

Minutes for Ke'elikōlani Middle School Community Council

Date: 9/23/2025

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Participants: Principal Joe Passantino (Principal), Noelani Takayesu (Certificated Staff), Kristein Ono (VP), Brandon Galarita (Certificated Staff), Cary Miyashiro (Community), Glenn Goya (Renaissance Foundation, Community), Diane Matsuura (Harris United Methodist Church, Community), Kayla Oba (Student Government), John Allen Barr (Student Government), Anthony Banh (Student Government), Phillip Barr (Parent), Lauren (School Community Coordinator), Allen Kauhi (Classified Staff)

Absent:

Topic/Discussion	Action and/or Significant Points of Discussion	Responsibility
Introduction of Members and Roles	Members introduced themselves	Noelani Takayesu
Approve Minutes of Meeting dated May 13, 2025	Cary Miyashiro motions to approve the minutes. Joe Passantino seconded the motion.	All
SCC Training Video	- The SCC agreed that watching the video was not necessary at this time. - Members can watch the training video at their own discretion at the following link. Contact Mr. Brandon Galarita or Principal Passantino for the password to the video. https://hidoe.webex.com/hidoe/jdr.php?RCID=652a1f642208ddf2cb8b5ad83a8d9a93	Noelani Takayesu
Review and Approval of SCC Bylaws	SCC Bylaws can be found on keelikolanimiddle.org under the Parents dropdown, under the School Community Council tab	Noelani Takayesu
Official Enrollment Count	- Projected enrollment this year was 343; actual enrollment is 393 - Increased enrollment by roughly 50 students, results in ~\$400,000 in additional funds to fill prior year deficit and fund this year's personnel and materials. - Question posed by Mr. Barr: How does increased student enrollment affect classroom capacity? - Principal Passantino shared that building capacity is full, all classrooms are being utilized. - Ke'elikolani Middle has had to hold parent nights and talks at elementary schools in order to show parents that PRKMS has programs that parents would be interested in. - Question from Mr. Goya: Will the school need to reject geographic exemption (GE) requests as the capacity is full? - Principal Passantino shared that the school receives all students within the district and can accept GE requests with discretion. - Question from Ms. Matsuura: What does daily attendance look like? - Principal Passantino shared that SY24/25 was roughly 73%, though the goal is 90-95%. 15 days absent defines chronic absenteeism. The school faces challenges such	Principal Passantino

	as when students may stay home to take care of siblings.	
Title 1 Information	• School is identified as Title 1. Based on our SES status, all students receive free breakfast and lunch. • Funds received can be used to buy various items such as ◦ Laptops ◦ After school programs ◦ Professional development • Question from Mr. Barr: Has Title 1 funding been affected by federal budget cuts? SY25/26 funding has not been affected, however, future funding is expected to be affected.	Principal Passantino
Parent Teacher Conferences - Bell Schedule Modification	• Principal Passantino shared that the modified bell schedule for Parent Teacher Conference allows for parents to meet teachers after school. School ends at 12:00pm on those days.	Principal Passantino
School Updates	• Principal Passantino shared that students will be competing in The Amazing Shake locally at Aliamanu Middle, some students will be competing in the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia. • Principal Passantino shared that Ke'elikolani Middle was identified as a Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) for the last three years. This year they have "worked out" of the CSI status based on test scores, school culture scores, and ELL WIDA exits. ◦ School culture results made significant changes in all domains. ◦ Behavior incidents have decreased from 21-22 at 254 incidents to 102 in SY24/25. ◦ Academic growth across the board. Scores can be found on StriveHI. • Students take a universal screener in Math and Reading. Diagnostic #1 results are as follows: ◦ Math ■ 12% of students are on grade level ■ 29% of students are one grade level behind ■ 59% of students are three or more grade levels behind ◦ Reading ■ 15% of students are on grade level ■ 20% of students are one grade level behind ■ 65% of students are three or more grade levels behind	Principal Passantino / Student Government
Community Updates	• Ms. Matsuura: Annual Wahine Basketball Clinic (Nuuanu YMCA), held on September 26th ◦ Form was provided to the After School All Stars program to be distributed to students • Mr. Miyashiro shared that there is an opportunity for parents to take English classes that are paid for by • Mr. Barr - Recently started the Light of Aloha ministry, specifically supporting immigrant families who are navigating life in Hawaii. A	Community

	lot of times families live between cultures which can be challenging as they cling to their own cultures and assimilate to their new one. • Mr. Goya - Renaissance Foundation continues to partner with Ke'elikolani Middle for a fourth year to provide monetary awards to students who perform well academically. Roughly \$7,300 to ~53 students received funding. They are currently working with the Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu for a fundraiser for a celebration for the 200th birthday of Ke'elikolani Middle. The fundraiser is slated for February 19th at B-Side Lounge. • Lauren shared that the Family Resource Center in the "Aloha Room" on the Ke'elikolani Middle campus has been launched. The community room will include items for families to use, including laptops, sewing machines, and other supports. Many community organizations, such as the FBI and Attorney General office, are interested in supporting. • VP Ono shared that a Professional Collaboration Day was held on September 19th was intended to build vertical alignment between Ke'elikolani Middle and McKinley High School.	
SGA Updates	• Every Monday, students play math critical thinking games such as Speed. Every participant receives candy. Week of September 29th • Spirit events and pep rally, ◦ Special Dress Days: Sports day on Monday (Jerseys and shirts), Tuesday (twin day, dress up similar as someone else in class), Wednesday (Fall day, dress in fall colors) • Student-led tour of Ke'elikolani and presentation for CISL presentation October 14th • Feeder school visit of Ke'elikolani: Likelike EI, Kaiulani EI, Royal EI, Kauluwela EI • Faculty Staff Treat: SGA provides snacks to the faculty on Wednesdays during the faculty meeting. • Primetime Basketball, basketball for the special education students, the band will play for the team and SGA will help cheer on and support students playing. ◦ October 24th 5:00pm at McKinley HS • PBIS Treat: Students will receive a special treat (shaved ice for Q1) for students who have good attendance and have not had any suspensions or other infractions • Upcoming Events: Unity Day, Halloween, Turkey Trot (awards for finalists)	SGA
Additional Comments and Concerns	•	All

Adjournment Time: 4:06 PM

Recorder/Secretary: Brandon Galarita