

Lanikai Elementary PCS Minutes of Board Meeting, April 23, 2014

Board Members present:

Ed Noh
Espie Chapman
Eun Strawser
Judy Pao
Kim Hanson
Liam Gimon
Oz Stender
Phil Whitesell
Todd Cullison

Community Members present:

Marnie Ackerman
Tara Young
Cathy Bachl

Student Council Representative:

Noah Allen

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2014

- Meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Mr. Cullison
- Mr. Cullison moved for approval of February minutes and motion was unanimously approved.

2. Student Council Report - Noah Allen reporting

- Student council held the 4th Annual Pennies for Patients to benefit the Lymphoma Society. They raised a little over \$1,000 and Ms. Ramos Kindergarten raised the most money.
- The Student Council will sponsor a Kendama Tournament from May 12-23. There will be two divisions, a lower and upper school, resulting in two winners. It will be a bracket style single-elimination tournament that will not be a fundraiser.
- Student Council Officer elections for 2014-15 will be held before the end of the school year. Representatives will be elected at the beginning of the next school year.
- Student Council would like to thank Marnie Ackerman for her research and purchase of the cold-water drinking fountains. They will arrive before the end of the school year and it is a dream come true for Mrs. Pao.

3. LSO Report - Marnie Ackerman reporting

- Twenty-one (21) Apple TVs and HDMI cables have been purchased by the LSO to be utilized with the donated classroom televisions. They will be used to compliment the educational process in the classroom.
- The Cafeteria remodel is progressing. The walls were painted over break. A high-end projector, projector mount, speakers, DVD player and Apple TV with mirroring capabilities will be added. This space will be able to accommodate up to 116 people.
- Two cold-water water fountains have been purchased. A double fountain will go in the LC and a single fountain will go upstairs in A building. They should arrive by April 28th and cost approximately \$2,000. Attachments for water bottles have been ordered and research is being done on an extended warranty.
- Two (2) new robots have been purchased for robotics program to be used in competition.
- Logo merchandise store is being researched. Custom-dyed t-shirts would be produced for adults and children. Costs would range from \$15-20 per item. Quality vendor has been identified and details are being finalized.
- An audio mixer is proposed as upcoming item to be purchased with LSO funds.
- LSO has potential leads for new board members for next year. By-laws are being updated to reflect duties and time commitment for perspective volunteers.

- A survey to gain feedback regarding school satisfaction and suggestions was proposed. Marnie Ackerman acknowledged that she receives a lot of school feedback as President of the LSO and suggested a survey to capture this information. Concerns or issues that would need to be resolved before a survey could progress would be:
 - What is overall goal of survey
 - Could “battle-tested” survey be accessed from outside source (i.e. High Bar or DOE School Quality Survey)
 - Who would have access to content

Mr. Whitesell stated that any official school survey would need to come through the Board. He reminded the group that a general satisfaction survey was done two years ago and a performance review for Mr. Noh was done last year.

Mr. Gimon added the idea of a suggestion box to offer suggestions to the Board. Mr. Cullison stated that all Board members are open to receive feedback and that information can then be presented to the Board. Mrs. Pao and Mr. Noh encouraged everyone to encourage parents to take their comments directly to the teachers if there is a problem so that they can address the issue before going to Mr. Noh or other sources.

4. Development Committee – No report

5. Director's Report - Mr. Noh reporting

Academic Updates

- Teacher Observations are almost complete. There is a pre-observation meeting, the observation and then a post-observation meeting. In the pre-observation meeting, instructional practices and strategies are discussed: clear objective, inquiry, pacing, wait time, total student engagement. Lanikai teachers are not only professional and prepared, but they make authentic connections with students. At the post-observation meeting, a recap of the lesson takes place and commendations and recommendations are given.
- A new ELA (English Language Arts) program was adopted: “Wonders” by McGraw-Hill publishing. A first initial use training was held on Monday (4/21). The trainer was impressed at the level of engagement of the staff as well as the questions that were being asked
- New Common Core Report Card is being developed for the 14-15 school year. Using a “backward design” process, we began a six part Professional Development series where grade levels met to discuss new CCSS (Common Core State Standards). The basic question is what do we need our students to know and be able to do. The new report card will allow the teachers to identify the important standards and benchmarks and be in a more user-friendly format.
- New Character Attributes will go beyond the GLOs (General Learner Outcomes: Critical Thinker, Community Contributor, etc). Other school models were researched to look at behaviors that are more precise and better indicators of future success. One such model came from the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) Schools where they focus on behaviors such as “zest” or “grit”.

