

**Lanikai Elementary PCS
Minutes of Special Board Meeting
June 2, 2008**

Board Members present:

Zac Stankovitz, Chair
Darraghlynn Lee, Secretary
David Saucedo, Principal
Roni Willkie
Louis Saint-Cyr
Paul Vierling
Phil Whitesell

Community/Staff present:

Ilan Noy
Cj Baehr
Donna Estomago
Kahea Kauhi & husband
Wailea Staudinger
Cathy Peterson
Alexis Van Gorder
Edward Van Gorder

Kevin Lockette & wife
Sherri Fessler
Joyce Schwendimann
April Taylor
Mari Ligsay
Jady Kamahela
Jill Ishiyama

Guest: Dr. Lynn Morgan

... and many others.
No sign-in sheet was available.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M.

2. Vote regarding weighted Student Formula: A motion was put forward to reject the weighted student formula as the method for calculating/distributing funds to charter schools. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Early Childhood Literacy Presentation

As Dr. Lynn Morgan was delayed in traffic, Mr. Saucedo, made a brief presentation of her credentials and the work he is proposing she be engaged to perform at Lanikai as the school board explores revamping the Junior K and Kindergarten programs.

Dr. Morgan is no stranger to our Kindergarten, having been listed by Mrs. Van Gorder as one of the many advisors we have consulted in the past. She attended the Kindergarten Forum held on May 27 and has been visiting the classes during the past week. Her credentials include: a doctorate in education and counseling psychology; service on Governor Linda Lingle's Task Force for Early Childhood Education; Dean of the Education Division and Chairperson for the Masters Program in School Counseling at Chaminade University of Honolulu; federally trained member of the National Board of Examiners for NCATE; and years of experience in developing and supervising early childhood education programs as a district director of special services.

Mr. Saucedo moved that the board approve offering a consulting contract to Dr. Morgan to assist us in developing our early childhood program. Phil Whitesell seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

4. Community Input: At 6:15, the Chair requested the community members to limit remarks to 15 minutes as the board members wanted to attend a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee beginning at 6:30.

Several topics were introduced.

- The first was a request for all member of the larger Lanikai School community to treat one another with respect.
- The second was a request for the Lanikai School Board to move quickly on the issue of contracts for lower elementary EAs for the next school year.
- The third was a request that the school move quickly to hire a qualified and capable accountant or bookkeeper as our current accountant has resigned.
- The fourth was a repeated request that a better method be devised for approving and sharing approved minutes of board meetings with the rest of the school community.
- The fifth was a question about the best way for parents to have input to the board. The board responded with a reminder that on Wednesday, June 4, there will be a Parent Forum in the Library to review the new school budget proposed by the finance committee and this was a time to give input about what to keep and what to limit; board members also suggested letters from parents and written requests to speak at board meetings on items of concern.
- The sixth was a demand that the four EAs who, in compliance with their union contract had been given notice of non-renewal of their positions at the school, be told whether their contracts will be renewed. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussion of this issue. The outcome was a board decision to hold a second emergency meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 5:00 P.M. to hear a recommendation from the principal regarding the EA positions.
- There was concern expressed about the installation of a wheelchair ramp into the health room. It was confirmed at this time that the installation had been scheduled.

5. Emergency Meeting: It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Board hold an emergency meeting on Thursday, June 5, at 5:00, to deal with the principal's recommendation regarding hiring EAs for the 2008-2009 school year.

6. Adjournment: The open meeting was adjourned at 7:15, and board members went into closed session until 7:45.