

## UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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

**PRESENT:** Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Tina Keane, Kara Suzuka, Travis Palmeira, Aaron Levine, Karyn Yoshioka, Melvina Nakao, Miki Tomita and Ishita Shah present. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

**GUEST:** None

**EXCUSED:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Preet Nijjar

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Everett Ohta at 4:31 PM

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2021, meeting as amended was made by Travis Palmeira and seconded Aaron Levine. Approved unanimously with Karyn Yoshioka abstaining.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

#### I. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. SY21-22 Update. ULS continues its efforts to ensure the health and safety of all ULS students and look forward to successfully finishing the first semester of in-person learning.

The COVID-19 vaccine has recently been approved for children ages 5-11. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently recommended to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 in our community.

ULS continues to implement its Student Travel as well as Health and Safety Guidelines.

ULS continues to ask for parents' help and cooperation in completing the LumiSight health check in for their child(ren) each morning. LumiSight is an important tool in keeping ULS students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy so that everyone can come to school for in-person learning. Mahalo ULS Booster Club for sponsoring a LumiSight weekly incentive promotion until the end of the semester.

Upcoming Calendar Events. November 25-26, Thanksgiving Holiday; December 16, Last day of school for students K-12; December 17-January 3, Winter Break; and January 4, January 4, First day of school for students K-12.

#### III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report (Tina Keane). A copy of the Treasurer's Report (Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet) for October 2021 was submitted online via email to all board members on November 15, 2021.

## B. Principal's Report.

Strive HI, Hawaii State Assessment (HSA), and Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). The Hawaii State Department of Education recently released the 2020-2021 results of the Strive HI Performance System, Hawaii's public school accountability and improvement system. Measures associated with the Strive HI system include data on student proficiency in English language arts/literacy, math, and science as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA); student growth in English language arts/literacy and math; chronic absenteeism; 11th grade ACT results; high school graduation rates; college enrollments; and achievement gaps.

Principal Jeremiah reviewed the Strive HI report which include the following highlights for ULS:

- Highest graduation rate in the state, with 100% of our students graduating in four years.
- Ranked third in the state for college enrollment, with 90% of ULS graduates (c/o '20) enrolling in college.
- Lowest chronic absenteeism rate in the state.

Charter Commission Annual Report. Draft of the SPCS Commission's 2020-2021 Annual Report as presented to the Commission meeting on November 10, 2021, was reviewed. The specific ULS Pages from VII. Action on the State Public Charter School Commission 2020-21 Annual Report was also reviewed. Of note, in the achievement gap section of the ULS section of the report- the *did not meet* will be corrected to *Exceeds*.

Additional Student Academic Outcome Measure: Percentage of students scoring 910+ on PSAT 10 (added 8/9/2018): Exceeding the target at 80%.

Recycling Drive. The Global Leadership students will be holding a drive-through recycling event at ULS on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 9am to 11am. The event is focused on drawing attention to the importance of the 3R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to help the environment. Volunteers will be on hand to grab the recyclables from those who will be dropping off recyclables.

Toys for Tots Drive. ULS, led by the ULS Global Leadership students, are working with Toys for Tots Hawai'i and the USMC Toys for Tots to give toys to less fortunate children and families across Hawai'i. Starting Tuesday, November 16, donors can drop off new/unused toys to the school office! The drive lasts until December 15, 2021.

## C. Committee Updates.

1. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). The Governance Committee met on November 2, 2021, and reviewed the initial draft of the revised conflict-of-interest policy. Hoping to present the revision to the governing board in the January meeting.
2. Academic Committee (Aaron Levine). Academic Committee met on November 9, 2021. The committee reviewed the test score results from the last academic year,

- discussed the charter school contract renewal, progress with the WASC accreditation, and continued discussion regarding ULS and the plans for CRDG.
3. Finance Committee (Tina Keane & Ishita). Nothing to report.
  4. Human Resources (Travis Palmeira). Human Resource Committee did not meet in November. Nothing new to report. Still waiting on a signature from HSTA of the draft extension of supplemental contract for two additional years.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 18, 2022

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Travis Palmeira and seconded by Melvina Nakao at 4:59PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED: JANUARY 18, 2022**