

Minutes for Ke'elikōlani Middle School Community Council

Date: March 3, 2026

Call to Order: 3:03 pm

Participants: Principal Joe Passantino (Administration), Noelani Takayesu (Certificated Staff), Brandon Galarita (Certificated Staff), Kristen Ono (Administration), Nathan Davis (Administration), Lauren Peiler (School Community Coordinator), Cary Miyashiro (Community), Ezekiel Pagador (SGA), King Magat (SGA), Simon Jabememej (SGA)

Absent: Philip Barr (Parent), Allen Kauhi (Classified Staff)

Topic/Discussion	Action and/or Significant Points of Discussion	Responsibility
Approve Minutes of Meeting dated December 9th, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been Principal Passantino moved to approve the minutes and Cary Miyashiro seconded that the minutes 	All
SCC Assurances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Principal Passantino
Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school will have a one-day visit Spring SY2026-2026 by the WASC committee. Their goal is to verify that the school is on track toward the goals that were set forth in the initial visit. 	Principal Passantino
Academic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlines the means in which the school will achieve academic goals in various content areas. It academic plan sets goals 	Principal Passantino
Vacant SCC Nominations & Elections for SY26/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classified position has been filled by Mr. Allen Kauhi (Classified Staff) 	Noelani Takayesu
School Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Middle Bulldog Beats Dance team will be performing at the 808 Battleground Competition. Students are invited to attend the event as part of the "Spirit Bus" The library will be painted and the flooring will be replaced. Perimeter fence project completed, however, the fence was damaged during a recent event and will be replaced. A Paver parking lot will be installed on the mountain side of C-Building. This will support grass growth and limit the dust or mud challenges faced by C-Building teachers in the past. Ke'elikolani Middle will be sending five students to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the Amazing Shake at the Ron Clark Academy. PRKMS will also be sending a group of students to Japan later this year. The school held a gala that was incredibly successful. Admin and teachers staffed the event to raise money for school activities. 	Principal Joe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCC recommended to include more student testimonies for future galas. 	
SGA Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirit Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students have daily dress attires to win points (Thursday Green, Flower Day Friday, Jeans/Denim Tuesday, White-lie Wednesday, Culture Wednesday. ○ Pep Rally during afternoon AA–various games will be played by students. ● Middle Level Student Leadership Summit in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle Level Student Leaders will attend a summit to share how our school is a community school that works with community organizations, including but not limited to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rotary Club of Downtown H ■ Bank of Hawaii ■ Ke’elikelani Middle Family Resource Center ■ Reality Church Honolulu ● Yearbook Planning is in the works. The cost will be \$20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committees have been selected to complete various tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Layout ■ HOSS Elections ■ Candid Photos ■ Baby Photos ■ Verifying names and permissions. 	SGA
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cary shared that they are looking for elementary level teachers who can teach foundational English for a school support program. ● Community Hui Meeting March 12 from 3-4PM in the Learning Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From the last meeting in the Community Hui, they recommended that there be an Instagram school takeover where students provide the content for the school Instagram to post. The purpose of this is to share how schools perceive the exciting things that are happening at the school from a student perspective. ● Mr. Miyashiro recommended to connect with Alpha Delta Kappa to see how they could partner with Ke’elikelani Middle to support student growth. ● Family Resource Center is continuing to be built out, including making the kitchen area more functional and the space to be more comfortable for students and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of students and families who have visited the FRC has tripled since the last meeting. ● Lauren shared that she and the SGA will be going to the Capitol on March 12th to discuss the importance of mental health programs and community schools in Hawaii during Y-Day (YMCA Day) 	Community
Additional Comments and Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	All

Adjournment Time: 3:42 PM

Recorder/Secretary: Brandon Galarita