



Hawaii School for the Deaf & the Blind
HSDB, a community where all are empowered to succeed!

School Community Council

February 5, 2024

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

HSDB Library

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order via Google Meet at 4:14pm by Steve L.
2. Introductions: Chair Steve Laracuenta (Part-Time Teacher), Co-Chair Taryn Napoleon (SSC), Angel Ramos (Principal), David Hunter (Vice Principal), Jessie Pascua (Student Rep), Velaine Joraur (Student Rep), Makanahaialii Jetnil (Student Rep), Linda Lambrecht (Community Rep), Nikki Kepoo (Parent), Jamie Hale (Teacher Rep), Tessie Schmissey (Teacher Rep), Kiki Natori (Office Assistant).
3. Minutes of November 26, 2023 SCC meeting reviewed and approved unanimously.
4. Group Norms: Steve L.
5. Role Group Updates:
 - a. Students-

(Makana): HSDB's Academic Bowl Team will fly out tomorrow and stay at the deaf school dorms for 4 days.

(Velaine): Prom is on April 4, 2024. Tickets are \$40 now and \$45 after the deadline to buy tickets on March 1, 2024. Prom will take place at the Waikiki Prince Hotel.

(Jessie): Recapped the prom information.

(Linda): Asked if Alumni are welcome to join the Prom. The answer was yes, Alumni are welcome to join the prom.

(Makana): Feb 17, 2024 is the Honolulu Science and Engineering Fair (HONSEF) for Juniors and Seniors at Kaimuki H.S. Steve is supporting two HSDB students and preparing them for HONSEF. The Student Body Government (SBG) is selling things for Valentines day as a fundraiser for the Prom. Total needed for the Prom is \$6,000. Other events include Ala Moana hotel “camp”, Family Learning Vacation or FLV

(David): Expanded on the FLV. It will happen on the 3rd weekend of June. A flyer will be sent out for the north shore camping event and we need volunteers to assist to provide activities and ASL, helping children, and connecting with family. We will have info on the website. It will be at Camp Mokuleia. Nikki will be there with her family.

- b. Teachers/staff: Nothing to report on currently.
 - c. Administration
 - d. FFC
 - e. Other updates-Linda went to Gallaudet and met former HSDB student, Brandon Chung. it was about ASL dictionary.
6. Public Testimony - none
 7. Filling SCC positions
 8. Principal’s Time:
 - Mr. Daniel Didonna, former teacher at HSDB, will return as an ASL Specialist.

- Lexile (reading) levels of students have greatly improved - above the national average.
 - Renovation of the D dorm building has started. Expected completion date is April, 2025.
 - MS and HS have a new curriculum and textbooks (American Reading Company - ARC). Materials arrived in January and MS/HS teachers have been trained by ARC staff.
 - HSDB has a new ASL assessment (Northern Signs Research - NSR). Seven teachers took the training and are now certified. All students have been assessed.
9. New Business: Every school year we have PD and waiver days. We are asking for 2 more professional development days. Nikki made the motion and Linda 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
 10. Announcements: Linda Lambrecht announced there will be a celebration of HSDB's 110th Anniversary on Maui on April 20, 2024. For information contact Maui Deaf Friends (MDF)
 11. Adjournment: 6:14 pm