

**Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
05/29/2015**

Attendance

Governing Board

- Harald Barkhoff, Vice Chair
- Glen Calvert, Member
- Myles De Coito, Co-Secretary
- Ka‘imi Kaupiko, President
- Susie Osborne, Member
- Marta Wayne-Forero, Member (telephonic)

Community of the School

- Angelina Crusat, KOKL staff and ‘ohana (telephonic)
- Adam Low, KOKL kumu kula
- Pua Mendonca, KOKL kumu kula
- Reza Morin-Dayani, KOKL staff (telephonic)
- Kira Remington, KOKL kumu kula (telephonic)
- Sarah Rushing, KOKL kumu kula (telephonic)
- Puanani Wilhelm, KOKL Director of Hipuu and Elementary
- ‘Ohana & Students
 - Katty Arnow, ‘ohana (telephonic)
 - Raven DeCambra, student
 - Roxie DeCambra, ‘ohana
 - Theresa Jack, ‘ohana
 - Jason Kalawe, ‘ohana (telephonic)
 - Jessie Kalawe, ‘ohana
 - Lahapa Kalawe, student
 - Kehaulani La‘a, ‘ohana
 - Leina‘ala Nākoa, student (telephonic)
 - Samantha Torkelson, student (telephonic)
 - P. Lilinoe Young, ‘ohana

Agenda

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Meeting with Hīpu‘u High School Parents	
11:00 - 11:05 a.m.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Vote
11:05 - 11:15 a.m.	Approval of Hiring Committee Recommendations	Vote
11:15 - 11:25 a.m.	WASC Action Plan Approval	Vote
11:25 - 11:30 a.m.	Announcements, Meeting Schedule	Note
11:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Executive Session	Note

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Minutes

10:15 a.m. Call to Order

Meeting with Hīpu‘u High School Parents

- S. Osborne opens meeting with explanation of Hīpu‘u high school closure.
- Question and answer session with students, families, faculty and staff.
 - (Jessie Kalawe) How will the reduction in force affect Hīpu‘u faculty and staff?
 - S. Osborne provides answer about staff reductions; no details provided regarding number of cuts and nature (i.e., type of positions). Details indicated as forthcoming pending meeting with interim KOKL principal on Monday, 6/1.
 - ‘Ohana Kalawe concerned about level of support that will be provided to Hīpu‘u middle school program.
 - ‘Ohana La‘a (Aunty Kēhau) shares experiences with the Hīpu‘u program; summarizes highlights of program.
 - Question asking clarification about the criteria and parameters for charter school renewal (from L. Young).
 - S. Osborne replies. Anecdotal history of struggles with charter school commission staff given.
 - H. Barkhoff replies indicating the commission staff’s lack of familiarity with needs of rural communities and neighbor islands.
 - Student comments and questions from Lahapa Kalawe. Student indicates frustration with Hīpu‘u high school not continuing; gives summary of Hīpu‘u experience vis-a-vis her experiences as a kaiapuni (immersion) student. Expresses that Hīpu‘u helped her transition to English language based education.
 - Kumu, Pua Mendonca, comments that Hīpu‘u high school closure is a school level--specifically school board--decision.
 - H. Barkhoff addresses the rationale for closure.
 - P. Mendonca comments on inequity of decision making; rationale for

- program closure does not take into account the equality of Hīpu‘u and campus based programs, students.
- M. De Coito shares concern from teacher perspective; shares need for planning in advance in order to develop and carry forward the educational program.
 - Jessie Kalawe shares concern that Hīpu‘u program has not been addressed and treated as an equal component of the school. Upset that Hīpu‘u families not given adequate notice (only two weeks before end of school) of closure of school.
 - K. Kaupiko addresses J. Kalawe. He expresses desire for Hīpu‘u high school to be re-started pending “rebuilding” of program from middle school up.
 - J. Kalawe points out that virtual learning doesn’t work for all students; but, the ones for whom it does work, Hīpu‘u is a great fit.
 - J. Kalawe asks for a forum not restricted by time constraints. She acknowledges that it is not as useful, however, if the decision to close the Hīpu‘u high school program is irrevocable with regard to coming school year.
 - H. Barkoff indicates that board can hear proposals for program reconsideration.
 - P. Wilhelm indicates that feedback can be given to board in writing, including via email.
 - A. Low shares that families currently feel “dissed.” There is a need to repair relationships.
 - ‘Ohana Jack shares mana’o that challenges of distance, virtual learning, will not go away. The key is to build the education program in order to overcome such challenges.
 - S. Rushing, kumu, shares frustration that faculty were not apprised of change in proposal regarding closure of high school. She turned down a position with another school with the understanding that Hīpu‘u faculty were going to be vital to the structure of the education program for SY 2015-16.
 - Meeting with community of school on topic of Hīpu‘u high school closure closes at 12:10 p.m.

Continuance of Agenda at 12:19 p.m.**Attendance****Governing Board**

- Glen Calvert, Member
- Myles De Coito, Co-Secretary
- Ka'imi Kaupiko, President
- S. Osborne, Member
- Marta Furero-Wayne, Member (telephonic)

Review and Approval of Minutes for 05/08/2015 and Agenda for 05/29/2015

G. Calvert motions to review and approve minutes (05/08/2015) and agenda (05/29/2015).

S. Osborne seconds.

Agenda unanimously approved with amendments:

- Executive session moved to next board meeting.

Minutes for 05/29/2015 unanimously approved with amendments:

- Correction of spelling for Holoua Stender.

Approval of Hiring Committee Recommendations

G. Calvert motions to approve, per hiring committee's recommendation, Monica Pilimai Traub as interim K-12 Po'o Kumu (principal) for a one year period, school year 2015-16.

K. Kaupiko seconds.

Motion approved unanimously. Telephonic votes recorded as "aye" for:

- Marta Furero-Wayne
- Maile Nihipali
- Kelly Roberts

WASC Action Plan Approval

G. Calvert motions to review and approve WASC Action Plan.

S. Osborne seconds.

Motion approved unanimously. Telephonic votes recorded as "aye" for:

- Marta Furero-Wayne
- Maile Nihipali
- Kelly Roberts

Announcements, Meeting Schedule

- S. Osborne proposes next governing board meeting at Boys & Girls Club of Hilo on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proposal also includes forum for Hīpu'u high school families.
 - P. Traub, Po'o Kumu, needs to be apprised in order to attend.