

Waimea Middle School Local Advisory Panel (LAP)

Monday, February 23, 2015 - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – K-04

Timer: Lori Bergin

Minutes: Patti Cook / Pam Potter

1. Welcome, Introductions & LAP Business (20 mins) – Colin Miura, Chair

- Welcome & Introductions
- Confirm Quorum
- LAP Meeting Minutes – Pam Potter
- Review & Approve Minutes from February 2, 2015
- Preview Agenda
- New LAP Community Rep
- School-Community Input (2 minutes for guests)

2. Principal's Update – (30 minutes) – Matt Horne

- Celebrations: * Beneski Foundation technology grant
 - * 'Connecting For Success' Gathering 1-28-15 – Major news media coverage on KITV and Big Island Video News: <http://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2015/02/12/video-waimea-students-connect-for-success-with-mayor-kenoi/>
 - * Big Brothers Big Sisters – 1st meeting for 12 “Bigs” from Parker School with 12 WMS “Littles” this Thurs., 2/26/15; to add 4+4 more soon.
 - * Mala'ai 10th Anniversary – Wed., March 11 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. All invited to the garden
- Assessments Update: SBAC, ACT, NAEP, HSA, STAR, etc.
- 2015-'16 Budget Review
- STEM Building, Technology & Transportation Updates (see updates below)
Have invited STEM Building Architects to present at next LAP meeting (not confirmed)

3. Ho'okako'o Local School Board Update (30 mins) Dr. Megan McCorriston, HC Executive Director

- WMS Leadership Transition
- Strategic Planning Timetable
- 2/20 Board Meeting Recap
- 2/20 Meeting with KS
- Fundraising (See update Page 2 – recruit LAP members to assist)

4. How LAP Might Help With Fulfilling WMS' Mission & Schoolwide Learning Results to Significantly Increase Student Achievement: (30 minutes)

- Form LAP Subcommittee to encourage Family/Community Support & Participation
- Recruit Reading Specialist – Reopened posting thru 2/25/15
- Career Day – Faculty-staff agreed to postpone to 2015-'16; focus now on SBAC test prep
- Funding LAP Secretary - done
- Evidence of Progress - targets & measurements?

5. Coming Events (See Page 2)

6. Next Meeting: Mon., March 23 – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S PROGRESS REPORTS:

Sustainability – School Buses & Vans

2 Buses ordered and paid for; video cameras installed. Expected on island in April. Also, working with HC on bus driver recruitment and training.

2 Nissan Vans ordered and paid for; glitch in Honolulu w/ Registration, transfer of ownership to DOE, insurance. Being resolved. Cannot ship to Kawaihae till registration/ownership/insurance in hand. 2nd Van awaiting shipping from LAX; delay due to West Coast dock slowdown and priority being given food and other essential goods.

9-Classroom STEM Building

Construction job still not officially awarded to contractor. Anticipated start date: June 2015. It's a 400-day job (Mondays-Fridays) so expected to take about 2 years.

WMS/HC Development Committee met to prepare a fundraising implementation plan to include more concrete internal systems to support development, and also a series of activities to use STEM building as the focus for a major fundraising campaign for WMS. Goal is to raise \$2M – some for required technology, furniture and fixtures, and some for professional development and staffing. Have invited Architects Pacific (AIA) to March 23 LAP meeting to share details about the building. Also, aggressively sought media coverage of Beneski grant, both to acknowledge the funders, and to plant the seed for giving by others to support public conversion charter school students.

COMING EVENTS

- **Wednesdays, Feb. 4 – April 22 - 11th K(Arts) After-School Performing Arts Classes.**
- **Sat., March 7 – Hershey's Track & Field Invitational Meet**
- **Wed., March 11 – Mala'ai Garden Celebration: 10 Years On-The-Ground & 10,000-Hands Strong!
1:30-2:30 p.m. – All invited! Pule, Protocol Opening, Aerial Photo by Ethan Tweedie featuring 350+ students, faculty, staff, families and community friends in a giant circle around the garden. Tea & tours after 2 p.m.**
- **Mon.-Fri., March 16-20 - Spring Break – No School**
- **8th Grade East Coast Trip and Student Leadership Trip during Spring Break**
- **Mon., March 23 – WMS LAP Meeting – 4:30-6:30 p.m. Classroom K-04. All invited.**
- **Thurs., March 26 – Kuhio Day – No School**
- **Fri., April 3 – Good Friday – No School**
- **Sun., April 5 – Happy Easter!**
- **Sun., April 12 – Mala'ai School Garden's 8th Annual 'Art & Sol' Benefit Auction – Kahilu Theatre Galleries – 12:30-3 p.m. Tickets: \$50.**
- **Wed., April 22 – K(Arts) Grand Finale – Kahilu Theatre – Doors open at 5 p.m.; performance at 5:30 p.m. – Free and all invited!**
- **Mon., April 27 – WMS LAP Meeting – 4:30-6:30 p.m. Classroom K-04. All invited.**
- **Wed., April 29 – 4th Mala'ai Super Kitchen Dinner – Free at Kahilu Town Hall – 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- **Wed., May 6 – WMS Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation Gathering – 5-6:30 p.m. Cafeteria**
- **Fri., May 22 – WMS May Day!**
- **Mon., May 25 – Memorial Day – No School**
- **Wed., June 3 – Last Day for all students**
- **Mon., June 8 – WMS LAP Meeting – 4:30-6:30 p.m. Classroom K-04. All invited.**
- **Monday-Friday, June 15-July 3, 2015 – Summer School (program still being finalized in partnership with 21st Century Learning Center Grant for the Hamakua Complex area) – 3 weeks; 15 days.**