

9/23/20



School Community Council (SCC) Minutes

Date: Monday, August 29, 2024

Time: 2:30-3:30

Location: Library

Members Present:

Garret, Zakahi, Principal

Julia West, Vice Principal

Angie Morrel, Certificated

Kelly Sutcliffe, Certificated

Virginia Rose, Classified *Approved*

Annie Ruby Garrett, Parent *2nd Approved*

Joshua Potter, Student

Pharoah Fowler, Student

Alston Albarado, Community

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm. Virginia Rose was the facilitator. Kelly Sutcliffe was the notetaker.

II. Introduction of Members

Returning SCC members include: G. Zakahi, V. Rose, A. Albarado, A. Ruby Garrett, K. Sutcliffe, A. Morrell, J. West (joined us last May), New members for SY24-25 include student reps: Joshua Potter and Pharoah Fowler, both Grade 5 students.

III. Ground Rules

Ground rules were reviewed and read by J. Potter and P. Fowler

IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last SCC meeting May 20, 2024 were approved by A. Morrell and seconded by K. Sutcliffe.

V. New Business

- Reviewed the BYLAWS
- Reviewed SCC Timeline for SY 24-25:
- Meeting dates: August 29, Sept 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 28, May 19.

- Determined Chair/ Vice Chair will be A. Morrell and V. Rose.
- Determined who will facilitate and be the note taker for each monthly meeting

October - December

- Principal to share data/information in regards to our JES Comprehensive Needs Assessments (CNA)
- Principal to share data/information in regards to our JES Salaried Financial Plans
- Input from SCC role groups

Jan- May:

JAN-APR: Share Salaried Financial Plan and Academic Plan for SY 25-26.
Will get input from our JESCC.

APR-MAY:

Share final draft of our JES Academic Plan for SY25-26

School Name Change:

The topic of a potential school name change was brought up last year by a member of the community citing that Thomas Jefferson had owned slaves and was unbecoming of an American Citizen. This sparked great discussion amongst our SCC stakeholders and we decided to investigate the history of our school and its name. This past summer A. Morrell, A. Albarado, and G. Zakahi met with a state archivist. They learned Thomas Jefferson Elementary school was previously known as "Waikiki Standard English School". The school was then named after Thomas Jefferson to honor "The Father of Democracy".

VI. Updates from Role Groups

Admin: Open House on 8/15 was a Title 1 event. Vision and mission statements, State Strategic Plan, and other school initiatives and expectations shared. Overall comments/feeling from parents was that it was a successful event. Parents were happy to meet their child's teacher and see the classrooms. The playground usage before and after school has been an issue. Students shared solutions with admin such as creating a barrier, using video surveillance, or utilizing a timed sprinkler system. A. Garret suggested putting a reminder in the Principal Newsletter. J. West encouraged teachers to remind students as well.

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Certificated (CC): First 2 weeks of school, teachers are working on community building, getting to know students in a variety of ways. Students are also taking their initial i-Ready Diagnostic and Panorama SEL assessments. Teachers have started diving into curriculum such as Wonders, Stepping Stones, Prime Math, Science/ SS. Enrichment classes and articulation has started. This SY we will be continuing our FFVP program, our Genki Project, and working hard to research and find a Science Curriculum.

Certificated (EL): There are currently 62 active EL students in grades 3-5. Ms. Morrell is our EL teacher/ coordinator this year. She has been attending articulation and sharing student schedules with teachers. Official EL service will begin next week (9/3). The EL team has revived a newcomers program for our new EL students and families. They are partnering with our counselor, Ms. Koo and enlisting the help of our warm-hearted welcomers to have students feel a sense of belonging on our school campus. The EL open house for families will be on Wednesday, 9/4.

Community: Hawaiian Studies classes are continuing their partnership with Artists in the Schools. They have also worked with Discovery Art for Youth to create a coloring book reflecting the values of ALOHA.

Classified: Mrs. Rose has visited every class, K-5, to read stories and reintroduce students to the ALOHA values. Our Beginning of the Year Assembly was held to welcome students back and review behavior expectations, GLO's, and ALOHA values. Our 1st quarter assembly will be in October. School Picture Day will be held on 9/23 in the school library.

Parents: Open house was great! Parents appreciated the time to meet teachers and see classrooms. A. Garret will be unable to attend all SCC meetings so we are looking for other parents who would like to be involved in SCC.

Students: Shared playground solutions. Would like to see the following fruits in our FFVP: watermelon, red grapes, lychee, dragonfruit, and peaches.

Other updates:

First Kona Ice was a success! 25% of proceeds go to JES. We made about \$250 in profit which will go towards our school's color run.

VII. Meeting Pros/ Cons

Pros: Had a complete quorum. Student reps were actively engaged and solution-oriented.

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Cons: Need another parent rep for the remainder of the school year.

Next Meeting: 9/23/24, 2:30-3:30 in JES Library. K. Sutcliffe will facilitate, A. Albarado will be the notetaker.

Meeting adjourned: 3:38 pm.