



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DATE
09/23/2024

TIME
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION
SCHOOL LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT

Garret Zakahi, Administration
Julia West, Administration
Angeline Morrell, Certificated
Kelly Sutcliffe, Certificated
Virginia Rose, Classified

Annie Ruby Garrett, Parent
Akashni Johnson, Parent (**NEW MEMBER**)
Joshua Potter, Student
Pharoah Fowler, Student
Alston Albarado, Community

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **2:34pm** with **Garret Zakahi** as Facilitator and **Alston Albarado** as Notetaker.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Quorum present. **Annie Ruby Garrett** will be stepping down as the Parent Representative with **Akashni Johnson** (Parent of **Pharoah Fowler**) stepping into the role.

GROUND RULES

Ground rules review by the student representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve minutes from **August 28, 2024** by Virginia Rose, seconded by Annie Ruby Garrett.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Dress Code Policy (Midriff Section)

- Reviewed wording in Parent & Student Handbook
- Concerns raised over consistency in enforcement
- Students expressed views on personal style and available clothing options in stores
- Issue will be added to Student Council agenda; faculty / staff poll to be conducted

School Name Change Proposal

- Reviewed name change process & research phase
- Discussed Thomas Jefferson's history as a slave owner
- SCC co-chairs to draft initial staff survey for review at next meeting (Goal: Send survey to staff by December 2024)

NEW Proposal: Parents Eating with Students in Cafeteria

- Students: Not necessary but would be "nice"
- Discussed potential for special events / holidays
- Concerns raised about supervision & monitoring
- To be explored further





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Certificated Faculty

- EL (English Learner) program updates:
 - More students expected to exit the program this year
 - WIDA testing ongoing
- "Building Thinking Classrooms" training conducted with the system's creator
- Genki Ball Project starting next week, beginning with canal observations
- Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for last week of October and beginning of November
 - Early dismissal days during this period

Classified Staff

- Picture Taking Day was successful
- Aloha Store (PBIS) will be opening next week

Students

- As both representatives running for Student Council President, following concerns shared regarding rushed timeline for elections:
 - Putting up campaign posters
 - Preparing candidate speeches
- Positive feedback on classroom gardening projects on school grounds

Parents

- Discussed possibility of parents having lunch with students
- Clarification needed on breakfast drop-off protocols
- Multiple reports of bullying from various sources
- Suggestion to implement classroom strategies that reinforce the school values
- Interest in parents attending field trips





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Community

- Efforts underway to arrange a field trip to Iolani Palace for Hawaiian Studies curriculum
 - All grades except Kindergarten expressed interest in participating
 - Working on potential Title I funding for transportation costs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Early dismissal after Fall Break for Parent-Teacher conferences
- Parents & community members welcomed to chaperone upcoming field trips

PROS & CONS

Pros: Quorum achieved, addition of new SCC member
Cons: Resignation of an SCC member

NEXT SCC MEETING

Scheduled for **October 28, 2024** at **2:30 PM - 3:30 PM** in the **School Library**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **3:45pm**.

