

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on February 20, 2024, at 4:30PM
Meeting held Virtual via Google Meets and In-Person at the ULS Building 3, Room 113.

PRESENT: Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Tina Keane, Travis Palmeira, Miki Tomita, Saori Doi, Melvina Nakao, and Ishita Shah. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUEST: None.

EXCUSED: Karyn Yoshioka, Aron Dote, Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Preet Nijjar.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Everett Ohta at 4:34 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2024, Governing Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Travis Palmeira and seconded by Tina Keane. The motion was approved unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. **GUESTS:** None

II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Updated Policies: ULS Personnel/Hiring Policy and Procedures and ULS Code of Conduct were updated to comply with new state laws and modification to hiring policies. Vice Chair Everett Ohta presented the proposed updates based on discussion with the Governance Committee. Motion to Approve the Updated ULS Personnel/Hiring Policy and Procedures by Tina Keane and seconded by Melvina Nakao. The Motion was approved unanimously. The ULS Code of Conduct discussion and approval is deferred to the next governing board meeting.

B. Facilities Update. Nothing to report for this month.

C. Pā'ina_ 2024 ULS Pā'ina – University Laboratory School. ULS will be holding its annual Pā'ina on our campus from 10:00am-4:00pm on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The 2024 Pā'ina will have great food, a talent showcase by ULS students, games and keiki activities. There will be a country store selling fresh produce, baked goods, crafts and plants, as well as a school store selling ULS merchandise. Calling for ULS Alumni/Supporter Volunteers and ULS Alumni/Supporter Donations.

III. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report (Tina Keane). The January 2024 Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet was submitted online via email to all board members on February 14, 2024. No other reports.

B. Principal's Report. Principal Jeremiah reported on the following matters:

Updates.

State Assessments: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), February 7, 2024, ACT, February 27, 2024; SBA, April 2024; HSA Science, April 2024, and, EOC Biology, May 2024. Also, there is a new Executive director of the Charter commission- Dr. Ed Noh.

Charter Commission Site Visit on February 26, 2024. Charter Contract 4.0 (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2028), Two school site visits each year. Two Frameworks Team Fall Informational Meetings.

Purpose of the second site visit on February 26, 2024 is: To validate the work happening at the school regarding mission alignment in teaching and learning. This is a non-evaluative visit. The Commission is looking for examples that will help the Commission speak about the good work that ULS is doing and examples for the school to cite when reporting in the narrative for Indicator 1, section B of the framework at the end of the school year.

School Visits and Collaborations. Hiroshima Shudo University visit (February 2, 2024); Chiba University visit (February 8, 2024); University of Hawai'i English Language Program (HELP) visiting students from Meiji Gakuin University (February 14, 2024); Science Fair visit (February 15, 2024), Osaka Seikei University - Research project on "mathematics for children in preparatory year" K/1 math classes (February 16, 2024); Trent University (February 20-21, 2024); Bukyo University (February 22, 2024); Charter Commission - 2nd site visit for SY23-24. Classroom observations (February 26, 2024); University of Hawai'i College of Education, School of Teacher Education Seminar in Educational Inquiry visit (February 27 and 29, 2024); Nagasaki Higashi High School (March 12, 2024); and, Tsukuba Elementary School visit (March 27 to 28, 2024).

ULS Opportunities: Scholastic Art Contest; Hawai'i Youth Symphony; O'ahu Select Band; Hawai'i Speech League; Second Language Exchange; Hawaii State Science Fair; Science Olympiad; Shakespeare Festival; O'ahu Math League; American Mathematics Contest; Community Service; Hawai'i Health Occupations (HOSA); Mohala Group; Athletics; National Merit; and College credit opportunities.

School News:

National Merit Finalist, Joshua Li; US Presidential Scholars Program, Joshua Li, 2024

Hawaii Regional National Scholastic Art Exhibition. ULS received 1 American Visions Nominee Award (under consideration for National Award, Top Exhibit Award), 6 Gold Key Awards (under consideration for National Awards, Local Exhibition); 3 Silver Key Awards, and 24 Honorable Mention Awards.

AMC 8 Mathematics. This was a 25 question, 40-minute math competition hosted by the Math Association of America for select students in grades 6-8. First Place (tie): Aaron C.

and Cynthia C.; Second Place (tie): Zack H., Anaya G.; Third Place: Sloane P.; Participants: Luna R., Alyson W., Riva Q., Skyler S., Jaeda B.

2024 Windward Region Science Olympiad. The ULS Middle and High School Science Olympiad teams for medaling in 27 of 34 events, placing 3rd and 1st in their respective divisions at the Windward Regional this past weekend, and qualifying for the State Tournament on April 6th.

2024 Windward Region Science Olympiad. Division B (Middle School). 7: Maya F., Anaya G., Zack H.; 8: Isabella F., Katarina K., Sloane P., Mika R.; Team - 3rd place. 1st: Can't Judge a Powder - Kat & Sloane; 1st: Experimental Design - Sloane, Anaya, & Maya; 1st: Forestry - Anaya & Maya; 1st: Wind Power - Zack & Anaya; 2nd: Fossils - Kat & Zack; 2nd: Reach for the Stars - Sloane & Isabella; 3rd: Air Trajectory - Maya & Anaya; 3rd: Anatomy & Physiology - Isabella & Kat; 3rd: Ecology - Isabella & Mika; 3rd: Microbe Mission - Isabella & Mika; 3rd: Roller Coaster - Anaya & Zack; 3rd: Tower - Zack & Maya; 3rd: Wheeled Vehicle - Mika & Sloane

