

Kihei Charter School
Board of Governance
meeting minutes
April 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

Present: Board members Mike Sweeney, Todd Lawson, Richard Kehoe, Steve Perkins, Gene Zarro

Also present: Michael Stubbs, PJ Foehr, Cheryl Zarro, Leslie Baldrige, Ellen Federoff, Phill Schmidt.

Zoom presence: Starmer, Tiana, Crystal, TRM

The **minutes** from our previous meeting on January 7, 2021 were approved.

The **motion** was made by Gene, second Richard, unanimous.

Public Testimony was received in person and on Zoom.

Starmer: safety plan could be better, communication could be better, website could be updated.

PJ reported that the 3rd payment is looking good to happen as of this date there is no news to the contrary.

Financial: Cheryl reported that the deficit is going away. Cuts that were threatened all year seem to be disappearing thanks to the Biden funds.

Title two funds for professional development are available.

Money for equipment and zone one furniture is needed.

Head of School, Michael, reported: we had our first lottery for the new school year on April 6th.

We have 32 sections and 766 students coming so far.

We have a waitlist of 193 students.

KCS is continuing Face to Face and Blended learning, HSTA has backed this opening.

The MIL has allowed training for spring sports.

Pomai Pruettt has taken on some of the responsibilities of the middle school working with Leslie.

Leslie reported that they are focusing on innovation and building relationships.

Ellen reported that everyone is getting comfortable with the regulations. It is going well with the students on campus.

Gene reported that Zone one is moving along and hopes to have it ready for students by the start of the new school year.

It will add a shop and a classroom, approximately 4000sf to the school.

Gene was appointed acting secretary due to the passing of Diane Parrella our 20 year board secretary.

Motion made by Todd, second by Richard unanimous.

A motion was made to approve the by law revisions made in February.

Motion was made by Gene, second by Todd, unanimous.

Next meeting July 7, 2021, Meeting adjourned 5:02pm, Minutes by Gene

Kihei Charter School
Board of Governance
meeting minutes
July 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

Present: Board members Mike Sweeney, Todd Lawson, Richard Kehoe, zoom, Steve Perkins, zoom, Gene Zarro
Also present: Michael Stubbs, Cheryl Zarro, Leslie Baldrige, Ellen Federoff, Pomai Pruett, Phill Schmidt
Zoom presence: John Colson, PJ Foehr joined us at 4:30, One unidentified person who did not have a good connection and left after about 10 minutes.

The **minutes** from our previous meeting on April 14, 2021 were approved.
The **motion** was made by Gene, second Todd , unanimous.

Public Testimony: there was no public testimony

Financial: Cheryl reported that there was a 5% cut to our funding which put us in a deficit going into the new school year. Cheryl also reported that there is a federal program that might offer free breakfast and lunch to our students.

Carbonaro CPAs was put on the list of auditors for charter schools.

A motion was made by Gene and seconded by Todd to engage Carbonaro for KCS's upcoming audit.
Unanimous.

Head of School, Michael, reported:

Pomai Pruett will be leading the middle school

We have our new MOU with UHMC for the Dual Credit program

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Gene to enter into the MOU with UHMC for the Dual Credit program. Unanimous.

Michael gave a report on the ending of the last school year and the coming school year.

We ended the year without one Covid case and we have a safety plan in place subject to change with the upcoming declarations from the DOH, BOE.

KCS will be doing Face to Face education in the coming year.

Gene reported that it was decided in arbitration that charter school teachers that enter into a 4th year in our school are eligible for the \$2500. Bonus. Names of eligible teachers will need to be provided to the Commission. Then bonuses need to be funded by B&F.

Gene reported on the changes to the square footage rented by KCS due to the renovation to zone one.

Approximately 4000sf is being added to the school's educational space.

Gene was able to lower the square footage rent from \$2.22 sf to \$2.15 sf.

A motion to enter into a new 1 year lease with SMLO was made by Steve and seconded by Richard, unanimous. Gene abstained from the vote.

