

Meeting Title: WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) - Approved 12-16-13

Date & Time: 4-6 pm, Mon., Nov. 18, 2013

Community Reps: Dr. Kamana Beamer, Robert Lindsey, Colin Miura

Family Reps: Daniel Gomez

Student Reps: 0

Members Present:

Certificated Reps: Nau'i Murphy, Jade Bowman, Erica Owens

Classified Reps: Bernie Marsh, Lori Ching

WMS Admin: Matt Horne, Amy Kendziorski, Patti Cook

Ho'okako'o Corp: Dr. Guy Kaulukukui Student Advisor: Eunice "Laz" Lazarus

**Guests:** 

Families: 0 Students: 0

Faculty/Staff: Kim Epley (ELL Teacher/Coordinator)

Community: Scott Tamura (WES Principal) & his School Community Council

Members (Angela Thomas, Lea Keolanui, Nancy McGregor, TJ Giel),

Marcella McClelland (Principal, Honoka'a High School)

Ho'okako'o Corp: David Gibson

**Excused:** 

Families: Lori Bergin
Community Reps: Hulali Covington
Ho'okako'o Corp. Reps: Robert Witt

Absent:

Family Reps: Tim Beneski Student Reps: All absent Student Alternates: All absent

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## Action:

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Dr. Kamana Beamer
  - a. Introduction of Guests
  - b. Confirm Quorum
  - c. Review &
    Approve
    Minutes from
    Oct. 28, 2013
  - d. Preview Agenda

Dr. Beamer thanked all for coming, especially those who participated in the "In-House" orientation including lunch meeting with Student Roundtable. Participants included Dr. Beamer, Robert Lindsey, Guy Kaulukukui, Colin Miura and David Gibson. After lunch meeting, they visited several classrooms, walked campus, visited new College & Career Center, Mala'ai garden and met informally with about 25 faculty and staff.

Confirmed Quorum.

Approved 10/28/13 Draft with revisions as noted and will be posted on WMS & HC websites.

No revisions to the agenda.

No comments/input received.

2. Review and Major Take-Aways from LAP In-House – Dr. Kamana Beamer Group discussed some of comments made by students during Roundtable lunch, ie, school's technology challenges – students talked about computers being slow, hard to complete work and assessments.

Also discussed that it was evident how much the students "aloha" their teachers/staff, each other and the school.

DGibson said it was his first real tour – very educational; saw many "intangibles" – sense of community, safety, sense of family. Knows that HC very focused on test scores and that's important but glad to experience the intangibles as they are an important part of our "story." Wants to sit with faculty – looking for their input so he knows how best to tell our story to potential funders.

CMiura said he enjoyed the visit; thought what students had to say were really important, the things they asked for were valid. Likes the values we are focused on and teaching. Noted that students did not express concerns about safety.

Brief discussion of busing issue brought up by one student – ie, bus from Lakeland is overcrowded on a regular basis – 3 to a seat. Needs to be investigated.

GKaulukukui said that while he's been to campus often, this was the first time here for an extended period – agrees it's valuable to spend time in classes observing.

Also agreed that this format gave LAP members time to talk to each other – very beneficial.

DGomez said he really learned a lot, more

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history, more about our issues. Said "I'm always telling people I'm really impressed with the school" and this helps substantiate that.

All agreed they appreciated that so many teachers attended the Meet & Greet.

JBowman agreed it was good for other faculty members to meet and get to know LAP members.

AKendziorski said she liked how the students greeted the guests -- not afraid to be approached strangers.

Group agreed the "In House" orientation was very successful and that LAP should do it again next year. Dr. Beamer specifically thanked David Gibson for participating.

3. Meet & Greet Waimea **Elementary School Community Council (SCC)** - Matt Horne & Scott **Tamura** 

4. Meet with Marcella

McClelland - new

Revised agenda when Mr. Tamura & SCC arrived. Members of his SCC were introduced and then LAP introduced. Very brief stay. Kathy Curtis is also on the WES SCC but was unable to come over to WMS.

