

# KEALAKEHE HIGH SCHOOL: School Community Council Minutes

## Thursday, 17 April 2008

**Chairperson:** Connie Simon (Parent)   **Vice Chairperson:** Jeffrey Hartman (Certificated)  
**Secretary:** Linda Jeffrey (Community)   **Treasurer:** Loreena Ganeko (Non-Certificated)

**The By-Laws state:** “Quorum for KHS SCC shall be 7 members of which 4 must be parents, students, and community members.” There is no proxy provision in the By-Laws.

**Note:** There **WAS NOT** enough present for a “quorum” for voting on proposed changes.

**5:15** Meeting began.

**Council Members in Attendance: (8) Listed in Bold + 7 Guests**

- **Administration: Wilfred Murakami**, Alan Vogt, Danny Garcia
- **Certificated (Teachers): Janice Blaber, Connie Simon, Ezra Witsman, Jeffrey Hartman**
- **Non-Certificated Staff:** Absent
- **Parent: Marlin Harris, Linda Boranian**
- **Community: Linda Jeffrey**
- **Student:** Absent
- **Guests:** Ann Buffington (Parent), Jeff Buffington (Parent), Jeannie Kutsunai (Parent), Annie Fujino (Parent), Sarah Crawford (Parent)

### **Introductions**

**Minutes** of the March 13 meeting were available for review. No corrections.

### **Component Reports:**

#### **Administration**

**Wil** shared:

- Accreditation Committee visited this past week, leaving Thursday and presenting the school with its report acknowledging the great things going on at KHS and being supportive of the plans for continued improvement. They will make their recommendation to the WASC Committee who will review and issue their decision in May/June as to the number of years the school will be accredited (no more than 6 years).
- Next week, 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the “feeder” schools will visit the campus.
- We will be hosting a “Family Fun Day” this Saturday on behalf of the Complex 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant and in partnership with Neighborhood Place of Kona.
- Senior Ball was great this year.

**Danny** shared:

- New “tagger” on campus. More cameras are being installed and up and running soon.

#### **Certified**

- 1) **Ezra** shared the exuberant feeling from most of the staff after hearing the Accreditation Committee’s findings.
- 2) **Janice** followed Ezra’s feeling of the great feeling of accomplishments felt by the faculty.

#### **Parents**

**Marlin** asked about the bathroom graffiti status. **Wil** shared that an “anti-graffiti” coating is being installed in the bathroom, guaranteed for 10 years.

## **Community**

Linda shared:

- No update on the Driver's Ed bill status in the legislature.
- Susan Aulik has received the Soroptimist Award for the Kona Making a Difference for Women Award (based on her work with the girl's "ESP Dance Team" here). Her name will be submitted for the national competition.
- Details of the Family Fun Day happening here on campus Saturday

## **Old Business:**

**1) Component input re Public Hearing items:** Each component shared their compiled responses addressing each of the agenda items from the public hearing held in March. The Council agreed that the items to initially address are:

1. Electronic device policy (agreement not to ban but to have a policy to address use)  
**Administration as well as the Certificated (faculty) to draft an "electronic device" policy and present at the next meeting** with the hope of making a decision to impact next school year.
2. Uniform grading policy  
**Certificated is to "formalize" a policy and present at the next meeting.**

**2) Principal's Evaluation (due May):** Linda & Connie will see to it that Council members are provided evaluation and collect for summary.

**3) SCC Nominations/Elections for next year:** Positions to be filled are:

- 2 Teacher (Ezra and Jeffrey's terms are up) **Connie** will conduct elections
- 1 Non-Certificated
- 1-2 Students (Erick Luchsinger & Sarah Crawford have been suggested)**Jim Young** indicated he has 3 students (not on the Student Council) who are interested
- 2 Parents (Linda B. & Marlin's terms are up; Janis Prinslow's could be nominated as a "community" as her son will be graduating inlay) **Nominees: Ann and Jeff Buffington (w/Jeff as alternate), Jeannie Kutsunai**
- 1 Community (Linda J.'s term is up) **Nominees: Marlin Harris, Janis Prinslow, Linda Jeffrey**

## **New Business:**

**1) Monies allotted to SCC by KHS for special project:** Several suggestions were presented –

- Continue with murals around school
- Pursue campus beautification projects
- Community reading family nite once/month at the Library
- Reading festival
- Revive Pizza Hut's "book-it" sponsored by our SCC
- Moving DAGS and use area for students
- Invite artists in community to participate in murals, campus beautification

**2) SCC Binders need to be returned from outgoing Council members: Please do so they can be updated and given to new members.**

- **Linda Boranian**
- **Jeffrey Hartman**
- **Ezra Witsman**
- **Tabbie**

**3) John Dawrs** would like to discuss fights on campus and learn what the school's policy is (next meeting).

**4) “Imu” presentation (Jeannie Kutsunai):** Concept of having imu pit on campus for people to “rent” and use for fundraisers. Concerns center on Dept. of Health which **Jeannie will check** on as other schools have and were told they didn’t need permits, etc. We are not doing the cooking – just selling the space.

**5) Janice Blaber** asked that some sort of policy/plan be in place to provide incoming parents of low reading level to tell them what the path their student will follow. This is to be supportive and state how it will impact the student’s progress. **The English Dept. will draft (as well as the Math) and share with the Council.**

**6) PowerSchool Retention:** Every effort will be made to retain PowerSchool even w/the eSIS coming into the schools.

**Next Meeting(s): Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 15 at 5:15 in Cafeteria Staff Dining Room**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted with aloha by: Linda Jeffrey