

JCHS Alumni & Community Foundation

Minutes of the Saturday, August 17, 2013 Meeting  
James Campbell Company Executive Offices

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board/Officers:**

Tesha Malama, President  
Sugar Alfafara-Pires, Vice President  
Taetuli Tafai, Vice President  
Melvon Ahlo-Pinera, Treasurer  
Jo Ann Kaneshiro, Secretary  
Tami Carlos  
Leslie Griffin  
Elizabeth Santa Ana

**Guests:**

Senator Wil Espero  
Representative Bob McDermott  
Dr. Leon Watson, Grant Writer

**General Membership:**

Rocky Tupuola  
Roxanne Costa  
Irene Lewellen  
Nani Gaui  
Kerry Bise  
Mitchell Tynanes  
Tracey Grado

Sam Delos Reyes, JCHS Athletic Director  
Chris Smith, President, CJS Group  
Architects, Ltd.

**RECORDER:** Jo Ann Kaneshiro

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ALMA MATER:**

Introductions were made around the room.

The Alma Mater was tabled for next meeting – AD Sam Delos Reyes mentioned that the sports teams have been singing the Alma Mater. The band director is working to coordinate the band playing the Alma Mater with the sports teams singing.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Tesha reported as of July 2013, the balance is \$3,374.02 in our bank account; \$629.50 in PayPal. A motion was made to approve and seconded.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Sugar Alfafara gave the PowerPoint slide presentation on our general membership drive to the room.

**SPORTS COMPLEX:**

Tesha gave a brief summary of the Foundation's background to ramp up to the Sport Complex. Tesha requested guidance from our guests, Senator Wil Espero, Representative Bob

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McDermott, and Architect, Chris Smith, President of the CJS Group Architects, Ltd. to work with the Foundation to obtain funding and achieve our ultimate goal of constructing a new sports complex for James Campbell High School and the community.

Tesha presented the current draft proposal and showed the area of the proposed sports complex with space requirements

Elizabeth Santa Ana mentioned the scoreboard not working. AD Sam Delos Reyes responded that work was done to repair the scoreboard but has since gone out again.

Tesha introduced Rep. Bob McDermott and in turn he introduced his friend and colleague, Dr. Leon Watson, expert Grant Writer, who is willing to help the Foundation access/tap into the many Federal and state programs that are possibly available to help fund our project.

Dr. Watson gave the membership his background on the previous projects he wrote grants for including projects such as the HPU Military Campus/Navy League and the Salvation Army Kroc Center in Ewa. Dr. Watson went on to mention that the Foundation's sports complex was a plus to the school as well as the community because it encompasses "overall health and wellness" which are attributes/terms that will help us to access the many Federal grants available. Dr. Watson also mentioned networking with Alumni, Matthew Masifilo of the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers, for assistance with grants from the NFL for the school's football stadium. And also with Guy Benjamin, previous UH football coach and All American NFL player.

Tesha introduced Chris Smith, President of CJS Group Architects, Ltd., who originally helped develop the design and plans for the sports complex with AD Delos Reyes and then Principal Gayle Awakuni. Mr. Smith presented the old

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design of the sports complex as an “assimilation” project – to come together with other surrounding areas/property. He brought up that “sails” were supposed to be installed in the courtyards of the buildings. AD Delos Reyes confirmed this and has the sails.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Foundation should pursue having the “sails” installed.

The discussion went on to include AD Delos Reyes bringing up the parking situation/issue with the surrounding areas such as the Boys & Girls Club and the different areas surrounding the school that the school has control of for parking purposes. AD Delos Reyes also mentioned the flow of cars entering and exiting the school property – entering from North Road and exiting from Aikanaka Street. Other areas of interest – behind OLPH, basketball court for access lane into parking area. Side note: Senator Espero mentioned that OLPH purchased the area in back of their property.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Mr. Smith to present to the membership a list of questions that need to be answered for the parking structure.
2. The Foundation to provide Mr. Smith a schedule/timeline – 6 months.
3. Assign decision making/tasks to Sports Complex committee members.
4. Sketch – Mr. Smith to provide

Next Tesha introduced Senator Wil Espero. Senator Espero commended the Foundation on its determination to build a sports complex for James Campbell High School and the community. He mentioned that JCHS is competing with other high schools on funding for construction of projects such as the sports complex of \$1M+, such as a proposed East Kapolei high school. He mentioned that at next legislative session he will be working on \$5 - \$6 million for a new track/football

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area/bleachers. He recommends working on getting the neighborhood board to continue with the master plan and get the DOE and area Complex on board with the project but we also need to get the COMMUNITY on board. Senator Espero did mention that \$12M is being appropriated for air conditioning and is being under review/approval at this time.

Representative McDermott commended Senator Espero on his accomplishments thus far with regards to the school and funding but mentioned that electrical upgrades will need to be made. He also mentioned that there is a leverage equity issue for funding when the new high school is built – not fair to old school district as far as funding goes. Rep. McDermott encouraged everyone to attend the rally on September 25 at the state capital for the funding of the air conditioning project for the high school.

Leslie Griffin: Did we have electrical work done on campus? i.e., transformer/infrastructure?

AD Delos Reyes: Yes, the equipment is there but no funding for connection.

AD Delos Reyes did confirm that the school had old funding for the renovation of the athletic field and will take place after the end of the football season. It was also mentioned that we did not want a cinder track but preferred a rubberized track.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Senator Espero, Rep. McDermott, and Dr. Watson – at this standpoint, what is it that they would need from the Foundation and the community to get this project going.
2. Foundation needs to meet with the A/C committee from the school.
3. Need to schedule Sports Complex committee meeting with Dale Newcomb.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Tesha to meet with former Superintendent Pat Hamamoto, current President at St. Louis High School, in regards to her experience/achievements in maneuvering through the DOE for funding.

Tesha Malama: Who is the DOE projects person?

AD Delos Reyes: There is a priority list. Principal Naomi Takamori sets the priority.

Capital Improvements Project (CIP) on new funding from legislators will work with the Foundation to formulate request for funding.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Homecoming Cane Knife Classic Event:** AD Delos Reyes brought up discussion on VIP seating; food, and that we need to patronize the concession; ticketing – pay for entrance; and parking will be \$5. Tesha mentioned that the EB Lions Club offered VIP parking on the Ilima campus for \$10. AD Delos Reyes confirmed that the schools parking attendants will honor the VIP parking passes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Tesha to meet with AD Delos Reyes and concession manager on logistics of event in regards to parking and food.
2. Fundraising Committee - need VIP parking passes.
3. Meet or call to book cafeteria.

Representative Bob McDermott extended his willingness and availability to help the Foundation on the sports complex project. He gave his cell phone number: (808) 371-4605. Senator Wil Espero did the same: (808) 294-9073.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Jo Ann motioned to change the meeting date to Saturday, September 14, 2013. Motion was seconded.

**ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.