



**Innovations Governing Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
September 13, 2022 | Location: ZOOM

**Call to Order:** 4:05pm

**Present:**

Jennifer Hiro, Mark Disher, Zarine Dorabji, Catherine Hawkins, Lee Nelson, Georgia Goetas, Wayne Yamauchi, Cole Arrington, Corinne DeSoto

**Absent:** Kim Leuenberger

**Guests:** Anne Van Brunt

**Secretary:** Jenn Hiro for Kim Leuenberger

**Public Comment:**

- Hawaii Keiki Museum: hands-on STEAM-based organization, opening Oct. 10th for ages 0-9 years old, a dozen exhibits - demonstration corner. Food science, biology, chemistry. International Market Place. Offering field trips to schools.

## Minutes

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**Minutes Approved:** May 10, 2022

Motion to approve: Mark

Seconded: Zarine

Votes: unanimous

- Revision: fill in the blank - Commission's 2nd visit to review student and financial files and records

## Financial Updates

Grants:

- Uplink - \$30K - Free Afterschool Middle School Program (Jan-May) including FAME
- Reach - \$12K- Free Afterschool Middle School Program (Jan-May) including FAME
- State of Hawaii previous: \$200K - Pavilion & Playground
- State of Hawaii - \$200K - Solar and New Roofs for Admin and K
- County of Hawaii - \$10K - Garden Program
- DHS - \$45K - Aftercare Program
- Kona Brewers' Festival - \$5K - Garden Program
- ESSR - \$275K - Tutors, Construction Projects, Ed Supplies, Custodial Supplies and Projects

- Budget: we will have a balanced budget.
  - Motion: To approve SY 2022-2023 Budget.
  - Wayne
  - 2nd: Cole
  - Vote: unanimous

## Facilities

- Lunch Pavilion Construction Update: complete!!
  - Will be adding cupboards, cabinets and handwashing station
  - Looking to create coverage between pavilion and kindergarten roof

## Commission Updates

- Commission Renewal Visit #2: attended by 3 members of the Commission Staff
  - [Self-Reflection](#)
  - Compliance Documents provided in both a Google Folder & Physical Binder
  - Staff did a file review of student records and safety requirements
  - Classroom visits were limited this visit -
    - Interest groups and middle school mentorships were showcased as unique elements to our curriculum model
      - Community collaborations were highlighted and modeled
      - Student voice and choice in learning was exemplified
      - Engagement is high in learning through this model
- Renewal Process:
  - An application for renewal will be sent to schools in November
    - We do have a draft that we will be putting together for preliminary review/approval at our November 15th Governing board meeting
  - Populated application form including our STRIVE HI data and school information will be available mid-November
  - Application is due to the Commission on Dec. 15th
  - Commission staff will review and develop a recommendation presentation to the Commission for mid January.
  - Decision of award is to happen in that meeting
- Filling charter school advisory position: 2 are in statute to sit in commission meetings to advise and give perspectives from charter school leadership and Hawaiian-focused mission/visions. Jenn Hiro will sit in the position until July 2023.

## Programs Review

- Title I - \$62K : push-in support for student needs in reading, writing, math
- Title IIa - \$5K - Professional Development for HSTA members
- Title IV - \$42K: enrichment and arts opportunities to increase student engagement in learning, provide a variety of modalities to learn content, increase student self-confidence in risk-taking and stamina for challenge

## Curriculum

- Balance is our 2-year theme. All curriculum units and topics will circle back to the universal concept of balance: how it's formed, how it's created, what balance is vs imbalance
- Curriculum topics this year include: healthy foods and bodies, natural disasters, simple machines, community
- Teacher training and PD has focused on making our classrooms "thinking classrooms" where thinking is more visible, required and opportunities to "think" are intentional. Students are provided opportunities to improve their thinking skills - not taught "what to think" but rather "how to think" through routines and prompts that after much practice become habits with the goal of becoming independent, critical thinkers who can contribute positively to our community with solutions, problem-solving skills, collaboration and positive interaction in issues and patterns in society.

## Personnel:

- All positions are currently filled
- Looking to hire after school enrichment teachers for middle school program to start in January
- FAME mentors have been confirmed for FAME production this year in April

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Make-Up: 2-4 board openings

- Construction/engineering
- finance/accounting
- Community collaboration and education
- Legal
- Community health

Treasurer: Corinne DeSoto

- All approve

**Executive Session:** none

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled:** November 15, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:07pm**