

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on April 21 at 4:30PM
Virtual Meeting (via Google Meets)

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Bradley Kai Fox, Edward Aquino, Everett Ohta, Aaron Levine, Preet Nijjar, Kara Suzuka, Melvina Nakao, Mislyn Alensonorin, and Tina Keane

ABSENT: Travis Palmeira

GUESTS: Barbara Dougherty (CRDG) and Charter Commission Pua Kaai.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:34 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Accept the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting was made by Kai Fox, seconded by Everett Ohta. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. GUESTS

A. Barbara Dougherty (CRDG): Reported on projects done since.

Math: Professional Development with Math Group in the Fall and development a progress monitoring

Science Education: Partnership with the school in developing a curriculum.

Department of Education:

Exploring offering online enrichment and tutoring over the summer with the Department of Education.

8th Grade Curriculum piloted at ULS is moving to field work in the mainland but for budget constraints. 3 Oahu schools were interested in participating in the field work.

B. Charter Commission Pua Kaai: Reported on the following:

Movement of meeting to virtual meetings like Zoom due to the current pandemic.

Movement of personnel in the commission.

Commission will be holding its next meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 930AM

II. REPORT

A. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2020 was submitted online. Report was reviewed. Discussion was had on the budget report. Principal Jeremiah provided additional information for the Governing Board's consideration.

B. Principal's Report: Principal Jeremiah reported on the following: Principal's Report will be covered in Agenda Item IIIA on the COVID-19 Report.

C. Committee Updates:

Committees did not meet this past month due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

III. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. COVID-19. ULS received a letter from the Charter Commission directing the coordinated efforts for all charter schools. Charter schools were directed to follow the lead of the DOE. On March 27, 2020, the Commission approved distance learning for charter schools. Charter schools are following the guidelines established by DOE including BOE modified requirements for graduation which includes the removal of standardized testing.

There will be budget impacts due to the pandemic but are awaiting the decision from the State.

ULS addressed distance learning by developing Learning Opportunities and Learning Hub for the students. ULS IT department has been instrumental in developing online resources for students and teachers. ULS has also provided laptops for any students/families in need.

ULS met with the senior class. Planning a virtual graduation ceremony, senior aloha and awards ceremony.

Biggest concern with distance learning for the teachers is ensuring the students are motivated.

- B. School academic performance results. Academic Excellence Committee with Principal Jeremiah presented on the assessment data for the academic year. ULS, generally is performing above the state and national average on all assessments.
- C. Draft performance framework for the next charter school contract. Commission received what ULS submitted but no subsequent meeting was had; ULS will be reaching out to the Commission to seek feedback.
- D. Board Retreat. Technically the board is supposed to have in June, but the Board Governance Committee will need to meet and present a proposal to the governing board including the possibility of doing a virtual meeting.
- E. 2020 State Legislative Action. Legislature is on a standstill. Board members who are interested in pursuing a direction with the Commission need to begin discussion on a plan of action.

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2020

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded by Everette Ohta. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MAY 19, 2020