



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

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) - FINAL Approved at 8/8/16 Meeting</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>4:00-6:00 pm, Monday, May 23, 2016</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	<p><b>Community Reps:</b> Colin Miura; Keawe Vredenburg, Jane Sherwood</p> <p><b>Family Reps:</b> Marcie Neubecker</p> <p><b>Fam O/reach Coord:</b> Amy Maluenda</p> <p><b>Classified Reps:</b> Lori Ching</p> <p><b>Certificated Reps:</b> Cherise Mundon (6<sup>th</sup>), Tisha Gusman (7<sup>th</sup>), Linda LoBue (8<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><b>WMS Admin:</b> Janice English-Somerville, Amy Kendziorski</p> <p><b>Ho’okako’o Board:</b> Dr. Bob Masuda, Dr. Paul Nakayama</p> <p><b>Ho’okako’o Staff:</b> David Gibson</p> <p><b>Ex Officio:</b> Patti Cook</p> <p><b>Minute Taker:</b> Pam Potter</p>
	<p><b><u>Guests:</u></b></p> <p><b>Community Members:</b> Pat Rice; Niel Thomas; Hermine Baker</p> <p><b>Visiting Students:</b> Dillon DuPont, Zak Murakami Mattos, Kahea Etherton</p> <p><b>WMS Teacher:</b> Tina Benson</p> <p><b><u>Excused:</u></b></p> <p><b>Family Reps:</b> Graham Ellis; Von and Monique Wong</p> <p><b>Student Advisor:</b> Eunice “Laz” Lazarus</p> <p><b>Community Reps:</b> Patrick Hurney, Owana Wilcox</p>

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1) LAP meeting called to order at 4:10 pm. Quorum confirmed. Cherise Mundon provided the opening pule. Keawe moved the minutes for two preceding months be accepted, Patti Cook seconded. Minutes approved. Colin opened this meeting by asking each attendee to introduce themselves and their role in LAP. After introductions Colin asked if anyone in the community wished to address the group. No one asked for time or offered any input.

## **2) Ho'okako'o Corp. Update – David Gibson**

- The biggest news is that the search for Principal of WMS has been extended and accepted by Amy Kendziorski. LAP members conveyed their appreciation to Amy and HC.
- David also welcomed Dr. Robert Masuda and Dr. Paul Nakayama as new members of the HC Board. with three year terms – as recommended by LAP. He added the HC Board in its reorganization and restructuring was moving forward; the board is now up to 11 members, with the ultimate goal of 15 members.

## **3) Principal Update – Amy Kendziorski**

### ***Celebrations:***

We had a student presentation by Dillon DuPont, Zak Murakami Mattos, and Kahea Etherton with SSC teacher, Tina Benson on HI-MEET (Hawai'i Island Meaningful Environmental Education for Teachers) Teachers project. Everyone thanked the students for attending the meeting to share their 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading project, which dealt with a hypothesis attempting to identify/measure effects of global warming. The data they collected was first hand at Kahalu'u Bay and secondary data was sourced from a Mauna Loa Observatory guest speaker who shared evidence collected of the increasing presence of CO2 in the water from 1960 to present day. Graphs were presented. The student research team concluded that since there was only a slight increase in water temperature and that changes in corals did occur but not dramatically, this data did not support their hypothesis. However, from 2009-present, it was found that the water PH was decreasing, sea temperatures are rising and that the sea level was rising from melting polar ice caps, supporting our the students' hypothesis. These findings -- coupled with observations from long term Hawai'i Island residents -- indicate decreasing levels of rain compared to days of old, and therefore, weather/climate changes are occurring on Hawai'i Island. The students shared an oral history video documentary that they helped script, film and edit, and LAP members expressed appreciation for their work.

Jane Sherwood reported on the recent scoliosis screenings of students that took place at WMS, which she assisted. Of 210 children screened, 18 were further testing candidates and 5 already were affected. She cited that 1 in 40 is affected by this health issue, and that it starts at adolescence. It was said that Shriners are aware of this as a resource point and are working on this issue. Students will receive follow-up from Shriners. Cherise Mundon asked if kids are checked for this issue (all kids who participate in school sports require physicals), and Jane said efforts are cursory at best. It was said that Waimea's DOH public health nurse, Sandy Tomyama is working with pediatricians to heighten awareness and provide screenings. Bob Masuda stated if caught early, scoliosis is correctable.

### ***Academic Progress:***

Regarding year-end SBAC scores, early results are coming in more quickly than previous years but it's too soon to really know in depth how our students did – many student results still not reported. Some students still making up missed testing. Students scored in all quadrants. There were some technology issues, too.

A general discussion regarding testing ensued.

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Re: STAR results: Preliminary results indicate that some students performed better in March than they did in the end of the school year so some students are being re-tested. It was hypothesized that students are being over-tested: SBAC, Science SAT, SHSA (can take twice with hope of improvement), plus STAR. Group discussed how often during the school year students should be tested and when to do this.

Amy shared the continuing efforts to bolster reading and math skills amongst students.

