UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on April 19, 2022, at 4:30PM
Meeting held Virtual via Google Meets and In-Person at the ULS Building 3, Room 113.

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Preet Nijjar, Aaron Levine, Karyn Yoshioka, Travis Palmeira, Ishita Shah, Kara Suzuka, Miki Tomita and Tina Keane. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah

GUEST: PJ Foehr

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Melvina Nakao

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, at 437PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of March 15, 2022. Motion to approve as amended made by Everett Ohta and seconded by Tina Keane. Approved unanimously with abstention from Karyn Yoshioka and Preet Nijjar.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:
I. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS
   A. SY21-22 Update. There are no changes to our ULS COVID-19 health and safety guide. Students, faculty, and staff are still required to wear face masks at all times while on campus and follow all health and safety protocols. ULS also received 500 units of COVID-19 Self-Test Kits available for use.

   B. Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Form. The Governing Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the ULS Conflict of Interest Policy consistent with the model conflicts of interest policy for charter school boards posted by the state Ethics Commission that was emailed by board member Everett Ohta on April 13, 2022. Presentation was made by board member Everett Ohta on the changes to the ULS Conflicts of Interest Policy that are being proposed. Motion to adopt changes to the ULS Conflict Interest Policy as outlined in the email attachments made by Edward Aquino, seconded by Aaron Levine. Approved unanimously.

   C. HSTA-ULS Supplemental Agreement. HSTA-ULS Supplemental Agreement was finalized. There are changes to the evaluation of students/grading preparation section.

   D. Charter Commission Renewal Site Visit. Start of the Charter Contract Renewal Process. Initial site visit for ULS is planned for May 13, 2022, 8-11am. Commission staff will visit schools to ensure compliance with the current charter contract and 1st Amendment once during SY 2021-2022 and at least once during SY 2022-2023. Over the course of several site visits, areas of the contract related to the academic, organizational, and financial performance frameworks will be reviewed.
• Commission staff will verify compliance through a review and inspection of school records and documents, and by speaking with available school staff. The visit may also include the team observing classroom instruction.
• Commission letter provides a snapshot of performance frameworks review requirements and contractual items that will be reviewed.
• “Self-Reflection on Academic Performance for Contract Renewal Site Visit” form to complete prior to the initial site visit.

III. REPORTS

A. Treasurer’s Report (Preet Nijjar). The Finance Committee met on April 12, 2022 and the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for March 2022 that was submitted online via email to all board members on April 15, 2022.

B. Principal’s Report.

Diploma Waiver Update. At the last Commission meeting, the Commission took action approved recommending the ULS Diploma Waiver to the Board of Education. The Commission recommendation will be heard by the Board of Education (BOE) at the April 21, 2022 BOE general business meeting.

WASC Report. Continuing to work on chapter 3 of the WASC report as reported at the March 15, 2022 meeting. Working on completion of the first criteria by the end of May.

Updates.

College and Career Readiness Indicators University Laboratory School 2021. Report on College and Career Readiness Indicators was finally published – as previously discussed, there are data that was not reported for ULS.

ULS Senior Aloha and Awards Program: Thursday, May 19, 2022. The senior aloha program is a special program for seniors to celebrate their achievements with close family and their friends.

ULS 2022 Graduation: Friday, May 20, 2022, UH Mānoa Andrews Amphitheater 5:30pm - 6:30pm. This year ULS is returning to a traditional cap and gown attire for graduation. ULS is excited to return to this traditional attire going back to the first graduating class of 1951. ULS’s return to UH Mānoa’s Andrews Amphitheater for our graduation ceremony is also a tradition that started with the first ULS graduating Class of 1951. There will be requirements for the invitees and attendees:

• Currently, there are no limits to attendance for the graduation ceremony. If attendance reaches full capacity, the gates will be closed. However, this is subject to change if circumstances surrounding city, state, or university policies change. ULS has pointed out that there are risks associated with attending events with large crowds and less than ideal social distancing parameters. Attendees should understand this and make personal choices based on their comfort level.
Everyone in attendance must wear a facemask while in Andrews Amphitheater to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. ULS anticipates a large crowd as well as elderly and other high-risk populations in attendance.

All attendees must complete the LumiSight Health Check app prior to entering the theater. If you or anyone in your party is feeling ill or has symptoms, please stay home. Parents should already have a parent account set up to check in their child and themselves. Other guests can sign in as a visitor.

Science Olympiad. ULS Teams did very well. Middle school came in Third Place overall. High School came in Fifth Place overall.

Speech Team. Six members of the ULS School Speech Team competed in the State Championship Tournament. Four team members advanced to the final rounds: Allie Q., who finished 4th in the state in Original Oratory; Miyu O., who finished 2nd in Program Oral Interpretation; and the team of Makoa M. and Alyssa G., were named state champions in Duo Interpretation. Miyu, Makoa, and Alyssa qualified to compete in the National Championship Tournament, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in June.

eSports Teams. Both eSports teams made the top 16 and are in the playoffs

Pac-5 Intermediate Baseball (Division I). The ULS baseball boys helped Pac 5 win the Intermediate Division 1 baseball championship defeating Punahou 16-6.

The ULS Boys Intermediate Volleyball team won the ILH D2 volleyball championship. They finished the season undefeated without losing a set.

ULS Banners will be redone to fit additional banners hung at the MPB.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Preet Nijjar). No report other than what was previously reported.

2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Preparing to send out the governing board survey.

3. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No report other than what was previously reported.

4. Academic Committee (Aaron Levine). Met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Met with Linda Venenciano, Interim Director of CRDG to get a sense where the College of Education was heading regarding their research work and implications for ULS. Discussed possibilities with Linda Venenciano regarding possible research collaboration between ULS and the College of Education.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matter.

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2022
ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded by Everett Ohta at 530 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MAY 17, 2022