Project Updates

- The last week was a busy one for the school with many facilities upgrades:
 - Cafe painting - Thank you LSO!!!
 - Stage- Thanks again to Shawn McKay for his dedication to the project and Todd Cullison and Kat Young as the project leads.

- Shade covering for the LC. Framing was set and will be completed before May Day. Thank you to the Governing Board for releasing the funds to help finally complete the project.
- Security covering for the custodian area behind the cafe has begun this week. More will be shared in the Health and Safety report.

Health and Safety Update

- Security covering behind the cafeteria began this week thanks to the perseverance of Mary and Jeff. Evidence of homeless persons has been found accessing our hot water over the past summer and throughout the year. Items left behind was everything from clothes, shampoo to drug paraphernalia (needles and pipe). All were reported to the police, a case number was assigned which hastened the work from the DOE.
- Other illicit materials have been found on school grounds, which prompted the Safety and Health Committee to meet specifically about creating an awareness campaign to teach our children about safety protocols. Specifically, alcohol bottles and condoms have been found around the play structure in the back of the playground as recently as early April. A special letter will be written by the school director and distributed to families. Teachers will also be asked to share safety information in the classroom as well as during PE classes.
- A tsunami drill has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 that requires a full campus evacuation. Our evacuation drill goes out the back of the school, across Alala Road and up Paumakua Place to a designated rally point. In the event of a real tsunami evacuation, we would then cross the golf course to Lana Street that can be accessed off of Keolu Drive. For more information, please refer to the parent handbook.
- Charter School Bills need the support of the schools and general public. A specific measure can help Lanikai School students AND all charter school students by creating a separate line item for the Commission (charter administration office) that is separate from the per pupil allocation. Currently, an automatic percentage is taken from all per pupil allocations before it is loaded into the school. If the bill is passed, we can hope for more funds for next year!
- Related, another bill is also being considered regarding facilities. While the Capitol Improvement Project was not approved for our cafetorium this year, the new bill will better serve all charter schools seeking facilities funding.

6. PCNC Report - Ms. Chapman reporting

- 50th Anniversary Luau ticket sales are reaching the 400-person estimate. The caterer will be contacted to increase the numbers since ticket sales will continue as we approach the week leading up to the event. The community has shown great support for the event and the current ticket sales are approximately 80% current school families and 20% community members. Hardware Hawaii continues to support Lanikai Elementary by donating ten (10) sand bags to weigh down screens during May Day performance. Two (2) tickets were provided to them for their support of the stage project overall. Mr. Cullison inquired if there would be security at the event. Ms. Chapman confirmed that the Gibson family would handle it.
- Lanikai Elementary will participate again this year in the Kailua 4th of July Parade. Kat Young has agreed to choreograph a routine to the song "Happy" by Pharrell and possible collaboration with a drum line from a middle or high school feeder-school.
- May 2nd will be the final Walking School Bus for the year. Government and community leadership have been invited but will not be able to attend. Possible invitation to Mike Formby from Hawaii Bicycle League.

7. Vice President's Report - Mr. Whitesell reporting

- The Board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from a former substitute teacher, Ms. Chandra Miars. The letter will be discussed in the closed session.

8. President's Report - Mr. Cullison reporting

- The stage construction was a success. Final work on the steps will be completed this week and the back of the stage will be secured by Sean McKay and Josh, an alumni of the school. Thanks again to the tremendous combined effort of Sean McKay, Kat Young, Espie Chapman, Colin Redican, Sage Ramos family, Katherine Glenn family and the countless others that worked together to make this project a success.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

9. Closed Session

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 28th, 6:30pm, Art Room