

**Honoka'a High & Intermediate School  
School Community Council Minutes  
April 17, 2018**

Call to Order at 5: 10 p.m.

Present: R. Matsumura, S. Wood, A. Haituka-Fernandez, D. DeLuz, Da. DeLuz, T. Beneski, S. Ebreo, D. McDowell, A. Fujioka, D. Williams, J. Mew, H. Chi (WASC), E. Schroeder (WASC), G. Takeuchi (WASC), T. Picklesimer, S. Onza, A. Alfiler, A. Hewins, K. Villafuerte, D. Ito-Villafuerte, T. Labrador, D. Cordeiro, T. Realina, R. Realina

Welcome: R. Matsumura welcomed the group and introduced the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation team. The WASC team visited the school for a week speaking with administrators, teachers, staff and students. The WASC team is responsible for evaluating and assuring the quality of educational institutions and programs. The team reviewed the goals set forth by the school and looked for implementation of those goals within the school.

The WASC team shared the following highlights: students they spoke with were articulate, thoughtful and reflective. They had a chance to hear the infamous jazz group and learned about the Mauna Kea Scholars. They also learned about the Parent Engagement Program. Their final report will be submitted to the school in a few months.

Parents/grandparents shared that the school utilizes various methods for communication which is appreciated; texting, Facebook, email and mail. Parents, grandparents or guardians can expect a call back the same day from an administrator. Administrator's have been transparent with the school's policies and procedures, budget and has an open door policy with teachers, staff, students, parents and community members.

The WASC team emphasized the importance of student leadership and becoming successful citizens. They encouraged the school team to develop a plan that provides students with the appropriate tools for leadership and citizenry. Student based projects were also recommended.

Student Video:

The Mental Health Campaign led by several students shared a video with the School Community Council. The video addressed students' mental health in schools. The intention is to bring mental health awareness to the forefront for staff and students.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2018 @ 5 p.m. – Career and College Center

Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.