorrow and the following Tuesday to reassess re-entry plans.
- **The Charter Schools Commission** has received \$380,000 in Title IVa funds. Funds will be distributed in February among charters who submit requests. The focus will be opportunities for: non-core courses, for health and safety, and for technology.
- **The next Farm To School grant proposal** has been submitted for \$50000, with matching funds from CPCS \$25000 and CBESS \$25000.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** Mr. Garcia reported on the State Land Use Commission hearing January 19 to consider Windward Planning Commission's recommendation to grant the Special Use Permit for the Kaumana property. Island Engineering is preparing water and traffic reports for late February.
Elementary students will begin projects in Kaumana. A secondary carpentry class will begin soon. A proposal has been submitted for equipment and materials needs. CBESS will also consider the proposal.

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mrs. Hayashi and Mr. Salmoiraghi will meet with Mr. Garcia for mid-year check in on goals set earlier.

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

Adjournment: 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shinji Salmoiraghi
Connections Governing Board Chair