



Local Advisory Panel Virtual Mtg MINUTES – Tues., Sept. 21, 2021 4:30 – 5:30PM

Time	Activity	Facilitator	Notes
4:30pm	Google Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call Meeting To Order - Welcome, Quorum, Check-In ● Review/Approve August. 17, 2021 WMS LAP Meeting Minutes 	PKanekuni & JEnglish	Quorum confirmed. 8/17/21 Minutes approved as is.
4:35pm	Ho'okako'o Update	DGibson	See P.3
4:45pm	Budget Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrollment = 207 students ○ Kamehameha Schools – new grant opportunities meeting 9/17/21 ○ OHA Grant Update re: Trauma-Informed Art Teacher/Counselor update expected 9/17/21 ○ Kukio Community Fund/HCF grant for SEL support - \$20,000 ○ Neilan Foundation - \$88,700 to offset payroll plus \$8,500 Athletics ○ Fundraising Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foodland Give Aloha thru 9/30/21 (#78320) – Please consider “Rounding Up At The Register.” They match a portion of donations. Save receipt for your own tax purposes and please consider sharing a copy with WMS; Foodland contributes a grand total but doesn't reveal individual donors. ○ WMS Faculty-Staff “Ask” - Goal: 100% ○ Virtual Silent Auction for Early Holiday Shopping: Do you have something to contribute or know someone we should ask? 	JEnglish J English/PRice PRice PCook PCook	See P. 3
4:55pm	Principal Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covid Safety Status ● SBA assessments - embargoed results ● School Climate – Student phones, GoGuardian, SEL supports, 10/20/21 Unity Day (anti-bullying lessons) ● Virtual Family Open House & Title I Annual Meeting Recap ● Student Transportation 	JEnglish	See P. 4 and attachment



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5:05pm	Title IIA Audit NWEA Assessments - recap	PRice	See P. 4
5:10pm	Family Representatives Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections/Concerns/Suggestions/Questions 		See P. 5
5:15pm	Teacher Representatives Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections/Concerns/Suggestions/Questions 		See P. 5
5:20pm	Community Representative Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections/Concerns/Suggestions/Questions 		See P. 5
5:25pm	New Business WMS LAP Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Rep Self-Nominations Due 9/22/21. Election to follow. Status of Certificated & Classified Reps for 21-22SY Community Input (2 minutes each) REMINDER: Next WMS Virtual LAP Meeting: Tues., Oct. 19, 2021. 4:30-5:30 p.m.)	PKanekuni	See P. 6

**Attachments – Fall 2021 NWEA Reading, Math & Science Results
Principal’s Report**

Attendance: 9/21/21

- Community Reps:** Phyllis Kanekuni, Tammy Muranaka, Pete Hendricks, Andrew Odell, Midge Jambor
- Family Reps:** Jennifer Brown
- Certificated Reps:** Jamilynn Mareko (6th); Amanda Gagliano & Linda LoBue (7th); Jennifer Fischer (8th)
- Classified Reps:** Tanya Malani, Deandra Kalahiki
- HC Board:** Susan Maddox
- HC Staff:** David Gibson
- WMS Admin:** Janice English
- WMS Staff:** Patti Cook
- Guests:** Pat Rice (School Improvement Specialist/Title I & Grant Coordinator), WES Principal Tammie Picklesimer (WES Principal), Colin Miura (WMS parent)



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WELCOME: Quorum confirmed.

HO’OKAKO’O CORP. UPDATE: DGibson thanked all at all three HC schools for what they are doing to protect the safety of students, families, faculty, staff and community. Briefly recapped status of other HC schools:

Kamaile (Waianae/O’ahu): Opted to go to distance learning about 2 weeks into the school year due to high Covid numbers; started to bring back cohorts of students 9/13, beginning with elementary plus seniors; 3 cases identified today; Waianae continues to have high positivity rate and low vaccination rate; not sure about next steps yet.

Kualapu’u (Moloka’i): Been hybrid since the start of the SY; no cases this week, only 1 last week.

