

KEAAU MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 2018 3:00 pm

Location: Principal's Conference Room

- 1) Members of KMS SCC present: Esther Atwell, Stan Gapol, Elna Gomes, Karrin Hauanio, Desiree Hoewaa, Alexis Holi, David Pavel, Elise Pratt, Janean Stone, Brandon Tanabe
- 2) Secretary's Report – Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm and adjourned at 4:00 pm
 - a. December 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved
- 3) New Business
 - a. Stan thanks KMS for providing cafeteria space for the Christmas parade committee meeting
- 4) Principal's Report
 - a. Elna—Leadership team met to see how to increase SPED performance and decided to hold foundational classes for reading and math next school year. Current problem is that the SPED curriculum is oversimplified so that the students are not completely challenged. There is a need to further separate the classes but still cover grade-level materials. Therefore, an elective class is being created to add more sessions with English language arts (ELA) special education teacher slotted for some sessions. The school will be looking for a teacher in the future, but there is a returning teacher who can help as a reading specialist. Currently, there are only intervention classes, but there is a need to help more students. READ 180 is being used and seems to be working when used with fidelity. The SPED classes in all grades will be in full inclusion for social studies and science with assistance in general education classes. We need parents to be involved to keep kids reading and taking electronic devices away.
 - b. Discipline Data (Brandon Tanabe and Karrin Hauanio): Attachments on total number of verified offenses for SY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 reflect the results of the new approach as there is no change of administration. Quantitatively, there are significant reductions. Qualitatively, the observation is that things are calmer this year. The fighting and disorderly conduct numbers need to be looked at together as sometimes one is reported as the other, although there is increased consistency in how they are reported now. Mediation has been helpful. Students are reporting when they hear that someone is planning to fight. Counselors are helping to nip problems in the bud. Detention room started this year. There is almost no vaping this year because of confiscation of paraphernalia by the police officer at school (whereas vaping is out of hand at Keaau High School). The majority of students are vaping with the support of family.
 - i. Desiree Hoewaa noted that she saw parents vaping with kids.

- ii. Alexis Holi observed that students are following instructions more this year.

5) Committee Reports

- a. Elna—a new Multicultural Family Alliance is being formed at KMS with the goal of bringing in parents of English Learning students to make them more comfortable attending school events and making the school their community. The first focus is on families from the Philippines and Chuk. The goal is to learn about the different ethnic cultures without forcing the new ethnic groups to conform to local ways.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 19, 2019, 3 pm, Principal's Office (later changed to 4 pm)