

E.B.DeSilva Elementary School

SCC Meeting Minutes

8/26/14

PRESENT: Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Sewake Keith Marrack, Patti Taira Tokuuke, Jayneen Souza, Mary Ann Downey

Principal O'Brien reported the following:

- Official enrollment as of count date 8/13/14 is 441. Our WSF was based on 413 students. The additional 28 students x \$4K ea.= \$112,000. Admin proposes that part of these funds be dedicated to 1:1 computers and our Cool our School project. (\$59K allocated on hold)
- A.C. Update: E Bldg. is complete. We will seek a bid for Bldg. D with a target day of completion over 3 week winter break. Also, a carpet upgrade is being done by Les Carpets for \$1,470.
- Due to Hurricane Iselle our Waiver day needed to be rescheduled to 9/12/14. We are in the process of informing our parents and Community. The day will be dedicated to admin. Presentation on SLO and time for teachers to draft their mandatory SLO due on 10/3/14.
- Our new 3 lunch period schedule is working well to date. This schedule change was needed due to our very large enrollment, cafeteria seating capacity, providing each child with sufficient time to eat lunch, followed by 10 minutes of recess.
- Our teachers are extremely busy implementing the new Common Core aligned WONDERS ELA curriculums and the new STEPPING STONES Math curriculum. Both programs rely heavily on student access to computers, hence our wish to provide 1:1 ASAP.
- Albizia tree update: Supt. County of Hawaii Park Maintenance Div on campus 8/25 to take pictures of threatening trees. Next step is to contact lot owner if possible.
- There was a theft on campus on 8/21/14 at 4:30 p.m. HPD was called and a suspect was named.
- With just one day notice, on 8/14, our Counseling Dept. led a food and cash drive for our hard struck Puna neighbors. They delivered a full pick up of canned goods and \$430. In cash to the relief center in Nanawale Estates.
- Today, we were named a High Achieving School under STRIVE HI definition. In Sept, reps from the school will attend a meeting in Honolulu to receive possible cash reward. Our 2014 HAS score showed an increase over 2013. 88% of gr. 3,4,5&6 either meets or exceeds the AYO cutoff scores for both ELA and Math. 81% of our disadvantaged subgroup were also in the meet or exceeds category. Last SY's 6th graders scored 98% in ELA. Our 4th gr class took the Science assessment and scored 70%. The DOE goal was 35%!!!
- New Portable classroom may be ready in 1 ½ years? For Gr 5 or reg ed pre-school.
- Patti Taira Takuuke raised this question: "Can the schools provide supplies for the classroom at the beginning of the year? Also revise the list? Perhaps in partnership with PTA?"
- Mr. O'Brien will bring this up to the teachers.