Shared that Waimea’s new HC Board member Susan Maddox has just agreed to lead HC’s Development Committee.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Kamehameha Schools: JEnglish, DGibson & PRice briefly discussed meetings they have attended recently to learn about new KS Acceleration Funding; KS still finalizing their plans but are rethinking how they support native Hawaiian education – reducing direct funding to Hawaiian Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) and replacing it with competitive grants. More info forthcoming; anticipate that the application process will ask schools to identify alternative source of funding or program plan revision if not fully funded by KS. Are encouraging collaboration with other educational entities.

OHA Grant: Expect it to start Nov. 1 for Trauma-Informed Art Teacher/Counselor. Had offered position to candidate but she took another job in Hilo so still looking; LAP members were sent position description to share with possible candidates.

Kukio Grant: Awaiting award announcement

Neilan Foundation: Tentatively have approved \$88,700 to offset payroll, and \$8,500 for student athletics, but awaiting formal confirmation from the foundation. Any unspent funds at year end must be returned; cannot be “repurposed.” JEnglish reiterated gratitude to NF for WMS’ buses and vans. Having our own vehicles and staff ensures our control over Covid safety protocols, as well as reliability, and has been a huge help in bringing students back safely for in-person learning.

Fundraising Reminders: Foodland’s “GIVE ALOHA” program continues thru Sept. 30; Total to date: \$292.80. Encouraged LAP to encourage family/friends to “Round Up At The Register.”

Have begun internal faculty-staff “ask” – goal 100%



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Silent Auction late October-November – we need/welcome auction donations; if you have items or suggestions about who to ask, please let Patti Cook know. Showed off a beautiful quilt donated by Liz Nakayama.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: See attachment. No Covid cases since early August at school. Working closely with Health Aide and teachers-staff re: Daily Wellness Checks by students/families for close monitoring. Thanked Health Aide Deandra Kalahiki for consistent communications with families and follow-up with DOH.

Students carry their own sanitizer as well as have dispenser stations and/or sinks throughout campus in every classroom, etc. Masking is a universal protocol and JEnglish shares a daily mask reminder with all students, faculty and staff electronically and posting to FB. Covid safety/mitigation/protocol updates shared regularly with families via ClassDojo, School Messenger, Wednesday Envelope and social media. Visitors to campus – if more than for 10 minutes – must show a vaccination card or negative test within 72 hours.

At the start of the year, students didn't use lockers due to concern that they would become a gathering place. However, problems emerged with cell phones becoming a distraction so now students are required to lock them during the school day in their lockers; where there aren't enough lockers, teachers collect and lock them up.

Online student safety: Have added GoGuardian in addition to LanSchool to better monitor online safety and academic focus. Programs flag JEnglish, Counselor and teachers if a student is searching inappropriate sites or if evidence of bullying or suicide ideation. JEnglish and Counselor let families know when there might be issues. Letter sent to families about initiating GoGuardian and – as suggested by LAP – school offered to hold a virtual family meeting to discuss and answer questions. No takers.

October is national anti-bullying month – WMS will participate in National Unity Day (anti-bullying) on Wed., Oct. 20, with special long-sleeved orange t-shirts for all students (free) with BE KIND WITH ALOHA message and school logo. Shirt can be worn thereafter on Fridays in lieu of regular uniform shirt. Counselor and teachers will also provide SEL/anti-bullying/be kind lessons for all students in Advisory classes.

Virtual Open House/Annual Title I Meeting was successful; held a drawing to reward 9 families with gift cards.

ESSA/TITLE I AUDIT: PRice shared that school will be monitored in November – will include several federally funded programs including ELL and MEP and also such things as how families are notified about Highly Qualified Teachers. Said it seems like many charters are being monitored; we'll be ready – most of responsibility for this rests with Tanya Malani, Michelle Akiona and Pat Rice.

