



Kua O Ka Lā

A New Century Public Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

Kua O Ka Lā PCS

November 30, 2019

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

KOKL PCS Admin Office located at
42 Kinoole Ave. Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Board Members:

Present:

Kaimi Kaupiko

Kahu Vi Makuakane

Dr. Kelly Roberts

Dr. David Singh

Kahu Kenneth Makuakane

Dr. Marta Ferrero Wayne

Susie Osborne

Glen Calvert

Dr. Ku Kahakalau

Absent:

Maile Nihipali

Charmaine Ahyee

Glen Calvert

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

Kapoula Thompson (Principal)

Sione Thompson (Charter Commission Executive Director)

Denim Cretton (Vice Principal)

Karina Espinoza (Business Manager taking minutes)

Proceedings:

Executive Board meeting from 10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Board of the Whole

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by Chair, Glen Calvert

Review of the Agenda: The approval of the October Financials were deferred for the January meeting.

MOTION: to approve the Revised Agenda

Move: Kaimi

Second: Marta

All in favor: Unanimous, motion approved

(Susie stating for the record that she is a non-voting member)

Ho'olauna/Introduction of the Board Members - Charmaine Ayhee from the Bank of Hawai'i will be a new board member but will start at the January meeting.

Brief intro of board and attendees:

Kaimi Kaupiko (teacher representative) – Miloli'i He has been with KOKL for 6 yrs. Kaimi is a Hipu`u virtual on line program teacher/support services.

Vi Makuakane - board perpetual kupuna. Started as member as church, when there was no facilities and school started at Opihikao Church. Aunty Vi described the beginning of KOKL PCS.

Dr. David Sing (new member) - Honored to be on board, for he knew of Susie's and Keiki's work before the school began and he also worked with Anake Vi at UH, Hilo. He knew Kenneth Makuakane from interactions with Na Pua Noeau, where Kenneth was on their board. Dr. David Sing has been in Hawaiian Educator for 40 years. He is currently the Director of an LLC Educational Prism, leadership in schools.

Dr. Marta Ferrero Wayne – She has been on the board for 4 years. She has gone through the organizations Ups and downs, of lava and hurricanes. Her expertise is in Economic Development where she works with different foundations on the mainland, Hawaii and China. She had taught for many years in the Hawai'i Philanthropy forum.

Sione Thompson, Executive Director of Hawaii Charter School Commission – He attended a Private School on Oahu then at Arizona University. He is married and he and his wife have 4 daughters. He has a career in Business and Education. He has experience and desire in Non-profit development and community impact through education in various ways.

Susie Osborne (non-voting member) – Like Sione, she was also privately school educated in Canada. She was a business owner, owning the Futon Connection in Hilo. Prior to her husband passing she learned business by his side and travelled the world as a buyer. She later met Keiki Keikipi, Founder of Ho'oulu Lahui. It was where she could support his vision, and give life to service. Her focus as Head of School is mostly external dealing with legislators, partnership development, community relationships,

fund development, facilities development, program development (i.e. Pre K) and has been managing the schools budget, organizational support and board support. This is the year for the Principal to be trained in the management and maintenance of the budgets.

Kapoula Thompson - Year 10 years with KOKL. He began as a math teacher then moved to VP and now is in his second year as Principal.

Dr. Kelly Roberts – Department Director in North Arizona University. She had previously worked at UH Manoa, Center for Students with Disabilities and prior to that she was a teacher in the SPED Department at Pahoa School. She took students then to Pu`ala`a for experiential education. The program was extremely successful and there were profound and beautiful improvements in the students. She has a Ph D from UH Hawaii and has years of experience working with the Native Hawaiian population.

Kahu Kenneth Makuakane (new member)– Kahu of Kawaihao church, music, Papa Makua of Hawaiian churches, environmental issues dealing with DLNR spoke with Governor Ige and issues parallels KOKL PCS. We need to realign with the values of our ancestors.

BOARD AGENDA:

Proposal to on board Dr. Ku Kahakalau to the KOKL PCS Board. VOTE

Susie briefed the Board on Ku's experience and Education. Ku was one influencer to start KOKL. Ku started Kanu O Ka `Aina, she sat on CSAO board, is involved with Kanaeokana, the development of language books and Ecoversity. Ku also sits on the county Ethics Commission Board.

Dr. David Sing added: knew Ku before Kanu O Ka `Aina, when there were no recipes for cultural education. Ku wanted him to observe what was doing in the classroom, learning theory and how it applies to Hawaiians in the classroom. Ku is a leader in education and in Hawaiian Education.

