



“Waimea Middle School empowers all students with the skills, values and cultural understanding to successfully navigate high school and beyond.”

Meeting Title:	WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP)
Date & Time:	4-6 pm, Mon., October 19, 2015
Members Present:	<p>Community Reps: Colin Miura, Keawe Vredenburg, Jane Sherwood, Owana Wilcox</p> <p>Family Reps: Graham Ellis, Marcie Neubecker</p> <p>Student Reps: None present</p> <p>Certificated Reps: Cherise Mundon (6th), Tisha Gusman (7th), Linda LoBue (8th)</p> <p>Classified Reps: Lori Ching</p> <p>WMS Admin: Amy Kendziorski, Janice English-Sommerville</p> <p>Ho’okako’o Board: Joe Uno, Ken Fischer, Barbara Kalipi</p> <p>Ho’okako’o Staff: David Gibson</p> <p>Ex Officio: Patti Cook</p>
	<p><u>Guests:</u></p> <p>Community Members: Gail Gimbel, Pam Potter</p> <p>Family Members: Lisa Andrews</p> <p>Certificated Staff: Pat Rice, Tina Benson</p> <p><u>Excused:</u></p> <p>Community Rep: Patrick Hurney</p> <p>Student Advisor: Eunice “Laz” Lazarus</p>

Colin called meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Patti Cook confirmed quorum.

Jane Sherwood moved to accept 9/21/15 minutes. Keawe Vredenburg seconded, and motion carried.

Colin asked if anyone in the community wished to address the group – no one asked for time as permitted by By-Laws.

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There was discussion regarding election of one “Classified” position for LAP. Need to recruit and conduct election. Many Classified staff have already served on LAP; some have schedule conflicts which make it difficult.

Special thanks expressed to Marcie Neubecker for procuring 6 fans for classroom use during the especially hot weather.

It was also noted that a card would be sent to the departing Dr. Megan McCorrison, Executive Director of HC.

2) Principal’s Update - Amy Kendziorski:

Strive HI Results: Measures academic achievement via rigorous SBAC testing in reading and math. Because of the change in the assessment tool to SBAC, the State of Hawaii did not change any categories this year so while WMS raised its overall score from 158 last year to 191 this year (a very good reflection of hard work by students, faculty and staff), we are again ranked in “Continuous Improvement.”

Amy updated group on continuing relationship development work w/ Kamehameha Schools, the public charter school commission and the Hawaiian Focused public charter school hui. The new KS grant application for 2016-17 SY is due 12/15. Amy said faculty and staff are being involved in the planning/decisions related to this new grant – this is a first – will be aligned w/ Accreditation Action Plans.

3) David Gibson – Ho’okako’o’s Interim Executive Director. Reviewed transition plans with the departure of Dr. Megan McCorrison as ED and also in keeping with Islander Report recommendations. Ho’okako’o choosing to reorganize rather than hire a replacement immediately. Principals will now report to the board directly. Executive Committee evaluates principals. Also reported on new HC Board members.

The question was raised about Amy as “Interim Principal” – David explained that according to HGEA contract, we must initiate a search. After some discussion, it was agreed the school would conduct a vote of confidence to help guide HC in how extensive their “search” should be. David asked that this be done as quickly as possible. Pat Rice to handle this working w/ teachers-staff.

David also reviewed draft response to Island Report and there were questions raised about the effectiveness of the proposed Organizational Chart.

4) Colin Miura – Discussion about fundraising and family engagement: Discussion reviewed LAP subcommittee discussing and attempting to prioritize family engagement strategies. Work group discontinued w/ summer but teachers have prioritized asking for help to improve family engagement so WMS requested funding to support this from Kamehameha Schools.

5) Coming events: The Take a LAP Fun Run/Walk will be Fri., Nov. 20, 2016. All urged to participate and donations of auction items most welcome. Special thanks to teacher teams and staff for coming up with great ideas for “gift baskets” and also mahalo to other LAP members for working on donations!

Meeting concluded at 6:27 pm. Next LAP meeting scheduled November 19, 2015 at 4 pm

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Submitted by Pam Potter