Chairperson Ramos called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM. The minutes of the October 17 meeting were approved as distributed. Since no candidates for SCC parent representative have come forward, the council approved a motion that counselors and team leaders be asked to provide names of possible parent representatives. Mr. Yamada will initiate the requests to counselors and Ms. Ramos will contact the team leaders. Mr. Fernandes noted that the new blue paint in some of the school buildings is the result of Vice-Principal Pat Nishi campaigning to recruit volunteers to paint the buildings. New blue staff shirts were donated to the school. Mr. Fernandes told the council that the first quarter’s student grade profile was not the typical bell-shaped curve but was instead funnel-shaped with the best grades being the wide end of the funnel. The most common grade was A, followed by B, etc. Council members commented that this profile reflects the high quality of the students and teachers at our school.

First Community Meeting

At approximately 3:30 PM, Chairperson Ramos convened the First Community Meeting for the presentation of school data by Vice Principal Celia Main-Anakalea. For parents and persons from the community unable to attend this meeting, the school data will be available on the school website. Ms. Main-Anakalea explained how Hawaii received approval in May 2013 for a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) whereby the Strive HI Performance System replaces many of NCLB’s outdated and ineffective requirements. Strive HI includes annual goals for science as well as reading and math. It also includes new measurements of growth in relationship to performance. Kaimuki Middle students displayed high performance but lower growth due to the fact that they are already performing at a high level. Strive HI also includes a measurement of college and career readiness as measured by the 8th grade ACT. Kaimuki Middle had a perfect score in this category. Strive HI also measures achievement gaps between “high needs students” and “non-high needs students”. For Kaimuki Middle, gaps were evident among disabled, limited-English, and native Hawaiian students. Overall, Kaimuki Middle scored 286 out of 400 possible points to put it in the higher end of the Continuous Improvement category. After setting the next regular meeting for 3:30 PM on January 23, 2014, Chairperson Ramos adjourned the meeting at 4:22 PM.

Meeting review: excellent explanation of the new Strive HI System by Ms. Main-Anakalea

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Tokushige, Secretary
Kaimuki Middle School Community Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 23, 2014
Meeting Place: Kaimuki Middle School Library
Meeting Time: 3:30-4:30 PM

1. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting
2. Status of search for new parent representative
3. Explanation of new bell schedule
5. Quarterly review of academic and financial plans
6. Questions, concerns, and sharing
7. Set next meeting date and agenda
8. Meeting review - good points and areas to improve