

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes *DRAFT*

May 28, 2024

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Members Present: Romeo Garcia, Pam Thatcher, Damon Murphy, Clint Kolyer, Joanna Highstein

Members Absent: Michael Fischer, Christina Wilbourn, Nalu Tufui

Guests: John Woolverton, Cheryl Gravela (Xiomara Mejia as Recorder)

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the draft agenda for the May 28, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kolyer to approve the agenda for May 28, 2024 and making the following amendments: moving the Ethics Trainings Introduction, including Equal Employment Opportunity, and Title IX after Approval of Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes April 15, 2024 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on April 15, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Kolyer to approve the April 15, 2024 minutes as presented. Members discussed the minutes. The motion was seconded Mrs. Highstein and was approved with consensus.

Approval of New Members: None

New Business:

Ethics Training Introduction – Mr. Murphy reported that it is a requirement for Boards to complete Ethics Training. He gave members the option of completing it either online or in person. Members discussed and agreed they would rather complete an online module. Mr. Murphy will provide board members with link to begin the training as soon as possible.

Title IX Traing – Mr. Murphy reported that Title IX requires a point person. He has asked Mrs. Selden to take on this role. Ms. Porter, 504 Coordinator, and Ms. Borg, SpEd teacher, will also be working alongside her. Mr. Murphy provided board members with Title IX verbiage and is asking for approval to include this in the Personnel Policy. Members discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to include the Title IX verbiage into the Personnel Policy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Highstein and was approved with consensus.

Equal Employment Opportunity – Mr. Murphy has met with the EEOC and following their advice, is asking for board approval regarding the insertion of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) language into the Personnel Policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Kolyer to approve the insertion of EEO language into Personnel Policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Election of Officers: None. Mr. Garcia mentioned a few people who have shown interest that he will continue to connect with in order to get them on the board in the fall.

Food Program Update: none

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Commission School Lead Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

Operations Report:

Operations Status - Financial Officer's Report:

Members reviewed the financial statements for April 2024. Ms. Gravela went over the report with members. Ms. Gravela highlighted a few things for members: second half of database contract has been paid, a lot of staff travel, purchased 110 new Chromebooks, student travel was higher than usual because some students went to New Zealand and California for Polynesian Festivals. Members discussed

Ms. Gravela also reported that the school has now received all of the allocated Per Pupil.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Mrs. Highstein to approve the April 2024 financial statements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kolyer and was approved with consensus.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 347 – Projecting more middle schoolers students coming next year due to other school closures.

Title I Report: none

Student Achievement Report: Mr. Murphy reported that Mrs. Thatcher is still pulling all numbers and they are looking better. He is also reporting that he is shifting some more of Mrs. Selden's position which will include mentoring teachers, working on programs, and analyzing data to place students in needed places. This will help when Administrators go into classrooms to give teachers feedback, allow for teachers to ask Administrator questions. Members discussed.

Kaumana Property Report: Mr. Murphy reported that he met with Senator Inouye and stated that he was able to share with her what was happening regarding the property. He also shared some of the suggestions Senator Inouye gave. Members discussed.

Other Items:

Karen Xavier, 3rd grade teacher, is moving, so Eyde Fistolera, one of the current Reading Interventionist, has accepted this position as of today. Mr. Murphy is looking to train Mrs. Sumida to take on some of the Reading Interventionist role.

Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Zachary White will come on as HS Math Teacher next school year. He wants to do project-based work at the property as well. Members discussed.

Mr. Murphy reported a suggestion from Mrs. Highstein about adding a short, additional recess at lunch time. Mrs. Highstein suggested adjusting time during lunch for elementary students to have free/play time. Her justification for this was that they would behave better throughout the day if they were able to get some extra time to exert energy. Mr. Woolverton will take this to grade level and gauge their interest. Members discussed.

Mr. Garcia highlighted graduation, and all the hard work put in by those involved. He also shared that he was proud of what the students shared.

Mr. Woolverton reported that he met with the School Safety Committee, they will meet quarterly. He shared some of the suggestions from the committee. Mr. Woolverton reported that he is looking at adding a magnetic buzzer door to the front door, as well as trying to find safety solutions to the theater side doors. Members discussed.

Mr. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 4:31pm.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2024 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 4:31pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Romeo Garcia

Connections Governing Board Chair