**IPCS Governing Board**

**Minutes for 11-15-16**

**4:00-6:00 p.m. at IPCS Campus**

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to orderat 4:00pm

**PRESENT:** **Board Members:** Georgia Goeas, Jennifer Hiro, Kiley Nakagawa, Joanna Schiller, Schel Leatherman, Nick Yamasaki, Mark Disher, Jenna Criswell, Ashley Brooks, and Joanna Sokolow.

**Guests:** Lee Nelson

**Calendar:** Meetings this year will be held on Jan. 10, April 4, and May 9th.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes reviewed from September 2016 and approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

* Detailed report and review of 3rd Quarter Financials by Lee Nelson..
* Annual audit completed with no recommendations or findings.
* Lee shared the IPCS Consolidated Projected Balance Sheet. Innovations submitting a balanced budget.

IPCS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO GSB / FOUNDATION FINANCIAL

**GOVERNANCE / ACCOUNTABILITY**

* **Charter School Commission: Sione Thompson (new)**
  + Commission is currently under review by special committee of the Board of Education. Surveys of charter schools have been conducted and interviews via listening tours on several islands. Concerns regarding lack of support and resources to charter schools with the implementation of the Charter School Commission and enactment of new charter law in 2012.
    - Complaints from some charter schools have prompted an investigation of the Public Charter School Commission, which regulates charter campuses. The Board of Education will be evaluating the commission’s performance against its statutory requirements and national best practices and standards to come up with an overall rating.
* **HPCSN (Hawaii Public Charter School Network): Jeannine Souki (Director)**
  + Advocacy efforts with letters of support and testimony in the charter school commission review.
  + Visiting charter schools – Innovations visit will be Thursday, November 17th.

**CURRICULUM**

## 1st trimester student evaluations conducted through report cards and student-led conferences. Nearly 100% of parents attended conferences and engaged in discussion regarding student academic and social learning progress while setting goals for achievement for the next trimester

* Performing Arts Events
  + 5th/6th graders presented “The US Constitution” play incorporating music and dramatic interpretation of historical events.
  + Kindergarten – 4th graders will present hula and song to “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” at Nov. 19th Kona Town Night Market
    - 5th-8th graders will participate in performance as well with song and musical performances
  + Shrek Jr. this year’s F.A.M.E. production has been cast and practices have begun. Show will be March 31st, April 1st and April 2nd at Aloha Theater
* Sister school from Japan conducted their annual visit which included a cultural performance for the entire school, 3-night homestay experience with Innovations families and cross-cultural curriculum presentation that compared and contrasted Japanese government organization with United States government organization. Taking an inquiry stance, Seiko students explored the pros and cons of each model of government and suggested ideas for improving government models and voting procedures. Their main message was for students of all countries to “move forward together” by considering other peoples’ opinions.
* Rhythm of the Soil project involvement for the 4th year. A partnership between of [Lavaroots Performing Arts](http://www.lavaroots.com/" \t "_blank) and local area school gardens, to learn a traditional African harvest dance called Kassa. 3rd and 4th grade students were lead by world-renowned drummers Fara Tolno and his brother, Soriba Fofana who operate a foundation aimed at building schools in their hometown of Guinnea, Africa.

## FACILITY

* Improvements
  + New signage in parking lot
  + Kitchen and bathroom cabinets installed
  + 32 security cameras up and monitoring on-line
* water line completed and permitted
* fire inspection completed and in compliance
* entry gate installed at Hualalai entrance

**Charter UPDATE**

Ms. Hiro shared the IPCS Contract Renewal Application. The GB will review the Charter Renewal Documentation and Timeline online and send any recommendations via email. IPCS needs to submit an application for renewal of charter this year. Current charter expires in 2017. Innovations will seek the highest bracket (most years) of renewal available. Once final school reports are issued to schools there is a 30-day timeline for submitting renewal application.

**Board Action**

A letter was sent to the board requesting that one of their 3 children is placed on the hardship list. This family has 2 enrolled here already and one child not enrolled here. The board approved the motion to put the child on the hardship list. Board approved hardship.

**POSITIONS ON BOARD:** Joanna Schiller is the Secretary, Jolene Mears is the Chair Person/President and Jenna Criswell is the Treasurer.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 P.M.**