

Revised Minutes of Meeting of the Governing Board
Of Na Wai Ola PCS
Monday, Aug 31, 2015

Call to order occurred at 5:35 PM. The Agenda was approved and quorum was established.

The agenda was approved with the change to allow new business to occur first, as there were a number of teachers that came to give their input on concerns regarding the status of the kindergarten class size.

The Kindergarten teacher spoke first, providing the board with legislative and educational data regarding the idea class size for Kindergarten and first grade, and how class size affects learning at that level. Other teachers shared their concerns about how the class will later migrate upward through the various grades, still over the ideal class ratio and above the numbers promised in our supplemental agreement for maximum class size, and how the negative impact on their early learning will follow them all the way through. Our Mission and Vision statements were reviewed, and discussed as to how having these large classes in lower el affects our ability to keep to our vision and mission for our children.

After the teacher's input, other board issues were discussed, which included status of the modular building, handling notification of parents and staff re emergency closures for weather, status of Hawaiian Studies program, status of the Pre K program.

The director indicated that all items which he would have given in his report had already been covered under the New Business agenda items.

Once the teachers had gone, the board discussed the concerns brought up by class size. It was decided that we needed to have an up to date financial report in order to make any decisions about this issue. We also would need to get data from the HSTA uniserve director regarding contractual issues related to class size. The board chair suggested that we hold a special session the following day, promising to get us an up to date financial report from the business manager. Lore introduced Serena Fujikawa and after a little discussion made a motion to elect her to the board as a community rep. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. It was then suggested that Serena might become the board treasurer. Serena said she would consider it.

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.