

Minutes for Ke'elikōlani Middle School Community Council

Date: 9/22/2026

Call to Order: 3:06 pm

Participants: Joseph Passantino (Principal), Noelani Takayesu (Chairperson), Jenn Sato (Vice Principal), Philip Barr (Parent), Brandon Galarita (Certificated), Cary Miyashiro (Community), Kai Harper (Student Government - 7th Grade Representative), Mikee Tuppil (Student Government-8th Grade Secretary) Aubrey-lei Faaola-Ileremia (Student Government - 7th Grade Secretary), Lauren Pelier (School Community Coordinator)

Absent: Allen Kauhi (Classified)

Topic/Discussion	Action and/or Significant Points of Discussion	Responsibility
Introduction of Members and Roles	• Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.	Noelani Takayesu
Approve Minutes of Meeting dated May 12, 2026	• Passantino motioned to approve the minutes. Miyashiro seconds the motion.	All
SCC Training Video	• SCC Members are recommended to view the training video at their leisure.	Noelani Takayesu
Review and Approval of SCC Bylaws	• Galarita shared that the bylaws can be found on the Ke'elikolani Middle School website.	Noelani Takayesu
Official Enrollment Count	• Current Enrollment is 403. Initial counts were expected to be 380. The surplus of students will allow for various programs and positions to be funded throughout the school year. ◦ PPTs and Security will be retained and hours expanded. • SY27/28 projected enrollment is 400. Principal Passantino formally disagreed with the projection numbers as the school is expected to significantly decrease the number of teaching lines.	Principal Passantino
Title 1 Information	• Title 1 provides additional funding for the school for Title 1 related purposes, such as new technology and curriculum. ◦ Curriculum purchases include Amplify ELA and Amplify Science, TCI for Social Studies ◦ New computers purchased	Principal Passantino
Parent Teacher Conferences - Bell Schedule Modification	• The school requests bell schedule changes to release students early in order to create time for teachers to meet with families.	Principal Passantino
School Updates	• Amazing Shake professionalism and soft skills competition ◦ Ke'elikolani invited Aliamanu to compete on October 14th ◦ Honolulu District event planned for December 11th ■ A minimum of 50 adults will be needed to support the event for various roles. ◦ Five students to be brought to Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the Ron Clark Academy	Principal Passantino / Student Government

	• Paving project for C-Building waiting on permits to begin work. • New technology coordinator hired.	
Community Updates	• Mr. Miyashiro November 7th-March 2027 - "I Am American" traveling display at the Hawaii State Art Museum • Mr. Barr shared about a leadership institute that his organization has been holding once a month with students in the neighborhood. He also shared about a collaboration with local churches for events in the community. His son, John Alan Barr, is starting a Christian Club at Ke'elikolani Middle.	Community
SGA Updates	• SGA is holding a checkers tournament during morning recess. • SBA is holding the 6th Grade Elections for SY26/27 • Q1 Pep Rally will be held on 9/30. • SGA is highlighting Unity Day this school year • Halloween Festivities: teachers and students are encouraged to dress up. • Prime Time Basketball Game for the FSC students at McKinley High School • Feeder School visits are planned in Quarter 2. Students are encouraged to attend Ke'elikolani Middle. • Kendama Tournament held in Q1.	SGA
Additional Comments and Concerns	• Principal Passantino introduced the upcoming Academic Plan and School Budget. • Waiver Day Requests are due ○ In previous years the entire school went to the AMLE conference. It may be an option for future years. ○ Galarita recommended Schools of the Future conference.	All

Adjournment Time: 3:42pm

Recorder/Secretary: Brandon Galarita