

# Minutes

Waimea Canyon Middle School  
School Community Council  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
WCMS Library  
9555 Huakai Road  
P.O. Box 518  
Waimea, Hawaii 96796  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Steve Franco called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. Attendees: Steve Franco, Principal Speetjens, Amithea Love, Dayle Takakusagi, Shana Brown, Jill Suga, Serena Cox
3. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from September 20, 2017 approved.
4. Old Business
  - a. Recap of Career Day
    - i. Students and presenters were surveyed following Career Day. The results were positive.
    - ii. After Career Day students were able to reflect on their experience. Using Achieve 3000 student's researched careers that they would be interested in pursuing. The student's reflections were collected and put into a Power Point presentation.
  - b. Recap of Ohana Family Night
    - i. The results of the Strive HI Performance report for WCMS were presented. Some highlights of the report for WCMS: language arts scores increased, ranked #8 in ELA, and improved attendance.
    - ii. Parent participation for Ohana Family Night low.
  - c. WASC Accreditation
    - i. The date for WASC Accreditation is February 26 – March 1, 2018.
    - ii. Chair has been appointed.
    - iii. The Academic Plan has been submitted.
    - iv. A date for SCC to be present has not been established.
  - d. Covered Playground Court
    - i. A location for the covered playground has been chosen. It will be located near the parking lot closest to the hospital. A building plan has been drafted. The covered playground will also include a stage.
    - ii. Leadership is creating a Power Point presentation of the project.
    - iii. There are several steps that still need to be in place before the actual construction can begin, including a community meeting.
5. New Business

- a. A social media notice was announced in the recent WCMS newsletter. The information will be posted on the WCMS Facebook.
  - b. Awareness of the positive things that are happening at WCMS should be known. Teachers can let Ms. Kawaga know of the activities happening in their classrooms and she can post them on social media.
  - c. Senator Kouchi will be visiting WCMS on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. During Spirit Week not all students returned to wearing their school uniforms as required, and not all teachers enforced the rule. In general, staff should enforce the dress code on a daily basis. It was suggested that a survey regarding Spirit Week be given to see how it could be improved.
  - e. PBL projects will replace the second elective choice for students starting next school year. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders were surveyed on electives. The model would be 4 courses plus one elective (arts or physical movement) and a PBL of choice.
  - f. Teachers are given an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the new block schedule. So far, there are no official concerns. Students have not been surveyed on their thoughts regarding the block schedule. It was suggested that a student suggestion box or Leadership could provide a way for students to have their voice heard whether its regarding the block schedule or other concerns.
  - g. Recycling of phased out WCMS shirts
    - i. There are several boxes of phased out school shirts that need to be discarded.
    - ii. T-shirts could be used for crafts. For instance, pillows and quilts can be made out of the shirts.
    - iii. T-shirts could also be used as a project for PBL.
6. Announcements
- a. Kauai Complex Area Community meetings regarding the Kalaheo boundary line for 2019 – 2020 school year are set for October 24, 26, and 27.
  - b. Next SCC meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
7. Adjournment – Steve Franco adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm