

Kealakehe Elementary School
 School Community Council
 September 17, 2020
 WebEx ,3:30 to 5:00 pm

Agenda

Participants: Certificated: Jeanne Hart
 Classified: Theresa Jokiel
 Parent:
 Community: Bruce Stern, Michelle Romo, Bob Sprague
 Administration: Nancy Matsukawa

Facilitator: Nancy
 Note Taker: Jeanne
 Time Keeper: Michelle
 Process Observer: Bruce

3:30 pm Nancy	Welcome	
3:30 - 3:35 Nancy	Check In: What color are you today? Bruce: bright purple Bob: green Theresa: yellow Jeanne: purple Michelle: green Nancy: bright yellow Carriel:	
3:35 to 3:45 Nancy	Old Business a. Minutes from Aug 27, 2020	Moved to accept: Bruce Second: Bob approved <i>Bob ... needs to leave at 4:30</i>

3:45 to 4:45

New Business

1. Parent Teacher Conference
Dates - current: Oct 29, 30
Proposed: Oct 27 (T), 29(Th)
Virtual meetings

Nancy -- suggestion: move P/T Conference dates to 10/27 and 29 so A group and B group students are equally impacted. Another option/suggestion: 10/27 (M for students with students and T for P/T conferences) and 10/30 (then students meet with teachers on TH and P/T conferences on F) ... Decision is most critical if we are back on campus with students. Bob and Bruce -- leave in Teachers' hands ... Bruce thinks T/F makes more sense. Michelle agrees with Bruce, as do Theresa and Jeanne.

Nancy -- Dept. of Health has established metrics for school to open, these are posted on both DOH and DOE websites. Primarily that guidance is based on # cases per 10,000 population. For our island, the average cases per 10,000 ... given that consideration, .Given this ratio, elementary schools can open up in person ... also DOH says consideration at school level -- social distancing, keeping safe, etc. Final decision rests with CAS. Our CAS is proactive in communicating with principals. Week return from Fall Break is Learning from Home.

Jeanne -- 14 day average? Nancy -- will check.

Bruce -- testing seems to be at the heart of this concern. Length of return times makes it hard to make a good decision.

Theresa -- I think we should err on side of caution. Bruce agrees.

Michelle -- a heavy discussion and decision.

Nancy -- if up to the CAS we know there are 3 complex areas ... it will need to be case-by-case.

Bob -- agrees with Michelle, remains very concerned that individual schools are not being given adequate instruction. Very Disappointed.

Nancy -- principals wanting to do the best and lack guidance from higher levels ...

The metrics need to be further broken down for best effect.

Bob -- VA has said it needs to be all the same across the state. Finds it kind of surprising that it is nearly school by school here.

Nancy -- without the right information to open campuses, leading to people getting sick will lead to plenty finger-pointing. Nancy -- I think teachers are getting really good at delivering virtual instruction. Now there is 3 hours of face-to-face learning; quality of work is expected to be equal to what would happen in the classroom. Teachers continue exploring and practicing to improve. Parent voices -- we need to work -- seems to be the hardest part. 3 hours synchronous learning daily Nancy wonders how much 3 hours a day in the physical classroom ... teachers teach 3 hours a day, length of time per student is based on student need.

There is a difference between synchronous time with students and teacher synchronous teaching time.
Theresa -- what we do today, we don't have results for 2 more weeks, there is often a time gap to be aware of so that decisions are in "real time".
Nancy -- BOE meeting as we speak. Will follow to see their decision.

THOUGHTS/WONDERINGS/QUESTIONS:

Decision:
2. Progress Report - Nancy

We are down by 64 students -- \$371,000 loss. We have 3 VPs here ... 1 position is from CISL (adm. Leadership training program). We only purchased 2 VP positions. (\$95,133 per position). Because we've been in shut down for at least a quarter we've saved \$ as we've not had alakai'i ... ART Resoure teacher, 2nd PE teachers ... savings ~240K. When re-open, if need alakai'i have that money set aside. Also had positions for working with EL students ... haven't been filled. Library aide position open since summer. Even when we return to school will keep library closed for health and safety -- will sell aide position for 35K for this year. All of the above plus some modification in materials at end of the year can likely come up with the full amount.
Bruce -- good that mostly it is attrition, rather than releasing people from positions.
Nancy -- 2 enrollment periods coming, if our numbers increase we can get add'l funds. Will not lose more money this year.
Bob -- sounds like plans to fill gaps makes sense.
Theresa -- it appears much of the staff will be on-campus, great job covering! How do you repay monies? Do you have it?
Nancy -- yes, like a virtual bank and have to re-allocate funds to meet changes.
Michelle -- agree, it makes sense. Seems like the cuts made makes sense.
Nancy -- an advantage -- we didn't have to make payroll for alakai'i and extra teachers during first quarter b/c of distance learning. The positions that are being "sold" now are vacant positions, no one lost jobs.
Theresa -- are ELL aides not coming back? Some of ELL Community has previously felt that their community was not getting full justice. Nancy -- we have 4 teachers dedicated to working with EL population to cover needs. These students benefit from both EL teacher and Gen Ed teachers.

Thoughts and Wonderings
Q & A

MIFI -- DOE promiser is every child will have a device and connectivity. DOE has provided schools with MIFIs or Hot Spots ...

should be in tomorrow or next week. Looks like we have 75 families who need better access. Next week: ftech dep't looks to instruct parents/families on how to use.

Grab and Go meals: remain in the 50's - 70's for breakfast and lunch.

Bob -- leaving now. Respects Nancy's leadership in this time.

Nancy -- P-EBT, all families will receive \$286 per KES student on a card.

Jeanne is assembling SCC Handbooks, should be ready soon.

Bruce -- still concerned about low participation in meals. Dona Ahuna put out some reminders and Pohai has done some reminders, as well.

Nancy -- feedback: inconvenience having children in the car; Sometimes children need to be online at different times -- one mom brings kids with laptops in car! Another mom -- having to come twice a day is just not that conducive to participate ... Queries -- can deliver 2 meals at once? Nancy thinks this may be being addressed.

Bruce -- likes combining meal service ... hard to deal with issues like having all kids in the car.

Nancy -- it is all driven by federal guidelines.

Theresa -- any way to spread times out?

Jeanne -- how about transport to another site? (Like on Hina Lani?) Nancy -- no, it has to be served from the school ...

Theresa -- food waste? Nancy -- Caf Mgr aware of numbers, extra meals go to waste.

Theresa -- what are families who will be getting MIFIs doing for service now? Nancy -- only 1 family using cafeteria ... others probably not connecting at this time. Plenty wonderings what is happening and why?

3:00 - 4:30? 3:30 - 5:00? Group is okay with either time slot.

Carrielle -- due early November. Always needing members, a parent or two will be great!

4:45 to 5:00	Process Observer:	Bruce -- I thought it was a good meeting, Good feedback. I appreciate the work Nancy is doing with this situation and the budget.
	Next Meeting:	3rd Thursday, October 15, 2020, 3:30 to 5:00 pm Next Meeting: elect officers