



Innovations Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022 | Location: ZOOM

Call to Order: 4:05

Present:

Jennifer Hiro, Frank Carpenter, Heather Korotie, Mark Disher, Ali Rabin, Zarine Dorabji, Catherine Hawkins, Lee Nelson, Georgia Goeas

Absent: Wayne Yamauchi, Cole Arrington, Corrine DeSoto

Guests: Ann Van Brunt

Secretary: Kim Leuenberger

Public Comment: None

Minutes

Minutes Approved: April 5, 2022

Motion to approve: Heather

Seconded: Ali

Votes: All approved, No opposition

Financial Report:

- **Grants and ESSR Funding Update**
- **Budget Review:** Board reviewed; \$212,000 Surplus
- **Approval of Audit with Carbonaro CPAs:**
Motion to approve: Mark
Seconded: Ali
Votes: All approved, No opposition
- **Approval of 22-23 SY Budget:**
Motion to approve: Mark
Seconded: Georgia
Votes: All approved, No opposition

Director's Report:

Financial Updates

- Grants:

- Awarded State of Hawaii Grant-In-Aid: \$200. To install solar system and re-roof admin and Kindergarten building
- Salaries Increases for next year's operating budget

Facilities

- Lunch Pavilion Construction Update: Beginning in June, 2022

Commission Updates

- Commission Renewal Visit #1: attended by 4 members of the Commission Staff
 - [Self-Reflection](#)
 - Compliance Documents provided in both a Google Folder & Physical Binder
 - Classroom visits included all of the classrooms in both elementary and middle school
 - High level of engagement in all classes
 - Happy and pleasant students in all classes
 - Atmosphere of safety and enjoyment for students and staff observed
 - Emphasis on "what Commission staff should look for" was in the classroom where the work is being done
- Renewal Process:
 - another visit in August/September to review student and financial files
 - Commission staff to present recommendation in Feb/March commission meeting

Hawaii Charter School Network Updates

- BOE Superintendent Search Committee: narrowed to 3 candidates
- Creating "report cards" for legislators to make available to charter school communities for consideration in the election year

Curriculum

- 1st-2nd Graders put on the first grade level performance of the year which included 2 shows: morning for the school community and evening for the parents and family members which was very well-attended. Their musical was written by Innovations' drama teacher, Jaque Collier who added wit, humor and interesting facts about Hawaii's native forest animals and flora. Costumes created by parents added a wonderful display of deeper learning of the unique Hawaiian native and invasive species as a component of the entertaining production.
- Kindergarteners reminded the audience that "You Eat what We Eat" as they put on their assembly for an audience of parents and school community - focusing on their learnings about the ocean and creatures that inhabit the ocean ecosystem and are affected by the interaction of humans in their environment.
- Teachers were celebrated all week for Teacher Appreciation. With gifts of lei and flowers, student-created flower stand made from a ko'u tree that fell on campus and wood burned with meaningful traditional patterns held beautiful tropical flowers designed by students, a coffee and tea bar with a variety of bagels and spreads, student created resin

notebooks, clipboards and pens and culminated with a student-created meal that included pulehu pork, kale salad, ceviche, baked salmon, veggies and a homemade mashed potato. With an additional final touch, students created the yummy delicacy of kulolo and added a fun twist with an ice cream soda beverage. We appreciate our teachers and were excited to have students involved in expressing their gratitude through creation of gifts that offered their talent, time and hard work.

- School's secretaries were also celebrated for the whole week for Secretaries' Day. Each class presented school secretaries with songs, flower pen gifts, a mural of flowers representing each of the elementary students and mosaics of secretaries' images created by middle school students.
- Middle School students have completed their only round of mentorships for the school year. Partnering with the community - students mentored under community members in the areas of native Hawaiian navigation and culture, cultural foods and practices, ReefTeach and tree care and maintenance. They also participated in on-campus mentorships in music production, technology, photography and engineering. Students will share their learning in a mentorship share on Friday, May 13th from 9:30-10:30 on campus.
- Curriculum Share: all elementary classes will be conducting a sharing of the curriculum they've been studying through 20-minute sharing sessions in their classrooms for all parents and peers to attend. Through visiting classrooms of their children as well as other grade levels, a community of learners will be demonstrated and an authentic audience provided to students to share their understandings and learning. Thursday, May 19th 5:30pm
- 8th Grade Graduation: in-person event on Thursday, May 26th 5:15pm upper campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring Interview Committee:

- Hiring recommendations in executive session

Personnel:

- Rene Stroud has announced her retirement
- 1st-2nd grade teacher position will be filled in-house: Corey Cherry
- Heather Barnreuther will be the 5th-6th grade teacher

Executive Session

Interviewing Committee Recommendations

2 Classroom tutors:

Tutor #1

Motion to approve: Jenn

Seconded: Mark

Votes: All approved, No opposition

Tutor #2

Motion to approve: Heather

Seconded: Ali

Votes: All approved, No opposition

Next Board Meeting Scheduled: New School Year Retreat: tentatively Friday, July 29th

Meeting Adjourned: 5:06pm