

Konawaena Middle School

SCC Minutes
August 24, 2010

1. Call to Order:

Date: August 24, 2010 Time: 4:30 PM Room: F-3

Present: Georgia Goeas (Community Rep.), Simon Ellis (Student Rep), Norma Chadband (Classified Rep.), Marybeth Murphy and Colleen Masukawa (Teacher Reps), Nancy Soderberg (Administration Rep), Shawna Gunnarson and Kuuipo Bettencourt (Guests)

2. Approve Minutes of Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting unanimously approved.

3. Role Group Reports

Students: overall students reported that school was fun especially the team building through advisory classes. There have been some minor concerns:

- gum chewing
- “dating” issues (7th grade team has had to address this with their students)
- some teachers complaining about work not being turned in. Students reported feeling somewhat unprepared for the quantity of work they have in 7th grade.
- why is the cafeteria serving sweet potato fries instead of regular fries?

Parents: (no parent representative present)

Community: Ms. Goeas noted that she has heard only positive comments in the community regarding the opening of the school year. She also commented on the connection between the High School’s senior project and KMS’ Kulia Project; suggesting that those who are involved in the 8th grade project may also want to be involved with the senior project to attest to the growth students made.

Administration: school year off to a great start! There have been some minor discipline problems but nothing huge; mostly a lot of running around during recess. The recent bullying issues on the bus are being addressed.

Principal Soderberg announced that teachers Mina Shimakura, Matt Lucas, and Shawna Gunnarson were all awarded “Good Ideas” grants for their special projects. She also announced that KMS’ Sandy Cameli was named the Hawaii District’s Teacher of the Year.

Teachers: Ms. Murphy feels this has been the best start of the year for her! There have been no major issues.

Ms. Gunnarson commented that when “TeacherEase” (the new grading program) is fully up and running, it will streamline the progress report process for teachers and allow for better communication with parents on student progress.

Classified: busy helping all new SPED teachers get on board. The EAs will be attending an autism training session with Becky Pearson.

4. Unfinished Business: no unfinished business.
5. New Business:
 1. Georgia Goeas (Community Representative) and Simon Ellis (Student Representative) were approved to serve out terms as new SCC members.
 2. Proposed By-Laws change was tabled at this time.
 3. SCC meeting dates set as the third Tuesday of the month except for the months of December, March and May. Meeting dates: 9/21; 10/19; 11/23; 12/14; 1/18; 2/15; 3/22; 4/19; and 5/18 (Mahalo Night).
 4. Expenditure of \$200 of SCC Program Funds: it was unanimously approved to use half of the funds for supplies and the other half for hospitality and snacks for the meetings.
 5. The waiver request for Kulia and Real World assessment days for the SY 2011-2012 needs to be written. Teams to propose dates so we can begin the process of writing the waiver.
 6. Accreditation: parents and community members are needed for focus groups. Accreditation Informational Brochures were handed out during Open House requesting parental and community involvement.
6. Announcements: Agenda Calendar Items
 1. Possible By-Laws change in regards to student representatives.
 2. Waiver Request for Kulia and Real World for SY 2011-2012
 3. Review of the HSA data
 4. Possibility of adding 15 minutes on to lunch and eliminating wiki (Ms. Murphy will bring in information and research data regarding the benefits of this proposed change.)
 5. Next meeting: September 21, 2010
7. Adjournment Time: 5:26 pm