

Samuel E. Kalama Intermediate School Community Council Meeting

August 30, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Library

AGENDA

Call to Order: 4:30pm

Attendees: Shannon Spicola, Jennifer Mahuka, Danielle Hartwick, Arielle Axelrod, Petar Kovacic, Courtney Arnold, Konane Parsons, Timothy Shim, Shayna Manlapao, Noelana Castro, Dolly Aspnio, Amanda Shim

Cannot Attend: Jeremiah (student), Tony Arrieta

Committee Reports:

1. REVIEW PURPOSE OF SCC:
 - a. The School Community Council or SCC plays a vital role in the Hawaii education system by allowing the community to voice their opinions on student achievement, school improvements, and academic success. The council is made up of 50% school faculty and staff, including the principal, and 50% parents, students and community members.
 - b. Each year, the SCC reviews the financial plan and academic plan for that school year, as well as, conducts a principal survey and an internal self-assessment.
 - c. So what does this mean for you? The SCC is the best way to see real changes happen at Kalama. Meetings are always open to the public and are a great way to voice your opinions and recommendations on how we can best serve you and your family during your time at Kalama Intermediate.
2. DECIDE SCC POSITIONS FOR 2018-2019
 - a. Jeremiah cannot be on the committee this year-Need new student representative
 - i. Ask Donna about recommendations
 - b. Chairperson: Arielle
 - c. Vice-Chairperson: Dolly
 - d. Secretary: Danielle Hartwick
3. REVIEW TIMELINE
 - a. Financial Plan: December 2018
 - b. Waiver/Exception Requests: January 2019 and March 2019

- i. Authority to decide if we have a waiver day, professional development etc. where students don't attend school that day
- c. Academic Plan: April 2019
- d. Comprehensive Financial Plan: May 2019
- e. Principal Survey: May 2019
- f. SCC Self-Assessment: May 2019

4. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Kalama Cares: Community Awareness of Resources for Education & Support
 - i. Workshops for parents to increase participation in middle school
 - ii. King K Culinary Club could provide light refreshments-\$650
 - iii. Budget: \$2,000 for each event, usually one per semester
 - iv. KalamaCares Summer activities for kids
 - v. Open it up to all schools in the complex, especially parents from the feeder schools
 - vi. Ideas:
 - 1. How to Hug a Porcupine: Adolescents
 - 2. Bullying
 - 3. Infinite Campus
 - 4. UH Grants
 - 5. Online Learning Academy: Free Tutoring for math and writing
 - 6. Anyone Can Get into College Workshop-\$1,000 + accommodation, transportation etc. for Deborah Ching
 - a. She is a paid consultant to help low-income families realize that college is possible
 - b. October 19th
 - vii. Kalama Cares-volunteers run workshops
 - viii. Deborah Ching is separate night
- b. Review Budget
 - i. School funding is weighted per student because we have additional students in attendance Kalama has an additional \$300,000 in funding coming in
 - 1. Alarm System Overhaul
 - 2. Bell System
 - 3. Furniture
 - 4. Lights for cafeteria stage
 - ii. Title 1 funds academic programs etc.
 - iii. We only had \$25,000 for maintenance of school etc.

5. TEACHER REPORT

- a. Inclusion of special education students attending general education classes
- b. Least restrictive environment: child with special needs is in a general education classroom. Kids do best when they are included instead of separated. Achievement is highest, proficiency rates
- c. Kalama has been reconstructed so that the majority of the students are included and often more than one teacher in a classroom based on content (math, science etc.)
- d. We're at 65-70% inclusive, 140 students
- e. Learning disabilities vary [individualized educational plan (IEP)] IEP team determines where and how they receive their education and in what setting
- f. We're short on EA (educational assistants)-4 vacancies
 - i. What's the enticement?
 - ii. Pay for education to be a teacher
- g. Option: Hire part time teachers (PTT) for support

6. PCNC REPORT

- a. Update on Spookfest
- b. Parent Suggestions:
 - i. A covered gym
 - 1. State project, redoing the budget
 - ii. After school tutoring
 - 1. UH Grant will provide 7th and 8th grade with free tutoring opportunities
 - iii. Increase hands on problem solving project-based curriculum
 - 1. In the works: Science labs, more art, ag program-expanding beyond 6th graders
 - 2. Principal is getting trained on project learning
 - iv. Decreasing standardized testing
 - 1. Requirement for accountability for how schools are doing
 - 2. Kids are tested 3 times a year in math and 3 times a year in language art
 - 3. End of year they take the Smarter Balanced
 - 4. Panther eNews focus
 - v. Include good citizenship behavior as a supplementary part of the curriculum: feeding homeless, environmental work etc.
 - 1. Service learning projects-goal of agriculture program
 - 2. Kids would grow food for the community
 - 3. See the whole process

4. Excursions: \$4,000 per team (grades are divided into teams) to do learning excursions-field trip (2) connected to what their learning
- vi. “Differentiated instruction that is current, engaging and challenging, This concept moves away from teaching to the middle-low (income) to teaching at expected levels; therefore allowing the higher performing students to continue to grow and thrive. I’m concerned that public schools are ‘dumbing’ down’ curriculum in order to the get the larger population proficient in standardized testing.”
 1. Interichment is starting in quarter two-a period that is flexible a combination or enrichment or intervention. It is a 45 minutes a week block that focuses on social and emotional learning, or core class intervention
 2. Students are divided into different levels of intervention, students that test out will do enrichment programs
 3. We’re in the planning process. Each quarter we focus on a core value: respect, honesty, responsibility, cooperation-school wide

7. PARENT REPORT

- a. Reviving PTO-Parent Teacher Organization
 - i. No membership Fee
 - ii. Working on 501c Paperwork
 - iii. We want to do AmazonSmile etc. for funds
 - iv. PTO can do CC transactions, schools can’t
 - v. Contact President Konane to participate: konane77@gmail.com

Agenda Calendar Items

1. Kalama Cares: Thursday, November 8th
2. Next meeting: September 24th 4:00pm

Adjournment Time: 6:15pm