



## Innovations Governing Board Meeting Minutes

4 PM, February 9 2020 | Location: ZOOM

### **Call to Order:**

### **Present:**

Jennifer Hiro, Frank Carpenter, Heather Korotie, Mark Disher, Harold Rodriguez, Kim Leuenberger, Cole Arrington, Ali Rabin, Corrine DeSoto, Julie Herendeen, Georgia Goeas, Wayne Yamauchi, Zarine Dorabji

### **Absent:**

**Guests:** Lee Nelson, Pua Kaai

**Secretary:** Kim Leuenberger

### **Public Comment:**

### **Minutes**

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**Minutes Approved:** November 10, 2020

Motion to approve: Harold

Seconded: Frank

### **Financial Report:**

- We had \$2,305,348 cash in bank (combined foundation and school accounts at 6-30-2020).
- We are projected to have \$2,512,689 (combined foundation and school accounts at 6-30-2021).
  - So at this time we are expecting our cash to be up by \$200,000 at year end 6-30-21. This is assuming that we receive our final 10% per pupil allocation from the state or if the state cuts are final 10% allocation that there are Cares Act Funds to supplement the final 10% allocation.
- School budget projected to be balanced.
  - Grants are up to \$33K – Reach \$15K, County of Hawaii \$7K, Patch \$2.5K, DOH \$9K.
  - Title I, Title II, SPED, Cares amount is down because last year we received cares funds of \$45K and this year have not included any cares funds.
  - cares funds not included in our budget as it might be used to offset a cut to the final 10%.
  - if we receive the final 10% and are slated to get about \$80K in Cares funds, the school budget will be balanced.

## **Director's Report:**

### **Financial Updates**

- Donors Choose has been a great resource for our teachers - teachers have written several grants that have been funded to support purchase of equipment, instructional material and safety equipment

### **Legislative and Contract Items**

- Legislative bills affecting charter schools
  - Bill to amend current law that 3 auditors shall be selected by the Commission to conduct charter school audits - amendment would be to state "minimum of 3" and suggesting that charter schools be able to select their own independent auditor per authority of the schools' governing boards
  - A few bills seek to create additional authorizers in addition to the Commission
- Contract 4.0: this will be the next version of the charter school contract. We are currently contracted under version 3.0. Innovations will be under this contract until the SY 2023 (we'll start renewal process October 2022). Schools are currently seeking voice and revisions to the 4.0 draft that is at the Commission committee level of revision.
  - Interpretation of the law in implementation in the contract is a continuous point of revision
  - General request to postpone implementation of a new contract version 4.0 due to current circumstances and to allow schools to focus on COVID operations
  - Revisions to maintain the autonomy of charter schools contended
    - Commission should not need to review or approve of curriculum materials and programs used by a charter school
  - Revisions to maintain the governing board's authority
    - Approval of a charter school's governing board members should not be in the authority of the commission
  - Revisions to the academic and financial frameworks requested
    - To reflect the pandemic context that significantly affects the financial thresholds of the financial frameworks ie. cash on hand, cash flow
    - Academic: what will be expected if statewide testing data is not available, how will absenteeism data be modified
    - Current version awards points for school data tools: unsure if it's an approved list of data tools or what schools will use if they don't have a data tool

### **Enrollment is Open for SY 2021-2022**

- Virtual school tours this year with Zoom Q&A sessions to offer face-to-face interaction

- 150+ applications submitted so far
- Deadline for applications is March 19th, enrollment lottery will be April 1st
- Intent-to-Return data in collection for current students enrolled in order to determine number and grade level openings

## Operations

- Vaccinations have been arranged for over 50% of the teachers and staff who want to be vaccinated
- COVID safety protocols: continuing consistency with daily health screening, masks, distancing and handwashing and COVID treatment of all classrooms/equipment daily.. Families have been very cautious and keep children home if they have any symptoms of illness
  - Tawna reports 1-2 students have had to report to the “health room”
  - No reports of exposure, positive COVID cases or contacts
- Elementary and Middle School After Care programs up and running successfully
  - Elementary After Care: is at full capacity, operating in grade level groups, bubble play areas
  - Middle School REACH grant supported enrichment program gaining popularity
    - Positive feedback from the 44 students currently enrolled in the program
    - Enrichment Activities offered include: garden nutritional cooking, ukulele/guitar lessons, basketball, art, drama
    - Snacks are provided to all students
    - Current staff members are offering all enrichment classes

## Curriculum

- Trimester 2 conferences are scheduled for February 20 and March 5 via Zoom
- 1st and 2nd grade created a virtual curriculum share of their Plants unit of study with a Wonder Garden tour that did include in-person peer and Kindergarten student audiences (distanced, outside and in masks)
- 7th/8th graders are presenting their National History Day projects

## Staffing and Evaluations

- Teachers will submit portfolios as part of the evaluation process this month and meet in peer conferences to submit to Governing Board at March meeting
- Middle school math teacher opening for next school year will be posted on school website - interviews to be conducted starting in March
- No other openings at this time - all other staff members intend to return

## **Agenda Items:**

Position Planning and Hiring for SY 2021-22: all teachers and staff have indicated they will return next school year except for middle school math. That position has been posted on our school website.

Board Positions & Openings SY 2021-22: bylaws state that we have goal of 11 members with no more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the members being parents or associated with the school.

- We currently have 13 members: Harold Rodriguez will be rolling off.
- Julie Herendeen will be replaced by a staff member.
- No new board members needed

**Executive Session:** None

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled:** April 6, 2021

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:53p**

Motioned by Heather, Seconded by Harold