NWEA Assessments: PRice reviewed NWEA fall testing data. Testing concluded 9/3/21 which means that there was very limited instruction before these assessments. Also explained that WES uses iReady for assessments, not NWEA, so we don't have data for Spring 2021 for 6th graders. Also said that NWEA doesn't allow for "filtering" out students who for whatever reason don't take both Spring and Fall assessments. Also said that Spring 2021



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assessments for 7th and 8th were conducted virtually. All of these concerns raise questions about data's integrity.

WMS will conduct NWEA assessment 3x this school year – again in the winter and spring.

PRice noted good 6th Grade Reading and Math scores were stronger than 7th and 8th reflecting good work by WES teachers. Science scores better than Reading and Math – especially strong for 6th and 7th. Teachers will be sharing data with parents during fall conferences and use it to help students set goals.

Family Representatives: Jennifer Brown shared appreciation for the school initiating use of GoGuardian as “an additional pair of eyes” to protect students and keep them on track; many families work and need help with knowing what’s going on with their children. “Feeling better about son coming to school – seeing the attention to detail and communication.”

Colin Miura thanked school – admin-teachers-staff - for supporting his children; he’s taking younger daughter – a WMS alumni – to Washington for college tomorrow; other daughter, also an alumni, is already in college and son now in 6th grade – grateful for the help.

Teacher Representatives:

Jamillynn Mareko representing 6th grade shared:

- 1) To commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, 6th Grade Social Studies teacher Tina Yohon recognized that her students were born after that tragic day so would need a full introduction. She had them research, read and watch videos about the day and then identify an individual they wanted to honor for their heroism. Each student created art work on a card naming the person and writing a short message. The cards were assembled into a larger piece of art depicting the twin towers, and photos of the finished artwork were posted to FB to share with families and community. “It was a powerful lesson for the students,” Jami said.
- 2) For quite a few years, 6th Grade math teacher Shelby Loo has used ALEKS, an online differentiated math program, to help students improve math skills. ALEKS groups different math strands (i.e., percents, equations and inequalities, whole numbers, etc.) into a pie chart to visually depict their progress with mastering the various skills. When a student completes an ALEKS pie, Mrs. Loo treats them to a real pie of their choice to take home and enjoy with their family as a celebration of their pa’ahana (hard, industrious work). Recently, Mrs. Loo presented her first 2 pies for the SY and Mary Beth Laychak/CFHT saw the FB posting of the students with their pies. She asked Mrs. Loo about it and learned that Mrs. Loo was paying for the pies out of her own pocket. So, on behalf of CFHT, Mary Beth presented Mrs. Loo with a \$250 Foodland gift card to cover the cost of pies for at least the next few months. Very nice!

Jennifer Fischer representing 8th grade shared that the 8th Grade teacher team is focusing on encouraging student positive behaviors with Gotcha Cards that award points to students for doing the right thing. Students have been accumulating points since the start of the school year, so the grade level held their first redemption last Friday



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offering snack rewards. The intention is to motivate students “to be their best selves” on campus.

Community Representatives:

Tammy Muranaka shared her goal of getting WES, WMS and entire community to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month – with a Pink It Up Day! WES committed to doing this on Fri., Oct. 8, and then she asked JEnglish – and WMS is also joining in. Then Mary Beth Laychak – who serves on the WES SCC – offered to help by talking to KTA, Foodland, CFHT, Keck and others and Waimea Cmty Assn has invited Tammy to speak about this at their Thurs., Oct. 7 Virtual Town Meeting. All invited to join in! Tammy reminded group that she is a 3x breast cancer survivor so this is close to her heart; also that Waimea no longer holds “Relay for Life” – so wants to use Pink It Up Day to encourage community awareness.

Phyllis Kanekuni shared that all public libraries in the State including Thelma Parker Memorial are requiring patrons to show a vaccination card or negative Covid test within 72 hours or be served curbside.

New Business:

Recruiting WMS LAP Representatives:

- Family Representatives: School is currently recruiting another Family Rep; deadline for self-nominations is 9/22; will conduct election thereafter.
- 6th and 7th Grade teacher teams (Certificated) and Classified Staff have agreed to rotate LAP representation responsibilities for the remainder of the school year.

No community input.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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