Mr. Tamura committed to working together with MHorne and LAP – all the same families and students important to develop a good working relationship.

Dr. Beamer thanked Mr. Tamura and SCC for coming and invited them to future meetings.

Revised agenda to move up welcome and Honoka'a High Principal.

discussion with Mrs. McClelland. Briefly talked about her new role at high school. 665 students w/ 70% from Waimea so knows many of the families already. Described "Gear Up" College prep grant and

AVID program – wants to work w/ WMS on these in conjunction with our HCF "Connecting for Success" grant and focus on "College and Career" readiness. Program run by two VISTA volunteers – creating personal transition plans for all students and requiring Senior Projects.

Described Kahana No'eau grant w/ David Fuertes mentoring students in saddle making, animal husbandry and plant tissue lab.

Described school-community connections including annual Thanksgiving Dinner for 800.

Said challenge is student achievement; working to get data organized – has "a lot of work to do in this area." When she has data organized, will share with WMS. Investigating whether they should adopt ALEKS since we do it.

Both Dr. Beamer and MHorne thanked Mrs. McClelland for attending and welcomed her to future meetings and look forward to sharing data and working together.

5. Ho'okako'o Update -**David Gibson** 

Guy Kaulukukui and DGibson briefed group on status of MOA w/ Kamehameha Schools. Have not heard back from KS but clearly understand that HC needs to diversify its revenue sources

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and HC is focused on this – with the hiring of DGibson and now on recruitment of new board members, too.

Also working to align budgets with their Strategic Plan to become sustainable.

Will be kicking of serious fundraising at the start of the New Year; putting information in place now

DGibson acknowledged that WMS is ahead of the other schools on fundraising; he doesn't want to get in the way. Will be asking for school's help – who are our stakeholders? Who has funding potential. Short term will be looking at grants.

GKaulukukui said they are trying to resolve relationship with KS as a priority.

Dr. Beamer asked DGibson for more personal background, which he had shared at a previous LAP meeting that Dr. B missed.

- 6. Annual LAP Performance Review and Planning – Dr. Kamana Beamer
  - a. Review of Charter & Bv-Laws
  - b. Roles,Responsibilities,Challenges, &Opportunities for LAPMembers
  - c. Self-Assessment of LAP Performance based on "Powers and Duties of the LAP" from the By-Laws
  - d. Planning and Setting Measures of Success for the Coming Year
  - e. Review of Meeting Procedures & Meeting Calendar
- 7. Coming Events Patti Cook

Important Waimea
Community
Association Town
Meeting – Thurs., Jan.
9, 2014 – to convey
support for 9-

See attached notes from this SWAT discussion.

Brief discussion of WCA Town Meeting – inviting LAP to attend to help ask community to support our CIP request.

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classroom Science-Technology Building to elected representatives and ask community to support this CIP request. 5:15 – 7 p.m. Cafeteria.

8. LAP School-Community Day of Service: MLK Jr. Day, Mon, Jan. 20, 2014, 8am – 1pm – Patti Cook

Brief discussion of 1/20/14 LAP-sponsored I KAIR Campus Work Day – teachers/LAP members recommended identifying specific jobs – perhaps identify a parent liaison (aka "room mother") per grade level to make calls. DGomez agreed to help with this. Group also urged that flyers be sent home before Winter Break to solicit family involvement and use this to create a phone tree.

9. Concluding Remarks and Next Steps – Dr. Kamana Beamer

10. Next Meeting

AKendziorski described a 10-10-10 plan her former school used – 10 minutes/\$10/10 hours – ie, if families can give time, perhaps they would contribute a small sum to support the program or project.

The group decided to add back in a December meeting – Mon., 12/16/13, 4-6 p.m.

Future Meetings: Mondays as follows: 1/13, 2/24, 3/31, 4/28, 5/19/14.

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