

# Early Learning Board (ELB)

Thursday, October 18, 2018

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

*The public may attend the meeting in any of the locations specified below:*

**Main Site: CEED Center, KCAA  
2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826**

**Advisory Board Members in Attendance:** Dana Balansag (for Director Bhanot), Kaina Bonacorsi, Ben Naki, Mike Fahey, Keiko Nitta (for Director Anderson), Cherilyn Shiinoki, Ann Tom, Stephen Schatz (for President Lassner), Bob Davies (for Superintendent Kishimoto), Jin Chang, Edel Baguio-Larena, Bob Peters, Mari Uehara

**Absent:** Wai’ale’ale Sarsona (for Jack Wong), Namaka Rawlins

**Executive Office on Early Learning staff in attendance:** Lauren Moriguchi, Wimmie Wong Lui, Jorene Barut, Chris Jackson

**Public in Attendance:** Camille Masutomi, Ka’anoi Walk, Deanne Goya, Kim Guieb-Kang, Robyn Chun, Danny Cup Choy, Caroline Soga, Mary Ann Nemoto

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>MINUTES:</b>		
<b>Welcome/Introductions—</b> Bob Peters	The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m. Bob asked Lauren to introduce the DOE guests: Bob Davis, CAS for Leilehua/Waialua/Wahiawa and Camille Masutomi, Chief of Staff. Keiko was asked to read the ELB vision statement.	
<b>Review and Approve</b> <b>9/13/18 minutes—</b> Bob Peters	The minutes were approved as presented.	
<b>EOEL Revised Budget</b> <b>for 2019-20—</b> Lauren Moriguchi	Lauren provided a power point to explain a revised budget based on costs related to increasing the number of classrooms from 15 to 22. With additional support for the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program,	

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	<p>as well as an increase of 22 classrooms, the budget proposal is \$906,856 for FY20, and \$1,976,120 for FY21.</p> <p>Two motions related to the revised budget were made: Motion #1 was that the ELB approve the budget as presented, to include the CIP estimate for a total of \$15M +. This motion passed. Motion #2 was that the budget be amended to include coverage for the anticipated 2 month delay before teachers would be in those classrooms (\$3M). This motion also passed.</p>	
<p><b>Director Report/Questions ---</b> Lauren Moriguchi</p>	<p>Lauren reported that the EOEL is in the process of applying for the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5), with the DHS named as the submitting agency, and the EOEL as the lead agency for the grant. The purpose of this grant is for systems-building efforts. Lauren reviewed the PDG content outline, which included a Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan, Maximizing Parent Choice, Increasing Partnerships and Sharing Best Practices, and Quality Initiatives. A grant writer and a planning team have been involved in this process. Next steps involve informing key department partners and the Governor, securing a letter of support from the ELB (which will be signed by the Chair on behalf of ELB members), and creating a sub-committee of the ELB and EC State Plan Steering Committee to help develop the strategic plan and assist as necessary to complete project goals and activities. The application is due on November 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Several motions were made with regards to the PDG B-5 application:  Motion #1: That ELB submit a letter of support for the grant. (Motion was approved.)  Motion #2: That a list of ELB constituencies be attached to the support letter to show the cross-agency, cross-sector support for this grant. (Motion was approved.)  Motion #3: To advise the work of the grant, include numbers of children, birth to five in the current system, and insert language in the</p>	

	<p>4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the letter to support “maximum parent choice within a mixed delivery system.” (Motion was approved)  AG Jim Raymond requested that the final draft be sent to him for review.</p> <p>Lauren asked Wimmie to review the legislation EOEL will be proposing to limit expulsion and suspension in EOEL public pre-K classrooms to follow the best practices and guidance provided by the DHHS and USDOE. The vision is to be able to address this issue statewide, but for now, EOEL only has authority for EOEL pre-K classrooms. The Superintendent has indicated support for the bill and the DOE will be including language around suspension/expulsion for pre-K settings within Chapter 19, according to the Superintendent’s Chief of Staff.</p> <p>Comments ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to clarify “administrative role” on page 7</li> <li>• Have we identified legislators to help move this forward? (Woodson and Kidani)</li> <li>• Many pediatricians were not aware that preschoolers were being expelled</li> <li>• If we start with public pre-K, perhaps we can coordinate ways to bring resources to the private sector as well so that they will not be prone to suspend or expel children</li> <li>• Focus needs to be on teacher behavior; this requires building relationships with parents</li> <li>• Need data on # of K expulsions, as well as Early Childhood Mental Health consultants shortage</li> </ul> <p>A motion to support this legislation was approved.</p> <p>Lauren provided an update on the Early Childhood State Plan:</p>	
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	<p>Feedback from the ELB has been incorporated into the plan. The Editorial Committee refined both the brochure and the comprehensive plan. Final copy was sent to the graphic designer who provided the first graphic treatment of the brochure which was reviewed by the Steering Committee this morning. The group was pleased overall and had a few edits to suggest. The plan is to have the final documents ready for review at the November joint ELB/Steering Committee meeting. A communications plan framework is being worked on to loop back to stakeholders, Department heads, legislators, etc. The communication plan is projected to be launched in January 2019.</p> <p>Lauren then proceeded to distribute a newly printed “Low to No-Cost” brochure developed in collaboration between the EOEL and Kamehameha Schools about resources that parents can access that are low to no-cost. KS helped with the first round of printing and a printable version has been posted on the EOEL website.</p>	
<p><b>Leadership Update</b> —Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob reported that the Committee structure is in limbo. Once the State Plan is finalized, he will resume work on a committee structure.</li> <li>• The November ELB meeting will be a joint meeting with the EC State Plan Steering Committee. The tentative agenda includes a review of the communication plan and timeline; a review of the final brochure and the EOEL website; and discussion of next steps.</li> <li>• Bob has not followed up with a plan to recruit a center-based provider representative.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>State Charter School Pre-K Sustainability Proposal</b> – Deanne Goya</p>	<p>Deanne provided a power point presentation to make the case for a legislative ask of \$4M, based on estimated costs of \$173K per school to sustain the existing 18 preschools currently operated by the Hawaii Public Charter School Commission. This cost per school is based on</p>	