2024 Windward Region Science Olympiad. Division C (High School). 9: Zoe L., Sophia M., Amelia S., Shruthi S., Kai W.; 10: Dava W.; 11: Chase H., Henry P. Team - 1st place. 1st: Air Trajectory – Dava; 1st: Codebusters - Zoe, Sophie, & Shruthi; 1st: Dynamic Planet - Sophie & Kai; 1st: Geologic Mapping - Zoe & Sophie; 1st: Flight - Zoe & Sophie; 1st: Robot Tour – Amelia; 1st: Wind Power - Henry & Chase; 2nd: Forestry - Dava & Amelia; 2nd: Scrambler - Zoe & Sophie; 2nd: Chemistry Lab - Kai & Chase; 2nd: Optics - Kai & Shruthi; 2nd: Towers - Shruthi & Kai; 3rd: Anatomy & Physiology - Amelia & Sophie; 3rd: Experimental Design - Chase, Dava, & Henry

Hawai'i HOSA Spring Leadership Conference (SLC). 4 students qualified for the International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Houston, TX: Natalie C. (10) - 3rd place in Medical Assisting; Amelia S. (9) - 2nd place in Research Poster; Corina L. (11) - 1st place in Behavioral Health; and Joshua L. (12) - 1st place in Pharmacology. ULS HOSA Future Health Professionals members attended the State Leadership Conference (SLC) January 29-31, 2024. 37 students participated in 12 different Competitive Events, attended workshops and activities related to health care professions, and some learned to crochet hats for newborns.

JHHS - Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Kian S. (11) placed 3rd overall out of 58 students, earning a \$500 scholarship prize, and a trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico to compete at the National JSHS in May. The Science Research elective students were invited to 12-minute presentations of their research projects at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) at UH JABSOM (John A. Burns School of Medicine) on January 20th-21st.

English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition (ESU). ULS Sophomore Alyssa C. finished 2nd (first runner-up) in the Hawaii State Finals of the ESU National Shakespeare Competition. Alyssa won a cash prize, and a leather-bound edition of Shakespeare's complete works. Additionally, if the first-place winner is unable to compete, Alyssa will have the opportunity to represent Hawaii in the National Final at Lincoln Center in New York City this spring.

Sustainability Fellowship Program. ULS 10th grader, Dava W. has been selected to participate in the Punahou Sustainability Fellowship Program which seeks to support rising student leaders from across Hawai'i in a solutions-oriented academic experience into the heart of sustainability, leadership and innovation. This 15-month program begins the summer before a student's tenth or eleventh grade and runs through the following summer. Summer 1 focuses on systems thinking in science, economics, public policy, and ethics. The intervening academic year includes monthly guest speakers and get-togethers. Summer 2 includes a learning trip to Hawai'i Island followed by hands-on internships or research positions with non-profits, private sector, or government institutions. The program culminates with a public presentation of Fellows' research projects. University credit will be available for participants.

E-sports. Kawaii Kon 2024 - High School Super Smash Bros Ultimate Invitational (KKON24 HS Smash Invitational) hosted by 'Iolani Esports (March 29-31, 2024 @ Hawaii Convention Center). After a successful Fall season last semester, the ULS esports team was invited to Kawaii Kon, Hawaii's largest anime convention, to compete in the High School Super Smash Bros Ultimate Invitational. There they will compete in the High School bracket against 5 schools (Mililani, 'Iolani, Moanalua, Campbell, Roosevelt), and have opportunities to connect with Hawaii's collegiate level esports players; Students Participating: Seniors Ryleigh M., Jacob N., and Keldon N.

Athletics. Pac-5 Girls soccer are the 2024 HHSAA Division 2 State Champions. This is the team's third consecutive State Championship. ULS seniors Solala N. and Camrynn N. both contributed PK goals to help Pac-5 capture the State Championship win over KS-Hawaii 1-0 (PK); Special congratulations to Solala N. Who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the third year in a row and to Camrynn N. who was also named to the All-Tournament Team; ULS Girls Soccer players: Solala N., Camrynn N., Jhazryne T.I., Kwynn T., Leah O., Kiana O., and Zelah O.

Volleyball: Varsity Girls Volleyball Division 2 ILH 2nd Place. Varsity Girls Volleyball Division 2 HHSAA State Tournament 2nd Place, and Intermediate Girls Volleyball Division 2 ILH CHAMPIONS.

Cheerleading: Pac-5 Varsity Cheerleading ILH 3rd place; Pac-5 Varsity Cheerleading HHSAA State Tournament 2nd Place CO-ED Division; Pac-5 Junior Varsity Cheerleading ILH 2nd place.

Football: Pac-5 Varsity Football Division 2 HHSAA State Tournament Semifinals.

Basketball: Intermediate Boys Basketball Division 2 ILH CHAMPIONS; and, Varsity Boys Basketball Division 2 ILH CHAMPIONS.

Soccer: Pac-5 Varsity Girls Soccer Division 2 HHSAA State CHAMPIONS; Pac-5 Varsity Boys Soccer Division 2 ILH CHAMPIONS

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Tina Keane). No updates beyond what was previously reported.

2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). No report.
3. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No report.
4. Academic Committee (Miki Tomita). Met on February 5, 2024. Discussed possible ways to tell the ULS story for public relations purposes.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2024

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Melvina Nakao and seconded by Travis Palmeira at 5:07 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved 3/12/2024