

**Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
04/22/2015**

Attendance

Governing Board

- Glen Calvert, Member
- Myles De Coito, Co-Secretary
- Ka'imi Kaupiko, President
- Violet Makuakāne, Member
- Maile Nihipali, Co-Secretary
- Susie Osborne, Member
- Marta Furero-Wayne, Member (telephonic)

Community of the School

- Keikialoha Kekipi, Ho'oulu Lāhui Executive Director
- Puanani Wilhelm, KOKL Director of Education for Hīpu'u & Elementary

Agenda

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.	Opening Pule: Aunty Violet	
10:05 - 10:10 a.m.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Vote
10:10 - 10:30 a.m.	Review and Approval of Policies	Vote
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.	Accreditation Debrief	Note
10:50 - 11:10 a.m.	SY 2015-16 Academic Program Grade Level Modification	Note
11:10 a.m.	Pule Pau	

Minutes

10:08 a.m. Call to Order

Approval of Agenda for 04/22/2015

G. Calvert motions to approve agenda.

V. Makuakāne seconds.

Agenda unanimously approved with amendments:

- Due to lack of quorum, voting items changed to discussions only; elimination of executive session.

Quorum attained for GB policies vote with telephonic attendance by M. Wayne-Forero

- GB policies and procedures agenda item reverted to voting item.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting 03/30/2015

M. Nihipali motions to approve minutes.

G. Calvert seconds.

Minutes approved without discussion or corrections.

Review and Approval of Policies

Commission is conducting audit of charter schools' policies. Therefore, GB has reviewed and amended its policies. GB purposes to approve amended policies.

- GB policies distributed electronically via e-mail to all GB members and distributed in hard copy at 4/22 meeting.
- Amendments adhere to format that documents voting history.

K. Kaupiko motions to approve bound, revised GB policies, with reference to *Table of Contents*.

M. Nihipali seconds.

Approval of amended, bound GB policies unanimously approved.

- Telephonic vote, aye, by M. Wayne-Forero
- Electronic vote, aye, by R. Hogeboom

Accreditation Debrief

Brief review of WASC accreditation visit. Acknowledgement of commendations cited.

- P. Wilhelm discusses accreditation process.
 - School awaiting final decision from WASC. Term of accreditation is six years. Should accreditation be granted, scheduled mid-term visit from WASC is either in 2 or 3 years with a visit of 1 or 2 days.
 - Accreditation can also be denied outright, or a one-year probation can be given with application for accreditation needed to be repeated at end of probation.
 - Next step for school is to work on implementing its action plan (see accreditation self-study) and the visiting committee's recommendations.
 - Defining roles and responsibilities for staff, admin, faculty essential element of achieving action plan and recommendation items.

Employees of school each have multiple roles given the ratio of staffing to necessary capacities for function of school.

Discussion: SY 2015-16 Academic Program Grade Level Modification

S. Osborne reviews current charter landscape and most recent actions of Charter School Commission.

- KOKL movement toward developing a pre-kindergarten program has been denied support by Commission at this time.
- Application for FEMA support due to natural disasters has so far been denied to KOKL.
 - G. Calvert cites that vacant school facilities (built as contingency for lava flow) at Kea‘au HS need to be redistributed, and offered to charter schools.
- S. Osborne explains the inequities, especially funding-wise, at this time for charter schools.
 - Concern is that, despite funding inequities, school needs to demonstrate strong academic growth.

P. Wilhelm shares administrative perspective on proposed change to grade range: keep instruction for K-8 starting next school year, with high school dormant pending growth and development of necessary structure.

- Recommendations:
 - Narrower, smaller scope of K-8 is advantageous to program development
 - Having a principal as lead administrator better than current position of “Education Director”

M. De Coito asks what mechanism is for suspending, or keeping “dormant” the KOKL HS program.

- S. Osborne replies that mechanism is no longer DIP (Detailed Implementation Plan), but is a mechanism called “Exhibit A.”

M. Nihipali describes the need to have a leadership framework and singular position, empowered by its position description, that acts to implement action plan (from self-study) and staff, faculty recommendations. She voices concerns from other teachers that they have time to submit written testimony to GB regarding changes to academic program, especially elimination of high school program.

K. Kaupiko concerned that accountability to GB on part of Education Directors, has been lacking in the area of consistent, meaningful academic reports.

V. Makuakāne motions to approve S. Osborne's initiative to recommend to Kamehameha Schools a pilot program for high school students.

K. Kaupiko seconds

Discussion:

- G. Calvert recommends that KOKL not give up its ability to have HS via *Exhibit A*.

Initiative unanimously approved.

Open Discussion

- Last 10% of per-pupil funding being withheld from all charter schools at this time with rationale from Commission cited as payroll issues with Hālau Lōkahi. Measure of withholding 10% tied to legislation (per S. Osborne; recorder does not have source to cite for legislation).

Scheduling of Next Governing Board Meeting

Date to be posted by end of week, Friday, 4/24/15.

12:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned