

KEAAU MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2018 3:00 pm
Location: Principal's Conference Room

- 1) Members of KMS SCC present: Esther Atwell, Lindsey Enanoria, Stan Gapol, Elna Gomes, Cheryl Kiefer, Kristel Meyers, David Pavel, Elise Pratt, Janean Stone, Brandon Tanabe
- 2) Secretary's Report – Meeting called to order at 3:11 pm and adjourned at 4:01 pm
 - a. August 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved
- 3) New Business
 - a. Presentation on school incidents/issues (Brandon Tanabe)
 - i. As of now, there have been 37 referrals since the start of the school year, reduction compared to 89 over the same period in SY 2017-2018, with a reduction in referral for Class A and Class B offenses to 21 at present from 48 over the same period in SY 2017-2018. In particular, there are reductions in fighting and drug related issues.
 - ii. Class A offenses are more serious crimes such as fighting and drug use; Class B offenses are less serious crimes such as disorderly conduct; Class C offenses include use of abusive language; and Class D offenses are minor problem behaviors. (See <http://boe.hawaii.gov/policies/AdminRules/Pages/AdminRule19.aspx#8-19-2> for more details.)
 - iii. The reduction in referrals is partly due to having the teachers work with the counselors by submitting a minor incident report first before submitting a referral. Having a security presence with consistent practices also helped reduce the occurrence of incidents.
 - iv. There have been fewer dress code violations, a reduction to 3 per day from 7 per day last SY. Last year, there were at least 3 violations daily with up to 8 or 9 some days. So far, 6 dress code shirts have not been returned, but their whereabouts are known due to diligent and timely follow-up phone calls by Terry Shigemi on the same day and billing the next day. The new way of implementing dress code whereby students are issued numbered shirts has allowed the administrators to identify people who needed help with acquiring dress code shirts. So far, 2 students have been offered help.
 - v. Hoodies continue to be a problem but there has been improvement as well due to consistent application of immediate enforcement for all rather than the practice last SY when students would be given chances sometimes, which caused them to get mad if they were not given more chances. The students have shown better attitude this year. There are fewer pullovers. As the weather cools, hoodies may become more problematic but there is a suggestion for wearing a

uniform shirt over the hoodie. There are school uniform sweatshirts, and a suggestion was made about using dry fit material.

4) Principal's Report

- a. Academic performance report (attachment provided for Strive HI)
 - i. The report officially comes out on September 21, 2018, and the survey indicated in the report is done once a year.
 - ii. The report needs to be interpreted in the context of the 96% high need ratio at the school when comparing the results with the state and the complex area. There have been slight improvements in all subjects tested compared to 2016 and 2017 scores. The school did slightly better than the complex area but a big gap remains in comparison with the state averages.
 - iii. The survey reflected that 68% of the students felt positively about the school; whereas the SY 2017-2018 survey indicated 71% of the students felt safe at school.

5) Committee Reports

- a. Sixth Grade Family Fun Day will take place on September 29, 2018. It is a joint effort with the court system to curb chronic absenteeism. Kristen Bajo and Karrin Hauanio are in charge of this event, which is also sponsored by the Salvation Army.
- b. There is an attendance committee started by a former staff to encourage attendance, even before Challenge 5 became a focus for the complex.
- c. Student representative reported that the long lunch line and fear of tardiness for the class following lunch lead to some students not eating lunch, or only getting wiki, which can result in being hungry by the time school lets out. A suggestion was made for two lunch lines, and Brandon noted that Mondays are especially problematic because all grades have lunch at the same time.
- d. We need about 3 more people on the SCC, and Esther will call interested parents.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 18, 2018, 3 pm, Principal's Office