PJ mentioned that the Commission will be looking for a letter of assurance regarding our plan to open school this year. Mentioning our adherence to health and safety measures, following county rules for Covid etc.

Meeting adjourned 5:05pm

Minutes by Gene

Kihei Charter School
Board of Governance
meeting minutes
October 20, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:07pm

Present: Board members Mike Sweeney, Todd Lawson, Steve Perkins, zoom, Gene Zarro
Richard Kehoe excused

Also present: Michael Stubbs, Cheryl Zarro, Leslie Baldrige, Ellen Federoff, Phill Schmidt

Zoom presence: Pomai Pruett, John Colson, PJ

The **minutes** from our previous meeting on July 21, 2021 were approved.
The **motion** was made by Todd, second by Gene, unanimous.

Public Testimony: there was no public testimony

Financial: Cheryl had distributed the recently finished school audit.
Motion to approve the audit made by Steve, second by Todd, unanimous

Head of School, Michael, reported:

Our official enrollment count is 731.

Our attendance in ES 89%, MS 95%, HS 96%

We have had 2 covid cases at school. Neither of which was contracted at our school but were contact traced from siblings of our students who attend other schools.

KCS will be hosting a vaccination clinic for ages 5 on up on November 12.

Zone one is waiting on Hawaiian Electric to power up the space.

The garden is being planned with help from community members.

WASC is scheduled for 4/4/22-4/7/22

Phill was instrumental in getting a grant that brought in 400 Chromebooks. A value over \$90,000.

Ellen was instrumental in getting our newest mural completed over the fall break.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Minutes by Gene

Kihei Charter School
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Executive Session
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October 20, 2021

Executive Session called to order 4:30

Present Todd Lawson, Steve Perkins, Mike Sweeney, Gene Zarro, Michael Stubbs

Michael reported on the outstanding issues.

An ethics complaint against one of our teachers. The teacher is no longer with us.
A hiring complaint against KCS that we were hiring unqualified teachers. Proven not to be true

KCS attempted to cooperate with HSTA recommendation we change our payroll schedule to match theirs.
We attempted to do that then we were threatened with a grievance so we decided to pull that back.
For those that already made the change they have the option to keep the new payroll schedule or revert to the previous one.
The new payroll schedule will be instituted with the new school year.

Fire received a notice of concern from the commission regarding our fire inspection. It is delayed as we need to get zone one finished so the fire inspection will include that new space.

A teacher may be terminated for not complying with the Governor's mandate regarding testing and vaccinations.

The teacher will need to start complying with the testing order. This teacher is on leave without pay until testing is going as mandated.

KCS attempted to reinstitute the biometrics scan of students for their lunch record and tardies.
Parents objected saying we were fingerprinting. That is not the case but this practice will be restarted with the new school year and put in the student handbook.

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Meeting adjourned 4:56
Minutes by Gene

Kihei Charter School
Board of Governance
meeting minutes
January 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:04

Present: Board members Mike Sweeney, Todd Lawson, Richard Kehoe, Gene Zarro

Excused: Steve Perkins, Diane Parrella,

Also present: Michael Stubbs, PJ Foehr, Cheryl Zarro, Leslie Baldrige, Ellen Federoff, Phill Schmidt.

The minutes from our previous meeting on October 14, 2020 were approved.

The motion was made by Todd, 2nd Gene, unanimous.

Public Testimony was received in person and on Zoom.

Concerns were raised about having virtual educational options as we get through the pandemic.

Also is the school safety plan good enough.

The school's communication to families was another concern.

Financial: Cheryl reported on upcoming budget cuts from the Governor's office. Cheryl also reported that the current situation puts the school in a \$385K budget deficit for the year.

Head of School, Michael, reported that the staff attendance has been very good.

Michael also reported that due to the memo released by Lt. Gov. Josh Green that KCS would be reverting back to the all virtual educational program. The numbers in the state and Maui justified this move.

The expectation is that this will be for at least a couple weeks.

Michael also reported that our safety plan has been reviewed by representative of the DOH and others and that it exceeds some of the recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37

Minutes by Gene