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**School Community Council**  
**JES SCC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, October 24, 2023  
**LOCATION:** School Library  
**TIME:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Garret Zakahi, *Principal*  
Ms. Angeline Morrell, *Teacher Rep.*  
Ms. Kelly Sutcliffe, *Certificated Rep.*  
Ms. Virginia Rose, *Classified Rep.*

Ms. Jessica Barbera, *Parent Rep.*  
Ayaka Izumoto, *Student Rep.*  
Keana Fritz-Nick, *Student Rep.*  
Mr. Alston Albarado, *Community Rep.*

**MEETING AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at **2:34 PM** with **KELLY SUTCLIFFE** serving as meeting facilitator and **ALSTON ALBARADO** recording minutes and taking notes.

**II. REVIEW GROUND RULES**

The ground rules were reviewed by **SCC CO-CHAIRS: VIRGINIA ROSE & KELLY SUTCLIFFE.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes from Monday, September 25, 2023 were **APPROVED** by **GARRET ZAKAHI** and **SECONDED** by **KELLY SUTCLIFFE.**

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (V.A.):** **GARRET ZAKAHI** shared the feedback from the recent V.A., a new requirement of all Department of Education schools. JES received primarily positive reviews and comments from the V.A. committee. However, some areas for improvement were included:

- Concerns with gates, entryways onto campus, and perimeter fencing. However, solutions to these issues were already in-progress prior to V.A.
- Necessity of installing a video surveillance system. **GARRET ZAKAHI** plans to pursue lobbying for state legislative funds to offset the expense, as an alternative to losing classroom teaching positions from budget cuts.

**CERTIFICATED FACULTY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER ASSEMBLY:** **VIRGINIA ROSE** shared the success of the first assembly of the school year and provided suggestions for revisions to future assemblies, sharing that it felt too long due to an overabundance of student recognition.

## CERTIFICATED FACULTY (cont.)

**GENKI BALL PROJECT (STEM): KELLY SUTCLIFFE** shared that the STEM Enrichment Classes have started the Genki Ball Project curriculum with special guests anticipated to be on-campus in the upcoming weeks to assist students in the construction of the Genki Balls.

**D.A.R.E. PROGRAM: ANGELINE MORRELL** shares that Officer Ben plans to retire this year, but wants to continue the partnership by volunteering after retirement.

## CLASSIFIED STAFF

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (P.B.I.S.): GARRET ZAKAHI** shared that he will participate in the Ice Bucket Challenge with the grade level that redeems the highest number of Aloha Cards, after a minimum quota of 1000 Aloha Cards is redeemed amongst the entire student body. In addition, **VIRGINIA ROSE** shared updates from the P.B.I.S Committee including:

- Utilizing recently donated Fun Factory gift cards as an incentive at future assemblies to boost attendance.
- New and exciting prizes are continually being added to the Aloha Store, with special grand prizes to be randomly drawn from redeemed Aloha Cards.

## STUDENT

**MORNING BROADCAST: AYAKA IZUMOTO** and **KEANA FRITZ-NICK** shared their excitement for their upcoming participation on the Morning Broadcast Team, consisting of 13 selected students chosen from the audition process with **ADVISOR: KATHLEEN WONG**.

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY CONCERNS: AYAKA IZUMOTO** and **KEANA FRITZ-NICK** shared their concerns with students not following the safety rules for the new playground, specifically too many students utilizing the spinner equipment at the same time. **GARRET ZAKAHI** plans to prohibit the usage of the equipment after school if the improper usage continues.

## PARENT

**ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER: JESSICA BARBERA** shares that the new Enrichment Newsletter included with the Principal Newsletter is excellent for maintaining communication with parents and keeping them informed of their student's education.

**KONA ICE TRUCK LOCATION: JESSICA BARBERA** shares concerns with the location of the Kona Ice truck fundraiser after school, with long wait times in line while waiting in the extremely hot sun with no shade or covering. Alternate locations are discussed, but the current location was deemed the best due to problems that arose at other suitable locations on campus ( disrupting the flow of traffic for pick-up areas, pedestrian safety, etc.).

**CAFETERIA FOR BREAKFAST: JESSICA BARBERA** asks about the possibility of the cafeteria being open in the morning during breakfast time. **GARRET ZAKAHI** reports that there is no plan to do that as of now.

**PARENT PARTICIPATION FOR HALLOWEEN: JESSICA BARBERA** asks if parents are permitted to attend the Halloween on-campus. **VIRGINIA WOLF** answers an astounding, "Yes!"

## COMMUNITY

**HONOLULU THEATRE FOR YOUTH (HTY): ALSTON ALBARADO** shares the field trip to watch HTY's production of the "Royal School" with Grades 3, 4, & 5 for Hawaiian Studies class was a successful educational experience.

**HAWAII STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS: ALSTON ALBARADO** shares concerns with contacting the teaching artist for Jefferson's awarded arts grant for Hawaiian Studies class. He plans to still move forward as planned due to the grant being awarded for the next two

## COMMUNITY (cont.)

school years. Curriculum is planned to focus on the statue in front of the school office, as it happens to also be included in the foundation's Public Works art collection.

**GIRL SCOUT PROJECT: GARRET ZAKAHI** reports the Girl Scout Project to construct the Aloha Corner located in the library is completed with only 2 of the 32 books missing due to lack of inventory of those titles.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAKE-UP PICTURE TAKING** is scheduled on **November 30, 2023**. The school photos from the last session have been delivered to the school.

**LITERACY NIGHT** is scheduled for **December 1, 2023**.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE** is scheduled for **October 31, 2023**.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** are scheduled from **October 30, 2023 – November 9, 2023** with an early dismissal time at **1:15pm** every day.

**PARENT, FACULTY, STAFF, & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS** for school events, activities, and after school programs (i.e. Robotics, Makerspace, Gardens) are appreciated with the need increasing as the school year continues.

## VI. PROS & CONS

**PROS:** Finally having student representatives and **JESSICA BARBERA** (also a faculty member) stepping in as the parent representative today allowed a quorum to be present.

**CONS:** SCC unanimously agreed there were no cons for this meeting.

## VII. NEXT SCC MEETINGS

The next SCC meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2023**. **GARRET ZAKAHI** will be the meeting facilitator and **VIRGINIA WOLF** will be taking notes.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was officially adjourned at **3:20 pm**.

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ELEMENTARY**  
*Surfers*

**School Community Council (SCC)**

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