



# West Hawai'i Explorations Academy

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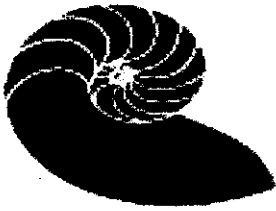
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## WHEA 2021-22 Opening Plan

- WHEA will fully open our campus to start the 2021-22 school year for in-person instruction for all 6-12 grade students and staff beginning Wed. August 4th.
- A COVID-19 safety/mitigation agreement plan has been developed and shared with the WHEA school community with expectations that will be followed ( [COVID Safety Protocol Agreement](#) ).
- As a contingency option for extenuating or emergency circumstances, the school has contracted with Apex/Edmentum, an approved e-learning courseware service.
  - *We will implement in the event of a school closure, or for students/families that have compromised health conditions that warrant an online learning solution.*
- Implementation of daily campus cleaning and sanitization.
- The school will continue to monitor the COVID situation and may make adjustments to our learning plan based on current CDC and Hawaii DOH guidelines.

*WHEA provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetics, and complies with applicable state laws governing nondiscrimination in employment.*



## **WHEA's Supplemental Agreement to Participate for SY 2021-22 Regarding COVID-19** Updated 07/2021

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name
Last Name
(Please print)

**By initialing below, I will agree to the following COVID-19 requirements for Hawaii Public Schools determined by the State's Department of Health, Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and County of Hawaii.**

**Mask Wearing: Masks will be required to be worn in all indoor settings, outdoors when people are in close proximity to each other such as our Ka Piko (amphitheater) and open-air learning spaces.**

\*\* All COVID related health mitigations will be reviewed and updated as new information and/or recommendations from the CDC and DOH regarding Hawaii public schools are provided. \*\*

Parent Initials	Student Initials	Agreement
		To wear an appropriate face mask or face covering when on campus and required and/or directed to. **Face shields are NOT considered proper face coverings**
		To follow the current social distancing guidelines from CDC & DOH.
		To sanitize hands when entering learning activities and classes.
		To wash hands for 20 seconds after using the restroom.
		To keep personal belongings to myself and not share with others.
		To notify my teacher if I'm not feeling well or am experiencing 2 or more of the COVID symptoms so that my parents/guardians will pick me up immediately. These could include: -Fever (over 100.4) or chills -Cough, sore throat -Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing -Fatigue, muscle or body aches -Headache -New loss of taste or smell -Congestion or runny nose -Nausea or vomiting
		To notify the school office if any of my family or myself have had, or been exposed to, COVID.
		If I have had or been exposed to COVID, my parent or legal guardian will submit a doctor's clearance before I can return to campus activities.

# WHEA Governing Board Minutes

March 24 2021, 2:30pm

Andi Pawasarat-Losalio called the meeting to order at 2:31PM, established a quorum.

Community: Andi Pawasarat-Losalio, Laury Scott, ~~Dana Leong~~, Kaia Anderson

University: Nina Buchanan

Parent: Sheila Gallien (HS), Dimitri Nikolai (MS)

Staff: Liana White (HS), Kat GoPaul (MS)

Student: Noah Nikolai, Vanderlei Carvalho (student rep alternate, high school)

Support Staff: Lukkas Ordway

Ex officio: Heather Nakakura

Others/Guests:

As recorded from the Zoom Participant list: Joshua Montgomery, Robert Fox, Sara Layne Pedro, Nathan Forster, Nancy Kell, Mike Despard, Lisa Hummel, Alala, Angie Hobbeheydar, Janette, Giana Learned, Bruce Paoli, Erin Detwiler, Erik Swenson, Kaya C., Kim Clark, Kristi Despard, Lesli Lindgren, Mandy, Mele Ke, Marisa Flores, Ronda Barker, Shawna Sale, Victoria Carlson, Yuki Laliberte, Kristen's iPhone, Erin, Diane Clarke, Leslie Lindgren

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Next Foundation meeting April 13, 2021 @ 3:00pm.

**ACTION:** The February meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** Nakakura clarified an item on the Profit & Loss regarding technology equipment.

**ACTION:** Scott moved, Gallien seconded, to accept the Profit and Loss Statement as of July – February 28, 2021 and the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2021, as presented. Passed unanimously.

**STUDENT UPDATE:** Noah Nikolai expressed his appreciation for the plan to return to campus and inquired about make-up SBAC testing. Carvalho reported that high school students are very happy to be back on campus.

**DISCUSSION:** Buchanan spoke about using the COVID situation to improve our governance and communication.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Nakakura presented the Director's Report.

**ACTION:** Scott moved, GoPaul seconded, to establish that the COVID response team advises the Director and the Director then reports to the Board with regard to Return-To-Learn decisions. Passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** Nancy Kell explained the MS RTL plan.

**ACTION:** Buchanan moved, Nikolai seconded, to have the Middle School Phase 1 begin March 29, with students attending campus one day per week, with Phase 2 to begin April 5, with students to attend campus 2 days per week, and Phase 3 to begin April 19 with students to attend campus 4 days per week.

Anderson requests that the motion be amended to change the April 19th date to April 12th. Buchanan accepted the amendment.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members, parents, and other stakeholders gave comment about the RTL plan.

**ACTION (amended):** Buchanan moved, Nikolai seconded, to have the Middle School Phase 1 begin March 29, with students attending campus one day per week, with Phase 2 to begin April 5, with students to attend campus 2 days per week, and Phase 3 to begin April 12 with students to attend campus 4 days per week. Passed unanimously. Staff and student members were recused from the vote.

DISCUSSION: Nancy Kell requested a due-process meeting with the Board and planning time to adjust to the plan. A meeting has been scheduled for March 29 at 2:30pm. Debate ensued as to whether or not this will be a public meeting. The Charter School Commission and the HSTA will be consulted.

DISCUSSION: White presented the High School RTL plan.

ACTION: Scott moved, Gallien seconded, that the High School the Return-to-Learn plan, as presented, be accepted with an amendment to move Phase 4 from April 19 to April 12.

DISCUSSION: The aforementioned motion was discussed and amendments were suggested.

ACTION (amended): Scott moved, Gallien seconded, that the High School Return-to-Learn plan, as presented, be accepted with an amendment to move Phase 4 from April 19 to April 5. Passed unanimously. Teacher and student members were recused from the vote.

DISCUSSION: Scott spoke about the Succession Planning Committee progress. They have completed their tasks and now the Succession Selection Committee needs to be formed. Pawasarat-Losalio will be appointing this committee.

\* ACTION: Scott moved, Anderson seconded, that the plan for the 2021-2022 School Year is to open full time, with all students attending five days per week. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Should the need to return to distance learning occur, Zoom (or equivalent) should be used, as opposed to Acellus (or equivalent).

ANNOUNCEMENT: The next board meeting is April 21, 2021 at 2:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.