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Some information on the LCPCS Strategic Plan

If you are a parent, you should have found a copy of the draft LCPCS Strategic Plan in your email inbox recently. And you may have wondered what exactly it was, and what it had to do with you. Here's what.

The LCPCS Strategic Plan defines the long term direction of the school. Without a strategic plan there can be no focused progress toward a recognized set of goals. Wait! Don't tune out now! It's not just more paperwork. It's how you can help direct the course of the school and turn it into a truly exceptional place. "Completing a strategic plan is a lot of work, especially amidst everything else that's going on, but we can't improve if we don't set our sights on where we want to be and outline clear steps to get there," says Director Nahale-a.

The current draft of the Strategic Plan was created from input given by LCPCS stakeholders at two workshops held in June and August of 2014. Lots of work remains, especially in describing specific objectives. Those pukas will be filled by the school leadership team using stakeholder (i.e. *your*) feedback, and a final draft will be shared with all stakeholders and the Governing Board within the next month or two. The entire draft Plan is available on the LCPCS.org website under the Administration → School Leadership → Governing Board tabs.

Three strategic issues have been identified. Under these issues, five goals have been developed. And under each goal is a set of one year, three year and five year objectives. The three strategic issues and their associated goals are:

●Strategic Issue #1 -- The school's success depends on its teachers being able to provide high quality holistic education for every student in partnership with the students' families and community members.

Goal #1 – Learning happens in an integrated, interdisciplinary way with explicit consideration given to multiple intelligences.

●Strategic Issue #2 -- The school's success depends on an effective system of internal and external support to establish and maintain its education program.

Goal #2 – Our people and processes are well managed, fully utilized, and regularly recognized.

Goal #3 – Our facilities are well managed and fully utilized.

Goal #4 – We have the capacity to secure and manage the resources to support our education program.

●Strategic Issue #3 -- The school's success depends on a critical mass of school stakeholders demonstrating an altruistic commitment to the organization through their contribution of time, talent, treasure and love.

Goal #5 – School-based Continuous Improvement is supported by a critical mass of informed and involved stakeholders who demonstrate an altruistic commitment to the school.



Photo courtesy of Paula Dickey

It's in the objectives listed under each goal where the rubber meets the road. For example, this is where you will learn that in Year 3 it is proposed that LCPCS hire a Hawaiian cultural studies teacher and formally include Hawaiian cultural activities into the curriculum. And that in Year 5, LCPCS will have an established Hawaiian cultural studies program with a full time kumu and a traditional arts program.

Or (as another example) it's proposed that in Year 1 all class-

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rooms be painted; in Year 3 there will be an expansion of athletic facilities; and in Year 5 a renewable energy system (solar panels) will be installed.

Like these ideas? Or don't like them? Comments about the strategic plan can be emailed to info@lcpcs.org, or submitted to the front office. In addition, Director Nahale-a will be discussing the draft strategic plan at his next monthly "Town Hall" meeting on November 13th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. He will gladly answer questions and accept feedback then. Again, you can view the LCPCS Strategic Plan on the LCPCS website or through a link in a message that's sitting in your inbox from Kahele Nahale-a on October 20. It's actually pretty exciting stuff!

*Congratulations to 7th-grader Katelin Holzwarth, who took **three** first place wins at the recent County novice swim team championships. Moreover, Katelin won every race she entered in all five meets, against swimmers on eight county teams. Wow! Swim, Katelin, Swim.*

Paki's Kūkākūkā — A burglary update

I shared in last week's special edition the news about our school being broken into and burglarized. We are not going to let this derail our efforts to build a great school and we are not going to stand for these kinds of attacks against our community. Our campus is a symbol of over 130 years of Seaside tradition. Crimes against it are crimes against all of us.

We are already deploying several measures to prevent further attacks and to catch anyone who attempts to vandalize or burglarize our campus in the future.

The school has been rekeyed, and a camera security system is being installed. Mahalo to several people for monetary donations to help defray the costs, and

especially to community member Jerry Broughton, who has organized a group of volunteers to install the camera security system.

If anyone would like to join these generous donors, any and all contributions would be deeply appreciated

Seaside Spotlight



Lew Nakamura — who in the 2012-2013 yearbook was "voted 'Most likely to be smiling' by the students of LCPCS"

LCPCS Head Custodian Lew Nakamura is so much more than that. He is one of those people who inspires us all. Always smiling, always optimistic, always ready with a helping hand.

Mr. Nakamura (Uncle Lew) came to LCPCS after several other careers. One as a soil scientist for the state of Washington, one as the

school's strong agricultural background. One of the reasons he really likes his job here, he says, is the opportunity to help teach basic agricultural methods to students. "It's so important these days," he says. "There are not so many high-paying jobs in this area. If people can go in their backyard and pick beans, it will really help them out." In addition to all his other tasks, Mr. Nakamura helped re-design the food production garden, and installed irrigation this year.

He had a little trouble with his own daughter, though, who never wanted to help out in the family garden in Pahoehoe. But then she went off to college, moved off campus, and wanted to plant a garden. "It was hilarious," says Mr. Nakamura. "She didn't know anything." Dad to the rescue!

grounds superintendant for a resort on Maui, and one as proprietor of a nursery and landscaping business here on the Big Island. A position at LCPCS seemed like a good fit to him because of the

Mr. Nakamura and his wife currently live very close to the lava flow in Pahoehoe. Join the LCPCS 'ohana in thinking of him in the weeks to come, and hoping for the best.

Calendar

- Tuesday, November 11 – **NO SCHOOL** Veteran’s Day
- Wednesday, November 12, 5:00 to 7:00 pm – **Family Dinner night** for high school: a great chance to get to know the teachers, other parents and your child’s classmates in a friendly, casual setting. Sponsored by the Queen Lili’uokalani Children’s Center
- Thursday, November 13, 5:00 to 6:00 pm – **Town Hall meeting** and FREE HEALTH SCREENING, cafeteria, *open to all*. The health screening is offered through the UH Hilo School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and will run concurrently with the Town Hall meeting.
- Friday, November 14 – **Flu Clinic day**
- Tuesday, November 18, 5:00 to 6:30 pm – **Financial Aid night**
- Wednesday, November 19 – **Save First! Deposit Day**
- Wednesday, November 19, 5:00 to 7:00 pm — **Family Dinner night** for middle school
- Wednesday, November 19, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm— **Career and College Fair fieldtrip**, 11th and 12th graders
- Monday, November 24, 1:30 pm — Virtuoso guitar player **Jeff Peterson** will perform at the Laupāhoehoe library FREE. “Jeff Peterson is one of the most versatile musicians in the Hawaiian music scene today. Specializing in slack key, classical, and jazz guitar, he has contributed to two Grammy Award-winning recordings and has been honored with five Na Hōkū Hanohano Awards in Hawaii.” (Source: www.jeffpetersonguitar.com) Jeff’s music was recently featured in the movie *The Descendants*.
- Saturday, December 6, 8:00 am — **My School Color Fun Run/Walk**, a fun, healthy fundraising event. Everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter his or her fitness level. Participants will be able to run or walk a mile-long loop at the school as many times as they want, and be painted a rainbow of colors in “color splash zones” as they go. More laps = MORE COLOR! Be prepared to get wet. The registration fee includes run/walk registration, individual color packet, race bib and pins, and a My School Color Run t-shirt. Sign up under the “News and Events” tab, at www.lcps.org.



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