

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on February 16, 2021 at 4:30PM
Virtual Meeting (via Google Meets)

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

GUESTS: Barbara Dougherty, Mary Greaney and Matthew Shannon

ABSENT: Karen Yoshioka and Bradley Kai Fox.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:35PM

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting was made by Melvina Nakao and seconded by Aaron Levine.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

GUEST: Barbara Dougherty. The COE is continuing to conduct their reorganization including College-wide Research Institute but no definite plans yet. The plans have been sent for feedback and ULS will be appraised once feedback is provided. A private donor was impressed with CRDG's X to Y Curriculum project with ULS –and funding will be provided to extend the project more broadly. Science Education – CRDG is moving forward with a proposal to ULS but is currently on hold due to reorganization of COE.

I. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. COVID-19 Spring 2021 Plan. No changes to UH position regarding on campus learning. UH Administration has approved PSAT testing in January. Learning materials drop off and pick up continue. UH Administration has also approved ACT Testing on campus-2/23/2021. Assessment Administration for School Year (SY) 2020-21 which includes SBA and HHS Science and Biology will need to be administered. ULS will need to request those dates with UH Administration. Previous plan will be implemented once UH Administration gives approval. ULS is not the only charter school conducting distance learning; the plan to implement the Return to School Plan is tentatively set for after Spring Break.

Athletics- Season 2. No decision on how Season 2 will be approached by ULS; a lot of the Season 2 are Pac-5 Sports. Hawai'i Department of Health Guidance for Youth Sports COVID-19 was recently published which is followed by the schools. ULS is considering permitting ULS students to participate in sports that Pac-5 will allow; ULS will weigh and evaluate what will be approved (based on availability of practice fields).

Vaccinations. Through the Charter Commission, Queen's Hospital and DOH – many of the ULS faculty have received their vaccinations.

- B. Hawaii State Public Charter School Guidelines for the Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004. Guidelines were reviewed with the

Governing Board. Guidelines for implementation were published in December 2020 which the Charter Schools must abide by. HIDOE designee for PCS is the Principal who reports compliance with the DOE. The Governing Board will review and discuss further on a later date.

III. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report. A copy of the Treasurer's Report (Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet) for January 2021 was submitted online via email to all board members on February 10, 2021.

B. Principal's Report.

The ULS Math Team finished first place in last month's O'ahu Math League competition. ULS Math Team is currently ranked first in their division among 17 other schools. The Math Team has a few more competitions this year and are hoping to hold on to their rank and advance to the next division.

For the second time this school year, the ULS Global Leadership students were awarded a mini-grant from Blue Zones Hawai'i to help support their community outreach projects. So far ULS students have made and delivered care packages to senior care homes, first responders, shelters, and other community programs.

Three ULS students co-presented with Ms. Cruz at an event for pre-service teachers at UH Hilo. The ULS students spoke about student perspective and provided honest views on education. The ULS students learned a lot about what it takes to be a teacher in the 21st century.

Lastly, at the end of February, a group of ULS students will be attending the Diversity Equity and Inclusion conference as part of their fellows program.

The ULS Science Olympiads earned several medals in multiple events at the Honolulu/Windward Regional Tournament last week. The team qualified for the state tournament to be held in March and April. Under the guidance of science teacher, Ms. Seki-Wong, the students have continued to work hard on their science projects and compete in tournaments all online and from home.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee. No report other than Treasurer's and Update Report.

2. Academic Committee (Aaron Levine). Per Principal's report, testing as reported will need to be conducted. Also discussed the current academic performance framework and reviewed the draft academic performance framework which would go into effect for ULS in July 2023. WASC accreditation goal; deadline for report will be in Fall 2021.

3. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No Report but will need to discuss Principal Evaluation.

4. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Met earlier in the day and discussed Board Evaluation to improve process moving forward.

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2021.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded by Melvina Nakao at 5:31 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MARCH 16, 2021