Pa'ahana That's My Tradition

Meeting Minutes - FINAL - Approved June 3, 2013

Meeting Title: | WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP)

Date & Time: 4:30-6:30 pm, Mon., March 25, 2013

Community Reps: Dr. Kamana Beamer (Chair), Pete Hendricks

Family Reps: Lori Bergin, Tim Beneski, Daniel Gomez

Student Reps: Not present

Members Present: Student Advisor: Not present

Certificated Reps: Erica Owens (6th), Eunice "Laz" Lazarus (7th), Nau'i Murphy (8th)

Classified Reps: Bernie Marsh

WMS Admin: Matt Horne (Principal), Patti Cook (Community Liaison)

Ho'okako'o Reps: Dr. Megan McCorriston (ED), Guy Kaulukukui (Board member)

Guests:

Family Members: Teri Chong (6th grade students), John Balaam, Nancy Lindsey

Students: Non

Faculty/Staff: Barbara Haight (6th Grade LA Teacher)

Excused:

Community Reps: Pete Hendricks, Robert Lindsey, Robert Witt

Classified Reps: Michelle Kauhi

Absent:

Student Reps: Serenidy (DeeDee) Delos Santos (6th), Jeren Soriano (7th), Kiara

Lorenzo-Rodrigues (8th)

Student Alternates: Hailey Mae Witcraft (6th), McKella Spencer (7th) & Holi Bergin (8th)

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Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
1. Welcome & Introductions – Dr. Kamana Beamer, Chair a. Introduction of Guests	Brief introduction of all present & welcome.	Meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m.
b. Confirm Quorum c. Review & Approve Minutes from Feb. 25 meeting d. Preview Agenda		Quorum confirmed. Minutes approved as is. No change to agenda.
2. Public, Guests & LAP Member Comments – Dr. Kamana Beamer, Chair	Brief opening comments: Kamehameha Schools Song Contest – Seniors Sweep! Also, Dr. Beamer shared having just been appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate as a new member of the State Water Commission.	
 Report from Students: Real Women Writing Contest Winners – Tania duPont & Shea Ervine, introduced by Barbara Haight, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher Recap of Scripps Spelling Bee (broadcast live on PBS Sat., March 23) 	LA Teacher Barbara Haight reported on: 1) 2 WMS students receiving 'Real Women' essay contest awards are recent Commission on the Status of Women's luncheon at Hapuna. 2) WMS Student Anatevka AhLoy doing very well in statewide Spelling Bee, which was broadcast "live" statewide on Hawaii Public	All congratulated students and also teachers for supporting these programs.
Jac., Iviaicii 23	Television.	Laz briefed group on recent 8 th Grade East Coast Travelers Laulau sale, acknowledging donors of meat, ti leaves, help including The Hooper 'Ohana who taught all how to do this. Made over 2,000 laulau. "Good experience that connects generations." Process is time consuming and hard work. Said "kids were troopers. Never gave up, never gave attitude, cleaned up!" Also reported on status of

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		fundraising – participating in laulau fundraiser is voluntary; what students raise, they keep for their travel expenses. Still need to raise about \$3,000.				
		Laz also shared that – to participate – students sign contract requiring 95% school attendance, at least a "C" in every class and no major behavioral issues. "It's a hard thing to do – both fulfill the contractual requirements and fundraise, but a good experience." Also said that events/activities such as the laulau sale are a good way for the community to be involved in the school.				
		Nau'i reported LAP students have been talking about how LAP might help the school. Idea being suggested is called, "Take a LAP" — a pau hana fundraising walk/run at the start of the 2013-14SY. In very initial stages so students will come to LAP with a full proposal at the next meeting.				
2. Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10 – Dr. Kamana Beamer	PCook proposed LAP host breakfast for teachers/staff on Tues., May 7.	PCook to prep plan and keep LAP members informed; will also ask Rotary for kokua as was done once before. Group also discussed and agreed school should place ad in NHN to honor teachers and staff for their support of student learning.				
3. Review of LAP Member Feedback & Implications from Feb. 25 Meeting – Dr. Kamana Beamer	MHorne shared recap of comments (see graph summarizing highlights). Generated considerable discussion.	rearring.				
4. Principal's Update – Matt Horne, WMS Principal a. Expanded Summer School Details	MHorne explained school had applied for, received \$46,000+ Title 1 grant. Will be June 10-28 (except 6/11), from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To be open to all incoming 5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th grade students in Waimea, both those attending WMS and all other schools, too. Kathi Foster & Jami Mareko will co-lead the program. Will include core curriculum, plus enrichment.	Have started recruiting and welcome everyone's help with getting the word out. Will do newspaper publicity, website, school newsletter, School Connects calls, eblasts to other schools and community friends.				

