

Na Wai Ola PCS
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Date ____3/2/16 Special Meeting____

CALLED TO ORDER	4:18pm
ATTENDEES	M Quijano, sec; Kiara Bianchi, parent rep; Charley Mapa, at large rep; Daniel Caluya, principal; Melissa Andaya, business manager; Jason Wong, teacher rep; Melissa Costa, vice chair; Lore-lin Makaiwi, staff rep.
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	NA
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	NA
TREASURER'S REPORT	NA
OLD BUSINESS	NA

<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Lore-lin Makaiwi moves to discontinue 7th grade, Jason seconds. Discussion: facilities are a huge issue, PreK has 19 which will feed into kindergarten, and we have 10 on wait list. Quijano: Do not have to put all that are on wait list in kindergarten, need to consider how double class will move through following years, affecting space/teacher issues. Already have that situation with current 2nd grade. Lore brings second issue, Middle school adds more training requirements for staff, counselors are needed, and behavior issues escalate. If we do away with 7th, then specials teachers like Kai'anui and Shari don't need to be HQT. It is easier to staff lower el teaching levels. Quijano: The current 6th grade needs more time at Nā Wai Ola, many are not up to grade level yet: as for space, could put the two Grade 3 classes into the large gym classroom with a team of two teachers. Jason Wong, Grade 3 teacher, strongly objects to that plan. Lore brings up that we don't have HQT teachers for Middle School at present. Quijano suggests we summarize the reasons for discontinuing Grade 7 before final vote.</p> <p>Summary: HQT issue, the current middle school teachers are not certificated for all the subjects they teach.</p> <p>SPACE issue: There is not enough room for all the elementary classes plus grade 7, which would be much larger and need a separate room, unlike this year where there was a combined 6/7.</p> <p>COUNSELLOR: Middle School requires a counsellor, which is costly for the school.</p> <p>FINANCIAL issues: It is easier to maximize our enrollment count with elementary students. Middle school enrollment typically drops in charter schools as students want to go to bigger schools where there are more opportunities for elective classes and sports.</p> <p>INFINITE CAMPUS issue: a requirement for Middle School which takes a lot of training and revamping of our system.</p> <p>Vote to discontinue 7th grade based on above: 5 for, 0 against. Unanimous.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>NA. Next board meeting is March 8, 2016 - another special meeting.</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>5:10 PM</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD CONTACTS</p>	