

**Nu'uauu Elementary School
School Community Council Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
2:40pm – 3:30pm
Minutes**

Participants:

Student Representative: Haley Ewing
 Certificated Representatives: Trina Travis, Tiffany Okita
 Classified Representative: Lori Toyama
 Parent Representative: Moani Wright-Van Alst
 Community Representative: Ferozah MacKenzie
 Principal: Ned Uemae

Present: Haley Ewing, Trina Travis, Tiffany Okita, Shelby Low, Lori Toyama, Moani Wright-Van Alst, Ferozah MacKenzie, Ned Uemae

Absent: None

Agenda Items	Discussion
Call to order	2:40pm
Introductions	All members introduce themselves.
Purpose of School Community Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● History and Purpose ● SCC Functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Plan due in December 2021 - Academic Plan due in March 2022 - Principal Survey due in May 2022
Student	<p>1) Positives: Students are washing hands often, wiping shields and desks, and using hand sanitizers regularly. Students enjoy seeing their friends, like class buddies, recess/lunch/bathrooms are good, having free breakfast and lunch, and the after school activities are organized. Kids are following rules, sharing, being respectful towards each other at recess and our teachers are friendly and kind.</p> <p>2) Things to work on: Students want a longer recess... like 30 minutes, more soccer goals and in different places, longer lunch periods, want the opportunity to choose lunch menus and vote on lunches, and having dessert after meals. Other concerns include cleaning the restrooms regularly, bugs in the toilet, sometimes we run out of soap, and toilets are not being flushed. Please bring back Family Fun Night, May Day, Kona Ice, field trips, and more events because they are all fun. We would also like to visit the library.</p>
Teacher	<p>1) During these challenging times, teachers are doing their best under the circumstances supporting their students academically, emotionally, and socially. Field trips are on hold at this time due to COVID restrictions. Kindergarten will try to have the Hawaii Theater</p>

	<p>for Youth come during the Spring semester. Fourth grade is currently doing Bike Education.</p> <p>2) Teachers are happy with the new technologies at the start of the school year - televisions and air conditioners in B & C buildings from Aikane, cubbies from Boy Scouts, document cameras, and projectors. Our school initiative is to support all of our learners and provide more personalized instruction through our Focus on Four.</p> <p>3) <i>Distance learning question ... How has it been since many of the students returned to school for in-person learning?</i> It's good to have them back, but from a kindergarten perspective, you can tell those who did not attend preschool maybe due to COVID. Some of the students are slightly behind others. In first grade, teachers are having to teach more about sharing with others, speaking nicely and playing nicely together which could have been a factor for many children who were distance learning. Teaching students these skills while keeping them socially distanced can be a challenge. Sometimes we notice students having a difficult time communicating effectively with others and are just guessing what the other child is saying. We are working hard to catch them up academically.</p>
Classified	<p>1) Budget - We ordered air purifiers for teachers who did not request for them the first time around. They should be arriving shortly.</p> <p>2) We are in the process of ordering water fountain with bottle refill systems so that every building will have one. We will have a total of 10 water systems on our campus.</p> <p>3) Teachers are interested in Smartboards so we are looking to invest in these technologies for our classrooms.</p>
Parent	<p>1) Monthly Coffee Talks have been successful. Parents have concerns about COVID safety, why the school cannot notify all parents and not just the close contacts and what are things we can do to keep our children safe. DOE/DOH are constantly changing policies and guidelines which makes it difficult for parents to keep up. Coffee Talks have helped with answering parents' questions and concerns.</p> <p>2) Aikane is working hard to bring back as many events as possible. Unfortunately due to COVID, many activities will be held via Zoom rather than in-person. We may need to stick to virtual events as opposed to in-person for this school year.</p> <p>3) Our goal for this year is to fundraising for air conditioning (and previously for water fountains). Over \$10,000 was donated for the Fall fundraiser so we can possibly install air conditioners for Building D (1st grade) during the winter vacation.</p> <p>4) We are looking to continue the Just Dance fundraiser or Fun Run. As a new fundraiser, Aikane is planning to work with Nu'uaniu families who own businesses to pick up food from their establishments. We are just trying to be creative to support our families while fundraising. With these fundraising monies, our goal is to get air conditioners installed in Buildings E, F and G over the summer of 2022.</p>

	<p>5) Thank you to all the teachers for supporting the Just Dance Fundraiser last school year. Our initial goal was \$15,000, but we were able to make over \$30,000 thanks to the involvement of the teachers and staff. We will continue to need your support this school year.</p> <p>6) Parents feel a bit disconnected without being able to communicate with other parents because they are not allowed on campus at this time. It's hard to recruit new parents to join Aikane when there are no opportunities for parents to mingle and converse with each other. Aikane is asking teachers to inform parents about supporting and/or joining the Parent Teacher Organization.</p>
Community	<p>1) Turn out and participation increases when teachers are involved with fundraising activities. Teachers have done a wonderful job collectively in encouraging parent participation in the membership drive and distributing the SWAG packs. Kindergarten did have the most donations. Again, a potential fundraiser is to work with Nu'uaniu families who have businesses. The school purchases from the business and some proceeds are given to the school. We support businesses and families while fundraising for our school.</p> <p>2) We need to continue to bridge the gap between the community and school by working together, communicating, and getting involved.</p>
Principal	<p>1) Counselor is working on possibly having a Halloween Parade and costume contest in October. Details will be shared once things are finalized.</p> <p>2) Renovations for the covered gym starts on Friday, October 8, 2021. Project will take approximately 4 weeks.</p> <p>3) Parent teacher conferences begin on November 1 - 15, 2021. Parents already completed their surveys. School will work on emailing parents conference dates.</p> <p>4) School will email reminders to parents about returning to school from trips during Fall Break. Students must get a negative COVID test result 72 hours prior to leaving on their final leg of their trip. Upon return to Hawaii, students must get a second negative COVID test result before returning to school.</p>
Next SCC Meeting	Scheduled for: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 2:40pm
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