

E.B.DeSilva Elementary School

School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

1/27/15

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

- Air-Con Update: Bldg B had air-con and electrical upgrades installed over winter break. Bldg A will be completed by the end of 3rd quarter. This will have completed our goal in just one school year. The final phase will be the installation of photo voltaic solar panels to offset the increased energy costs. We must extend a huge MAHALO to our PTA for their support in purchasing the a.c. units.
- Albizia tree update: Parent, Mr. Ortiz came in over the winter break and did an awesome job of cutting back the smaller Albizia regrowth shrubs and other weed type trees along the property boundary, Property owner – Gerald Pomihama has accepted a bid from Big Island Tree works to remove the largest and nearest Albizia on his property.
- Our school must submit WASC Accreditation Tasks 1-3 in early February. The accreditation process will culminate next school year with the self-study phase, and finally a visitation by WASC officials. (copy was shared)
- An early draft of the 2015/16, 2016/17 Academic Plan was shared (see attached). Peruse and mark suggestions, questions for next SCC meeting.
- Weighted Student Funds: DOE has projected 452 students (by 2nd week in August). We project 445; \$28,000 less than 452.
- A new component of our Academic Plan draft is the creation of a RTI-(Response to Intervention coach/coordinator position for the next 2, 3 Sys. This person would be responsible for tracking the progress of all students and sharing strategies with our teachers that will best support students with areas of need. Also, the RTI coach would instruct our Tutors and EA's on how and when to use specific research based strategies to support student success. The STAR program will be used instead of SRI.
- Our school is now in its 3rd year of using the inclusion model, Our SPED students remain in the regular class, but receive in-class support from a SPED teacher or EA. Exception: very few students who must be serviced in very small

groups. Inclusion students receive the benefit of reg. ed instruction with their grade level peers, and also additional support as needed.

- Our faculty is weighing the time involved to put on a traditional Ho'olaulea in the 4th quarter, or a repeat of last SY's Aha Mele. The major consideration for our teachers is the immense amount of time required this school year as they transition into a new Language Arts and a new Math curriculum, in addition to preparing for our first ever SBAC assessment for grades 3,4,5,6. Practice time to do justice to a Ho'oloulea would be extremely limited, so it looks like the faculty will opt for the Aha Mele. SEE POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE Principal.

Keith Marrack asked once again what if anything was discussed about having VEGETARIAN choices in the Cafeteria – ex: spaghetti without meat sauce (a choice).

Patti wonders if we could change Robo-call to Human voice that can be understood.

Also, could the yearly Supply Lists be streamlined, updated? Perhaps school could supply some materials that will stay in classroom. This will be brought up in next meeting.

Next meeting, tentatively scheduled for 2/23/15.