

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on November 17, 2020 at 4:30PM
Virtual Meeting (via Google Meets)

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Edward Aquino, Everett Ohta, Preet Nijjar, Kara Suzuka, Aaron Levine, Melvina Nakao, and Tina Keane. Also present is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUESTS: Shareef Wang and PJ Foehr, Charter Commission.

ABSENT: Bradley Kai Fox, Travis Palmeira, and Karyn Yoshioka,

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting was made by Aaron Levine, seconded by Melvina Nakao. Motion carried unanimously

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. COVID-19 Return to School Plan: Working on revision/update to the Return to School Plan. Possible changes in the schedule but will continue with the A/B Plan. Lumisight Campus App will be used as a part of the screening process.

260 sneeze guards were ordered as an added safety measure for the students when they need to remove their masks. PPE materials for faculty have also been ordered.

Admin is continuing to evaluate the Return to School plan and may possibly hold Art Classes and Music online.

Discussion was had regarding the Principal's Report regarding the COVID-19 Return to School plan.

- B. School Calendar 2021-2022: Draft calendar for 2021-2022 was submitted online via email to all board members. The 2021-2022 calendar will have 170 student days, 183 teacher days. The school calendar aligns with the UH Academic Calendar and DOE fall and spring break. Motion to accept the calendar as proposed made by Aaron Levine, second by Preet Nijjar. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report: A copy of the Treasurer's Reports for October 2020 was submitted online via email to all board members. Report was reviewed by the board. Some changes to the financial performance framework by the Charter Commission which will not affect the school under the current contract.
- B. Principal's Report: A copy of the Principal's Report was submitted online via email to all board members. ULS Admissions Policy was approved by the Charter Commission on

November 12, 2020. New admissions policy will be implemented. The Charter Commission also approved the one-year contract extension to the school's five-year contract, extending the ULS contract to 2023. Charter Commission draft contract 4.0 with new performance framework under the academic performance framework – 5 indicators and point based system; all schools will have the same standardized assessment. The new indicators compare charter school performance against the complex area schools. Feedback from the schools will be had during November and December. The Charter Commission will consider changes in January, but changes will not affect new charter contracts. One of the key pieces of the changes will focus on school specific data and put more weight on school-specific assessments. Charter Commission's annual report was just presented – there is a question regarding financial scoring that was raised to the commission, awaiting a response. Overall, however, ULS's score is acceptable.

The request for an extension due to COVID-19 for WASC accreditation was granted and extended to 2022-2023.

Two ULS students were selected to be part of an 8 member team representing Honolulu in the National League of Cities.

For the third year in row, ULS received a special award for College Success.

Principal Jeremiah also shared photographs of ULS students' art projects in Mr. Doi's class.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Preet Nijjar): No report other than Treasurer's Report.
2. Academic Committee (Aaron Levine): No report other than the report already submitted by the Principal.
3. Human Resources (Ed Aquino): No Report.
4. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta): No Report.

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2021.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded by Melvina Nakao at 517 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved- 1/19/2021