	<p>data currently available for teaching staff salaries, as well as costs for substitutes for professional development days, travel, ECERS and CLASS observations. Part of Deanne’s presentation also included 3 proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserving 2 slots per classroom per principal discretion to enroll children who may not follow the income eligibility requirements and who may have concerns but are not IDEA-eligible.</li> <li>• Prioritized eligibility, with the first being to increase eligibility from 200% to 300% of Federal Poverty level (FPL); second priority would be for 4-year-olds whose family incomes exceed 300% of FPL, and third priority being 3’s and 4’s, rather than just 4’s as is the current situation.</li> <li>• Considering a sliding fee scale for families who are over the income eligibility and which would not exceed \$300/month.</li> </ul> <p>Deanne’s request for support from the ELB was deferred to the November meeting so members could reflect on this legislative ask, in light of the fact that the EOEL will also be going in for a legislative ask this session.</p>	
<p><b>Member Updates—Bob Peters</b></p>	<p>Ben (Head Start): The Director of the Office of Head Start, Deborah Bergeron, will be in town for the Region 9 Head Start Association’s <i>Family Engagement and Cultural Responsiveness Conference</i> on Maui. She will be doing site visits on October 22-24, and will be giving the keynote address on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Hurricane Lane has left classrooms at two sites on Hawaii Island in disrepair, with centers still closed after 2 months while undergoing repairs and county funding still pending. While a home visitation model is being implemented with classes currently being closed, PACT has lost several working families who were enrolled in their full-day classrooms.</p> <p>Cherilyn (Family Hui Hawaii): A focus group will be convened on</p>	

	<p>November 15 to vet the draft “Family Partnership Guidelines for Families” document. A flyer is being developed and Cheryl will be sending it to Bob to distribute to ELB members so that their families can attend this focus group meeting.</p> <p>Bob (HAIS): A workshop will be conducted on November 10<sup>th</sup> focused on “Strengthening Relationships with Children and Parents”. Underwritten by the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation, this morning venue will be held at Mid Pacific Institute and will be able to accommodate 600 individuals.</p>	
<b>Public Comment</b> —Bob Peters	<p>Robyn Chun reported that PDG tuition stipends are available for Spring 2019 semester – deadline is 10/31 to apply.</p> <p>Mike Fahey reported that HCAN is supporting the Con Am amendment to support funding for public education.</p>	
<b>Review Agenda Outcomes</b> —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board needs to approve the mission’s Hawaiian translation and diacritical marks – requires two votes---at Nov. meeting</li> <li>• 22 classroom budget: base + CIP + 2 month delay</li> <li>• A letter of support is to be signed by the ELB chair in support of the PDG B-5 application, with a list of member constituencies – will send to Jim to review.</li> <li>• Support was provided for the expulsion/suspension proposed legislation.</li> <li>• Action on the Charter School pre-K proposal was deferred to the November meeting.</li> <li>• The November meeting will be a joint meeting between the ELB and the EC State Plan Steering Committee – there will be about an hour’s worth of ELB business.</li> </ul>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Next meeting will be on November 8, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.	
<b>Executive Session</b>	No items from the AG.	

<b>Closing</b> —Mike Fahey	“Success isn’t measured by money or power or social rank. Success is measured by your discipline and inner peace.” (Mike Ditka, one of only two people in history who have won the Super Bowl as an NFL player and as a coach.)	
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Submitted by Chris Jackson`