

2023 4th December School Community Council Minutes

Call to Order at 3:05 p.m. in person Ewa Makai Middle School

Present: Larisa Gadach, Chelsey Sambrano Jennifer Welsch, Naomi Paslay, Jesha-Rae Magusana, Chantel-Maye Gregorio

Absent: Carl Hinson, Keoni Ariola, Kim Sanders, Jason Locke, Jennifer Hoffman, Kanoe Clarin Quorum fulfilled.

Public Input / Comments: Sheena Cooper

Minutes: Approved

Student Presentation-Talked about Spirit week and Dress up days for the school in December

New Business/School Updates

Principal- Let's start the meeting out with some great news! Ewa Makai Middle School will be awarded the Purple Star Norbert Award on December 14th. A big thank you to Ms. Erynn Tait and Ms. Jennifer Welsch for making this happen! This award honors our work with our military families and supporting their transition in and out of our school. Kudos to everyone for making Cheer-Off a success. Senator Fevella and Representative Alcos were able to join us for the event and give out special recognition to Mrs. Diana Agor for her retirement and Mr. Ariel Villanueva for being CK Teacher of the Year for 2024. Also, VP Gadach was able to sneak in during the announcements to tell the whole school that Principal Sanders was awarded the 2024 NAESP National Distinguished Principal of the Year for Leeward District! Thank you to Mr. Simeon and Mr. Villanueva for having a tree planting ceremony on November 23 where they planted 4 new fruit trees in our back field area. The tree's were purchased with a grant from the Aloha Aina Foundation. We had a presentation for the staff during a faculty meeting on place-based learning for our teachers. Our school had many visitors this month and we toured them around the school. Ms Kathryn Matayoshi (past superintendent) and Castle Foundation came to see what we are doing at the school. They were super impressed with our programs and the workforce readiness we are providing. We had the Director of DoDEA, Mr. Thomas Brady visit and he couldn't believe that we were a Hawaii public school. He thought our offerings for middle level exploratory were very advanced. We have finished the CNA and are near completion of our Academic Plan which we will share again with you at the next meeting. We received the budget for School Year 2024-2025. Due to the ESSER funds and some of our grants being completed, we will be cutting a few positions, but will be keeping all the electives for next year. It is predicted that we will have more students next year, so we are budgeting for the increase. We will be adding two new positions to support our ML (Multilingual)

students. We will be having an ML math teacher and ML ELA teacher. Our WASC 3 year Mid-Cycle report is almost complete and we will share this at our next meeting. The accreditation team will be here to review the school on Feb. 26-28.

Teacher: December 21- Quarter 2 ends on Thursday January 5- First day back for teachers January 8- Waiver day (teachers only) January 9- First day of the 3rd quarter for students. FCCLA and HOSA- January 29-31, at the Convention Center- students will stay at Ala Moana hotel. More information to come about specific competitions we will participate in.

Classified: Jennifer working with ClimbHi on Career Day on February 16th, working with Leeann on Health Fair on February 23rd.

Parent: Nothing to report 15, January 2023 at 3:00 p.m.in person

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.