

Kealakehe Elementary School
School Community Council
January 14, 2016
4:00 pm, KES conference room

Welcome & Introductions

- A. Attending: Non Certificated: Ann Cassidy
Certificated: Toni Reynolds, Marta Finley
Parent: Marsha Eckert
Community: Paul Sopoaga
Administration: Nancy Matsukawa
Guest: Kristin Frost Albrecht-from The Hawaii Food Basket

B. Old Business

1. Approval of December 10, 2015 minutes was unanimous.
2. PTO report- New president- Parent Megan Medeiros has agreed to serve for the remainder of the year.
3. Ceeds of Peace Update - Paul Sopoaga reported that Ceeds for Peace event has been cancelled due to SAT testing at Kealakehe High School. Organizers will revamp and recreate the Walk and Peace Rally sometime next fall.

C. New Business

1. Kristen Frost Albrecht from Hawaii Food Bank shared introduces about the services provided by The Food Basket. Some schools in the area are facing high poverty, high needs. Approximately 75% of our KES students qualify for free/reduced lunch program. Our community has many pockets with high needs ie: "free & reduced lunch" children. Kristin also says they have a "Back pack Program" where emergency food supplies for long weekends/holidays/vacation are sent home. The Food Basket also works with groups that help community & school garden projects. There is interest in working with our school perhaps through the "Backpack program". There are also opportunities to help with school garden projects. This involves corporate sponsorship for funding the backpack program. Discussion of challenges for sharing resources, distribution of food backpacks, selection of students, etc.
2. "Meet and Eat" program may be facing changes in the future. Traditionally, once a week, on Wednesdays, meals have been served at the Kealakehe Intermediate School Cafeteria. Different non-profits (mainly Church groups) have sponsored this free meal program over the past several years. Pohai Kirkland has opened dialogue with the current organizers of the Meet and Eat about perhaps hosting the Meet and Eat here at our KES Cafeteria. Also discussed long-term goal of perhaps creating a "Food Bank" at our school in the future.
3. Waiver Proposal –discussion of whether to take 2 days off for parent community conferences. Waiver Request due January 26th; Process for requesting the waiver (selecting two days off school rather than shortened schedule for two weeks for parent conferencing next year was shared. There was also a discussion of concerns about

child care issues during these two days. Many of the parent surveys that have been submitted showed approval for changing to the 2 days plan. Teachers need to go through a process to recommend that this waiver be submitted. Toni moved that the KES SCC submit the Waiver Request for holding parent teacher conferences on two nonstudent days pending teacher approval. Motion was seconded by Mart, approved by SCC.

4. “Most Likely to Succeed” video- tabled until next month.

5. Late Bus concerns – Nancy shared that busses serving Ulu Wini Housing is continually late so students come in late and don’t have time for breakfast service. Students on this bus route have to wait after school for about 30 minutes while other students are bussed home right after school. Discussion followed. Perhaps Ms. Blaber can write a letter, on behalf of SCC, to Paula Telles about rearranging the schedule to get our students bussed to school on time, so they can get breakfast & get them home in a timely manner.

6. Parent Survey Concerns- Nancy shared that there were concerns about heat and lack of air conditioning in classrooms. No other major trends showing up in this year’s survey. It seems that safety concerns assuaged. We now have a crossing guard near our school intersection! Marsha commented on effectiveness of the crossing guard. SCC should acknowledge her work. Compliments to our new crossing guard! Parking is still an issue but seems less of a problem now that construction is completed.

7. Demographic data was shared. We can review at the next meeting.

8. Problem Solving Process-Mrs. Matsukawa explained the continuous school improvement process. She presented the four common problems that emerged from looking at implications of the data. The SCC members went through the problem solving process with one of the problems. The problem was low teacher morale. There was lots of great conversation generated by this brainstorming/problem solving process.

D. Review of Meeting—Ann Cassidy (process observer)-great collaborative discussions! Appreciation for our community and parent members (Paul & Marsha)

E. Next Meeting- February 11th; 4:00 KES Conference Room;

Agenda Items: Parent Survey Data & Demographic Data (Matsukawa); “Most Likely to Succeed” video (feedback); Keiki Backpack program; Late Bus concerns

F. Adjournment: 6 PM