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Also talked briefly about coming P/C Day – teachers preparing for new Common Core Standards – identifying "commonalities" and sharing their expertise.

Also briefed group about visiting Legislature to lobby for Grant In Aid request – with MMcCoriston and Bob Lindsey. Bob was terrific – "so perfect to have him there" – knows everyone. Met with both GIA and finance committee chairs or staff.

b. Waimea Education Roundtable

MHorne briefly recapped this group's activities – initiated by Hawaii Community Foundation using small grant from Richard Smart Fund. Intended to start back up a hui that functioned about 3 years earlier with the support of Five Mountains. All Waimea schools are participating and WMS will host meeting soon to share progress with using data and provide academic overview; also using this forum to share/discuss campus safety issues and insights as a result of recent school lockdowns. Group has agreed to discuss developing a Waimea education website for all schools, an emergency phone tree and ways of collaborating related to Professional Development.

Kamana and MHorne also briefed group on their plan to form a student advisory roundtable that meets during lunch recess – will identify a cross-section of students from all grade levels to seek student input on what's working, what could be improved from their perspective as school leadership begins planning for 2013-14 SY.

- 5. Ho'okako'o Update Megan McCorriston, HC Executive Director
 - a. HC Board News & Recent Developments
 - b. Charter School Legislation Report
 - c. Board Member from Waimea

Megan briefed the group on HC's new Strategic Plan which has created a new committee structure. Also briefly discussed new Performance Contracts – final templates to be released "today." AYP will no longer be the benchmark. Deadline for first round of Bilateral Contracts is July 2013. Involves a lot more accountability.

TChong asked how HC plans to rebuild trust; how creating this bridge.

Megan said that LAP plays a key role in this – LAPs are one of the unique characteristics of HC schools and acknowledged need to do more outreach to the community and appreciates that HC Board Chair Pauline Lo Bailey supports this too. Said that she and Pauline

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had met with Dr. Beamer and Matt related to Accreditation after receiving lots of thoughtful suggestions from school. Said the board has made a commitment to move forward together.

Discussed Dr. Chun as possible HC Board member representing Waimea. Dr. Beamer said Dr. Chun has questioned whether he'd be more effective here in Waimea or in Honolulu.

- LAP Members Discussion and Update (10mins) – Dr. Kamana Beamer, Chair
 - a. Open Classified Staff Seat
 - b. Open Community Member Seat(s)

Dr. Beamer suggested that Hulali Covington would be interested in serving on LAP as a community member with close educational ties to Honoka'a High School. MHorne to follow up on this suggestion.

NLindsey expressed "big concern" with all Waimea families are the recent Lockdowns – very scary. "Parents really shocked – is school prepared?" As a parent, asking why every classroom doesn't have an emergency kit. Faculty-staff agreed and MHorne said he has ordered all items to get kits into classrooms soonest.

TChong agreed "all schools are talking about this" – need to look at special needs – medications, etc.
May need parent meeting.

PCook reviewed coming events.

LAP members urged Megan and HC
Board to consider attending May
Day; "need to be here for
celebrations." Also invited HC
Board and staff to K(Arts) Grand
Finale and Exit Ceremony.

- 7. Announcements: Coming Events & Opportunities Patti Cook
 - a. Overview of Recent Happenings & Preview of Coming Events
 - b. Invitation to K(Arts)
 Grand Finale Wed.,
 April 24 5:30 p.m. –
 Kahilu Theatre

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c. Invitation to Incoming 6 th Grade Family Orientation – Wed., May 1, 5-7 p.m Cafeteria d. Invitation to May Day Celebration – Fri., May 10, 8:30 a.m. or p.m. – Gym 8. Concluding Remarks and Next Steps – Dr. Kamana Beamer) - Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2013	John E Winde be ma WMS. real es the br of the comm jumpe the W WMS.	calaam announced that ermere-C&H Properties will king a \$5,000 donation to That every time they close a state transaction anywhere in okerage in the US, a portion transition goes into a unity contributions pot. "I ad in this year and urged that aimea team contribute to They agreed it was a great and that the community needs
		to sup family year h nervo	port this school." Said his has had a "tremendous first ere at WMS. We were very us about taking student out A and we are so happy – WMS
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Attachments:			
Questions & Items to Be Addre	ssed:		
None			
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