

**Moanalua High School  
School Community Council Meeting  
Minutes  
October 26, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by SCC Chairman Byron Nagasako at 5:33 p.m. in the Moanalua High School Office Conference Room.

**Attendance:** Robin Martin, Byron Nakasato, Dennis Arakaki, Kayla Gurtiza, Cherish Henrickson, Cherry McCaffrey, Cindy Ogata, Karen Nishigata, Tracie Romualdo, Sean Takahashi, and Liane Voss

**Absent:** Candace Chavez, Tamsin Keone, Kim Munoz, Jennifer Park, and Sandra Nakagawa-Saito.

**II. Secretary's Minutes**

The minutes of the Sept. 21, 2017 meeting were approved as circulated.

**III. Students' Report**

- A. Homecoming was Sept. 25-29. Final overall results: Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen. We beat Radford at the football game.
- B. Last week was National School Lunch Week. The student government bought the staff doughnuts.
- C. Fall Food Drive from October 24 to November 16, 2017. Turn in to homeroom teacher, and senators will drop off to the Student Activities Coordinator on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Money can be turned in each homeroom period. This will benefit the Hawaii Foodbank.

**IV. Parents' Report**

- A. Parents seem happy.
- B. The Jupiter Grades are not official, only Infinite Campus (report cards). Some teachers are having trouble with the Jupiter default settings that sometimes creates discrepancies with averaging. Parents should check Jupiter for errors and call the registrar or counselor to have them check, especially if multiple grades are incorrect.
- C. Parents appreciate all the teachers who volunteer to advise clubs. We know they take up a lot of extra time. Clubs provide extra opportunities for teachers to participate in activities.

**V. Teachers' Report**

- A. The morning bulletin is now being streamed instead of being shown on closed circuit, so communication of information should be more reliable this year as soon as all teachers get into the habit of showing the bulletin regularly.
- B. Teachers have submitted individual professional development plans and will meet with an assigned administrator this year to monitor progress.

- C. The World Language department hosted more than 200 students from our sister school, Kokutaiji, last week. The Hawaiian class danced, the cafeteria served a special meal, and other Moanalua programs were involved. Perhaps next year the world language teachers can use Jupiter to inform parents about bringing gifts for the students, as some parents did not realize students were supposed to bring items. Mrs. Martin noted that last year, 300 students visited.
- D. VEX Robotics did well in the past two meets, Sept. 19 and October 14. The next meet is November 4-5 at the Stan Sheriff Arena.
- E. Students took the Gallup Survey that measures their well-being.
- F. First quarter report cards were distributed in homeroom on October 26. Mid-quarter grades for the second quarter will be posted Nov. 17.
- G. HawaiiEmoji Challenge. Moanalua is currently winning. Contest ends Friday, Oct. 27 at 11:59 p.m. If the school wins, it receives \$10,000 on top of the \$2,000 it won in the preliminary round.
- H. Menehune Classic Marching Band Festival was at Kapolei High School Oct. 21. They let our band use the field while ours is under construction.
- I. The boys air rifle team repeated as state champions this week.
- J. The girls volleyball, boys and girls bowling and boys and girls cross country teams are also in their respective state tournament this week.

#### **VI. Classified staff's Report**

- A. We lost two Educational Aides, so we are short-handed.
- B. Anyone born after 1956 and has not had a mumps or MMR booster shot in the last ten years should get one.

#### **VII. Community/Military Report**

- A. Tamsin and Kim are facilitating a Military Culture course this evening from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- B. Joint Base Pearl Harbor has hired a Hickam School Liaison Officer representing the Air Force. Marianne Rice. Her email is [Marianne.Rice@navy.mil](mailto:Marianne.Rice@navy.mil). She will attend the next meeting.
- C. Community member with Councilman Manahan, Rep. Ichiyama, and Sen. Wakai. There were no concerns with the school, but there were concerns about the roundabout (not knowing how to use them) and the restriping of Ala Napunani. It will take a while for residents to get used to the new traffic flow. Dennis is working with the traffic department to have a monitor to help students get from Ala Ilima Street to the school. It could be school personnel, a volunteer, or a traffic safety person. That person needs to go through police department training, and then they will be authorized to direct traffic. School does not have money to hire an off-duty police, so perhaps school can ask for volunteers willing to go through training to help in this area. The plans for widening of a portion of Salt Lake Blvd. was approved; now awaiting city and federal funds.

## VIII. Principals' Report

- A. Science teacher: hired a teacher to replace one teacher who left for another job, but this one was unable to take the job, so Mrs. Martin hired another one—Veronica Paimore. In addition, a second science teacher will be leaving at the end of the semester.
- B. Construction:
  - a. Track to be finished Dec. 23.
  - b. Graduation will be here on the field. The walkway from the parking lot to the gym will be available for walking to the stadium for the ceremony.
  - c. The dance and choral studio is preventing access to restroom for the band building because of unforeseen construction problems (water in the walls of the bandroom), so that has delayed the re-opening of the restrooms.
  - d. The school had its final meeting for the performing arts auditorium. We are over budget, so we have to make decisions on what to cut. It will have 675 seats when complete.
  - e. Fans in the gym and cafeteria are installed. Students noticed and appreciated the difference.
  - f. The Army is trying to help the school construct some kind of shade for Mene Square.
  - g. The school is going to send home letters about how the school is trying to meet the state's standards for Highly Qualified Teachers. The administration is disappointed that it has to do this because Mrs. Martin works hard to hire teachers who are good for the subject and the school. Sometimes in the Master Schedule there are courses that do not create a complete, straight line of one subject, so teachers have to teach other subjects. But this does not always mean that the teacher is not "qualified" according to the strict definition the state is using. For example, a science teacher can also teach math. According to the state, teachers need a specific degree to receive official certification in that area so a science-certified teacher is not technically qualified to teach math, even though they are good at it, in the state's eyes. Mrs. Martin will be amending the state's letter to be more supportive of the teachers, many of whom have special talents in areas but lack official certification.
  - h. STAR Council meeting: Mrs. Martin had her first meeting this week with student leaders. They were very happy with Homecoming, saying that they felt it was inclusive.
  - i. STRIVE-HI report: Moanalua's results are online. Key figures: 95 percent of freshmen are promoted, 95% graduate on time, 77% are proficient in English (increase of 5% from last year), math holds steady at 44%, and science increased a little to 48% from 44% last year. Mrs. Martin is trying to appeal the graduation and promotion rate figures because she thinks it's not accurate. The post-secondary enrollment rate of 65% is likely not accurate, but this number cannot be appealed because it comes from a different organization. A new score on the report on ELL students being "on track to

English language proficiency” might be misleading as well because it reflects the results of a pilot test our students took of a new ELL assessment. The achievement gap between high needs and non-high needs students in terms of English and math proficiency is still high (29 points for English and 28 for math), so the school will work to address that.

Mrs. Martin showed a chart comparing Moanalua’s STRIVE-HI results with other comparable schools.

**IX. Public Testimony**

None.

**X. Old Business**

A. Questions on SCC orientation

B. November 30 Community Meeting: Mrs. Martin will talk about the Academic Plan and describe what the school has been doing to work on the WASC accreditation recommendations from three years ago.

**XI. New Business**

A. SCC Meeting: We were efficient tonight.

**XII. Announcements**

- A. Next meeting Nov. 30, 2017 at 5:30 in the library followed by parent forum at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Future meetings: Jan. 25, February TBA, March 29, April 26, and May17.
- C. Moanalua Elementary School Fun Fair is Nov. 17 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Liane Voss