

Meeting Title:

WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) - FINAL – Approved at 9/30/13 Meeting

Date & Time:

4-6 pm, Mon., August 26, 2013 (note new meeting times)

Community Reps: Dr. Kamana Beamer, Hulali Covington Family Reps: Daniel Gomez, Lori Bergin, Tim Beneski

Student Reps: 0

Members Present:

Student Advisor: Jade Bowman

Certificated Reps: Nau'i Murphy, Erica Owens

Classified Reps: Excused

WMS Admin: Matt Horne, Patti Cook

Ho'okako'o Corp: Dr. Megan McCorriston, Dr. Guy Kaulukukui

Guests:

Families: Nancy Lindsey, John Balaam, Colin Miura

Students: None

Faculty/Staff: Janice English-Somerville, Michaela Meredith, Pat Rice, Mary

Martinson

Community: Sam Murray (Mala'ai), Keawe Vredenburg, Council Member

Margaret Wille, Jennifer DeCosta (joined mid-way)

Excused:

Family Rep: All present
Community Rep: Robert Lindsey
Certificated Rep: Eunice "Laz" Lazarus

Classified Rep: Bernie Marsh Ho'okako'o Corp. Reps: Robert Witt

Absent:

Student Reps: All absent Student Alternates: All absent

Election In Progress: Classified (1 position)

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Welcome & Introductions – Dr. Kamana Beamer, Chair	All present introduced themselves and Dr. Beamer thanked all for attending.	
 Confirm Quorum Review & Approve Minutes from July 30, 2013 meeting Preview Agenda Public, Guests & LAP Member Comments – Kamana Beamer 		Quorum confirmed. Minutes approved w/ one revision: TBeneski was unable to attend 7/30/13 meeting; with this revision, minutes will be posted on websites. Agenda for this meeting approved. None
 3. LAP member Roles & Expectations Subcommittee – KB 4. LAP Membership & HC Board Recommendations: a) LAP Community Member seats 	Agreed to form work group to explore "what LAP membership means" and suggested involvement. Colin Miura has agreed he is willing/able to serve as a community rep as invited at last LAP meeting. Re: fifth seat for a "community rep" that's still open: MHorne has called/emailed Dr. Jennifer DeCosta who works at NHCH as suggested by ELazarus. Has invited her to today's meeting — she will be attending but will arrive late due to prior commitment. Will discuss this possibility with her, brief her on WMS, etc. She is totally new to WMS so will brief her on school, etc.	Volunteers who agreed to participate: MHorne, PCook, DGomez (others welcome if interested.) Group will draft recommendations for LAP review, discussion at future meeting. MHorne to forward this recommendation now to HC Board.
b) LAP Classified Seat c) Student Participation	Discussed briefly that student participation has always been challenging – from 2003 when LAP first initiated after becoming a public charter school. PRice reviewed various efforts to encourage student participation – and others discussed election process ("trying to prevent it being a popularity contest"), timing concerns (meetings are not during school day/competition with after-school activities, lack of transportation, etc.) Differing views expressed on responsibility of student participants.	MHorne will continue work on recruiting a Classified participant. Agreed Roles & Expectations subcommittee to propose options.

d) HC Board member progress

Dr. Fischer has agreed to serve and has met several times w/ MHorne and also with facultystaff to discuss his views, goals and any concerns related to his service on Parker School Board. Dr. Fischer spoke – expressing strong willingness to supporting Waimea's public school students who need/deserve community advocates "to level the playing field."

Motion to recommend Dr. Fischer to HC Board passed unanimously. MHorne will submit recommendation for consideration at 10/17/13 HC Board meeting.

None in attendance.

(Students may be excused at this point)

5. Ho'okako'o Update-

Executive Director

Megan McCorriston, HC

MMcCorriston reviewed HC status, objectives, values and relationship to LAP: "We are in the business of school transformation and LAP is important to helping improve student achievement."

Many changes in past year with new Board leadership and formation of new committees:

- Education: Headed by Don Young
- Development: No Chair; interviewing for a development director for HC to lead this.
- Budget & Finance: Headed by Joe Uno
- Governance: Headed by Robert Witt
- External Relations: Headed by Ann Botticelli

Reviewed document describing new HC Strategic Plan (Dated November 2011).

Also briefly reviewed many changes occurring in State governance structure for all public charter schools due to new law passed by 2012 Legislature – sunset of CSAO; formation of Commission with new staff and new Performance Contracts.

Agreed to post HC Strategic Plan on WMS website's Accountability Page.

All performance contracts are the same

6. Update and LAP Participation in WMS' Accreditation

Accreditation Steering Committee (PRice, NMurphy, MMartinson, MHorne) reviewed status with LAP and then invited all present to participate in a process to provide input.

See attached summary which will be shared with various Action Planning groups.

7. Strive High Performance **Results Review**

8. Review of Legislature **Advocacy & STEM Building Progress**

Meeting time running out so very brief recap: Still need approx \$5+M to complete project so school has initiated contact with key legislative finance committees:

- 8/8/13: House Finance Site Visit
- 8/20/13: Senate Ways And Means Cmte Site

Was done at last meeting – see minutes.

Site visits very positive and expressed gratitude to Sen. Solomon, Rep. Evans and staff for making these visits happen.

WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) - Meeting Minutes - August 26, 2013 - FINAL Produced positive coverage in North Hawai'i News. 8/21/13: Briefed families at Open House Meeting held w/ Landscape Architect and Mala'ai garden leadership to discuss Also thanks DOE Facilities & CAS for support – quite unusual for a public "seamless integration" between building charter school to gain this level of and garden both in terms of CIP support but this building has teaching/learning and infrastructure been on DOE facilities matrix for supports (water, electricity, office space and 12+ years and all agree that middle internet connectivity). school students need STEM Discussions w/ Governor's West Hawai'i education; also, very little has been Liaison about possibility of including CIP invested by State in Waimea DOE funding etc. in Executive Budget. facilities in 20+ years. 9. Announcements: Coming Ran out of time so referred to Coming Events **Events & Opportunities** Will be asking family-community schedule w/ agenda. support during Legislative session. 10. Concluding Remarks and Next Steps - Kamana **Beamer**

Future Meeting Dates - 4-6 pm Mondays as follows: 9/30, 10/28, 11/18/13, 1/13, 2/24, 3/31, 4/28, 5/19/14.

Attachments:

LAP Input to Accreditation Action Plans

Questions & Items to Be Addressed:			
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