Motion: to Approve Ku to the board.

Approve: Anake Vi

Second: Dr David Sing

All in favor: Unanimous, motion approved

Notice of Concern re: fire inspection NOTE

Susie informed us that Sylvia from the Commission contacted KOKL to inform us that we did not submit a fire inspection and a notice of concern would be generated. Exhibit A lists sites for school (back page) indicate no fire inspect for some of the sites.

We have not use many of these sites this year. We had sites for Hipu'u, our hybrid model for our online program as we wanted to put systems in place for support. Question to Sione: Has the commission discussed determined what is a site? Do not list sites you go to field trips or support drop ins for students. If it is a trip to the County park there is an indemnification process. It would be a field trip site. We discussed Miloli'i site with Sione and determined this will not constitute a site. Do not put in exhibit A. any drop- in site. These revisions on Exhibit A will need to be addressed by the Board at a future meeting. There is a process which we will need to follow and it has been provided to us by Sylvia.

11:00 a.m. Ku and Denim joined the Board meeting. Ku Kahakalau introduced herself. She has committed to sitting for one initial year on the board. She stated that she is proud of Susie and KOKL, courageous and diligent with challenges.

Ku did intern under David. Ku has held a vision for Hawaiian Education that she now realizes must include concepts and understanding of sustainability for schools, `ohana and the community in order to truly Ho`oulu Lahui. Ku is seeking to understand these concepts of being an entrepreneur in order to support/promote this, through the development of language products including onsulting and educational materials. She promotes EA Education with Aloha. `Aloha is the number one change agent, it makes people respond. It is simple because we all have it. Ku is involved with Ecoversity which began in 2015 and is in 70 from different countries around the world. Everyone learns to malama` aina, language, culture, 21st century life skills, and addressing sustainability.

Introduction of Denim Cretton: Maui working in Ed for 14 years as a teacher. Degrees include: Business Into and marketing, Masters in Ed and Sped Ed. He spent 6 yrs in the SPED department in Washington Middle School, and Keonepoko had the 1st inclusion program on the island. He worked at HAAS in the accelerated program. His heart is in the community. He wanted to get to a place where he could give back to the local Hawaiian community. He does small business consulting as well.

Presentation by Sione Thompson on Charter Contract Renewal Process: NOTE

Sione Thompson discussed the Renewal Process - 2 years ago all Charters received a contract with a contract term. The Commission created a system that staggered the terms so that all schools received from between 2 to 5 years. The Commission tiered the years of contract renewal based upon identified performance measures in three areas,

Sione discussed and explained the 3 major portions of the contract which include; Academic, Financial, and Organizational. There are measures to each compliance area. Academic measure has changed to a growth model. Totality of years of the results will be placed into consideration.

KOKL received a three- year term and is up the end of next year. Our renewal application will be due in December of this year and will be determined in February 2020. Sione presented the Charter Application process. He comes from the place that ultimately and eventually, we should have 15 year but, at this time, Charters only get 5 years if renewed.

The Charter Renewal Application is populated based upon the prior application when the law first started. We have the opportunity to review and make change and amend. Essential terms mission and vision. Only what was submitted by the school is listed there.

Annual reviews are conducted and rolled up into a term report. Terminology – Notice of Concern (NOC) is not punitive in the renewal process. No longer punitive but rather a communication piece that we did not meet indicator. The school will have the opportunity to fix or provide a reason to the Commission that will be notated in the annual report. If not acceptable it will move into being a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) and will be addressed at the commission Board level.

The focus for the NOC is on progress and providing action plans. There is the opportunity to dialogue, recalibrate, look at a growth model. How do we validate, what is important to us, and then we can move to validate our results. We are subject to Strive HI. All schools also have value -added measures that they have developed. It was a start and beginning conversation of how else we can measure student growth and success but we need to go from inputs to student outcomes.

We want to ensure that our mission and vision is a component and is measured. Can we revisit the value -added measures? Sione responded that we absolutely can. We should now have a detailed look at the measures with all staff and the Governing Board.

The Board of Education review of the Commission a few years ago, recognized that the Commission did not have a strategic plan. The Commission has now developed a plan that is based the plan on `Aloha and Innovation. We were intended to be public laboratories of Innovation and the Commission infrastructure and system needs to support this.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:

Compliance issues: The board rosters template is available at the end of the table for Board review. Please make any revisions/ adjustments so it can be submitted immediately in addressing Organizational Compliance with the Commission.

Board meeting Ended at 12: 13 p.m.