### ***Mahalo to the Departing Faculty/Staff***

The following will not be returning to WMS for the 2016-17 SY. Mahalo to them...they will be missed! VP Janice English-Somerville, Reading Specialist Rebekah Tucker, CFS Outreach Coordinator Lori Ching, and CFS Counselor Suzi Herhold. Angela Pastoris, a part time teacher, part PPT, will replace Lori Ching. Shelby Matsomoto's position as a part time art teacher has been eliminated, and she will look at her eligibility to remain at WMS; Ashley DeSilva's position, too, has been eliminated since a larger SPED population is exiting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The question was raised as to how will we be able to keep class sizes small?

### ***Sustainable Budget, Fundraising & Partnerships***

KS has new grant and partnership opportunities. WMS applied for and received \$96,000 grant from KS. Also, Walter Kahumoku, Director of Teacher Education Professional Development, has proposed a 3-year partnership with WMS. He is a KS employee whose area of expertise is Hawaiian Culture professional development for teachers, staff, and community. Amy expressed appreciation for this PD opportunity offered by KS though we are not sure yet what all it will entail. Amy will craft a statement of need in this area for Walter.

Other tools provided by KS include their annual Na Keiki, Na 'Opi'o and 'Ohana Surveys – results were received 5/16/16. The student surveys combine Hawaiian cultural values developmental assets. Amy would prefer to see results reported on a per grade basis. KS shared at the last po'o meeting that this data has been collected over years, and that schools are evaluated against other Hawaiian focus charter schools. Note: There are questions asked in the survey that are not relevant for WMS, such as the questions about Hawaiian Language. WMS doesn't actually teach Hawaiian language, as we are not an immersion school.

Review 2016-17 Budget included position recruitment for: Vice-principal (Kamehameha Schools funding); 'Ike Hawai'i Resource Teacher (Kamehameha Schools funding); Reading Specialist (1 FTE hopefully Neilan Foundation); 3 Math Part Time Teachers (17 hours – Kamehameha Schools funding); CFS Counselor (Hawai'i Community Foundation funding); Bus Driver (10 months–WMS funding).

KS and the Nielan Foundation are the biggest sources for revenue and we must maintain and improved those relationships and cultivate others.

Dr. Paul Nakayama and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie/Paulette Clayton have offered private summer school scholarships (four at \$550 each at HPA for a STEM class). Applications are being taken and evaluated now. The group thanked Dr. Nakayama and the Claytons for this meaningful incentive to introduce WMS students – primarily 6th graders – to HPA and to higher level STEM classes. The group also thanked Ho'okako'o for assisting with this by providing fiscal management of the funds. Dr. Nakayama indicated he hopes to continue and "grow" this project.

Dr. Roger Gremminger, who has been a tutor and assisted in reading classes at WMS, has stepped forward to provide five \$1,000 scholarships for WMS exiting 8<sup>th</sup> graders going to HPA/Parker. His intention is to encourage students and families to explore these high school options; he intends to repeat this next year too. Again, Ho'okako'o Corp has collaborated in making these scholarships possible by providing Dr. Gremminger a way to have the gift be tax deductible. HC's involvement also maximizes the amount of money going to offset tuition vs paying taxes.

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Amy reported meeting LT Smooth/Voices of Change, a very popular entertainer here in Hawai'i from Australia, who had a troubled youth and now wants to give back to this community. He came to talk to students, faculty-staff, and families at our Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation, and he now is looking to make another appearance, the earliest of which, as a result of his busy schedule would be sometime in March 2017. He is very talented and currently the opening act for Stevie Wonder.

Re: Summer School: There are 27 more vacancies; however, Amy Maluenda's calls home to families have been effective in recruiting more students. We expect to fill 80 spaces.

Hawaii Business Magazine did an article about our Connecting for Success grant at WMS. Thanks to Pat, Lori and Suzi. The magazine took lots of pictures of our students with their volunteer mentors – it's a very positive story in a major magazine that gets broad statewide circulation.

Hawai'i Island Land Trust is soon to become a new partnership. Amy has signed a document to explore using HILT's 35-acre Kaiholena lands south of Mahukona. The relatively untouched parcel since pre-contact times stretches from Akone Pule Highway to the ocean, so could provide rich, culture based learning opportunities for our students.

***Summer LAP Work Groups-Family Engagement and Development (Colin Miura and Amy Kendziorski)***

This has taken a back seat for a while but we intend to move forward. Colin offered to help establish where are we, and then, where are we going. An email will be sent out to set up summer meeting dates for the Development Work Group, which Bob Masuda has agreed to assist with leading.

***New Business***

DOE is revising their strategic plan to align it with the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced No Child Left Behind. This time Hawaii's public charter schools will have a voice. New BOE Board member, Pat Bergin, will help ensure the charter voice is heard. This is important because ESSA takes its power from the feds and redirects it back to the states' hands. LAP is encouraged to give input. In June, Amy K. will be providing input to the governor's ESSA committee. Please provide your feedback about student success, teacher success, and system success through the DOE's website. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/DOEBOEstratplan>.

Colin extended thanks to everyone for all of their efforts, knowing that several LAP members are ending their terms.

Everyone was wished a great summer!

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. Next meeting of LAP is 4 pm on Monday, August 8, 2016 in K-03.