

Ka Pua IN ACTION

A Commitment to Strengthen
Educational & Community Outcomes
on the Leeward Coast



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Aloha! This is the inaugural issue of Ka Pua in Action, a bi-monthly newsletter intended to keep you apprised of the ins and outs associated with KS' Ka Pua initiative.

Kamehameha Schools has worked to engage in collaborative change with public school leaders on the Leeward Coast with the shared purpose of transforming educational outcomes from Keawa'ula to Kapolei. Many states and communities have recognized that tomorrow's students will need to think critically and creatively, be technologically savvy and work well with others to reach their full potential in the modern world.

Leaders acknowledge Kamehameha's integrated efforts to elevate public education, especially with the focused Ka Pua Strategic Initiative.

The Team

The Ka Pua team continues to grow!

Led by Dr. Shawn Kana'iaupuni, director, Public Education Support, the Ka Pua team continues to grow. Providing strategic direction, project support and institutional and programmatic knowledge, for the Ka Pua initiative, Kana'iaupuni and her core team are eager to see this initiative progress, igniting transformational change on the Wai'anae Coast.



Back row, from left: **Kēhau Pu'u**, Project Manager, **Ku'ulani Keohokalole**, Project Analyst, **Ka'iulani Sodaro**, Sustainability Manager, **Paula Ann Burgess-Tauala**, CLCN Manager. Front Row, from left: **Llewelyn Yee**, Senior Project Manager, **Dr. Shawn Kana'iaupuni**, Director, **Keahi Makaimoku**, Project Analyst, and **Maile Keli'ipio-Acoba**, Project Manager.

Infrastructure

- Internal Support Committees Established:
 - » An Extended Team including members from Legal, Budget, FDSD, CRC, LAD, Operations, and EMS
 - » Steering Committee composed of CEI Division Directors
 - » Re-establishment of 'Ahahui Hana Kaiāulu (formerly known as Community Action Team) with members from various internal Divisions
- Ka Pua Core Team:
 - » The team has been working on strategic visioning, professional development plans, expectations and team protocols
 - » If you are in the Moku o Wai'anae on Tuesdays, please stop by and visit the Ka Pua Team who will be working from the CLCN every Tuesday
- 34 KS staff members joined CR&C and Ho'okahua on a huaka'i to the Wai'anae Coast led by Kēhau Pu'u and Paula Ann Burgess.
- The team hosted Trustee Olds on a tour of the Coast in February 2011.

Model P-20 Continuum

- New Tech High:
 - » The team supported the implementation of New Tech Academies at both Nānākuli High and Intermediate and Wai'anae High Schools and administration of the College Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA) & Nā 'Opio survey during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 school year.
 - » Planning for New Tech Year 2 teachers and cohort is currently underway.



From left: **Kruzzette Makanani** and **Lorentina Tei** celebrate their new found songwriting talents through the Why We Sing songwriting workshop offered this Fall by Na Leo at Nānākuli High and Intermediate School.

- The *Why We Sing* program was established at Nānākuli High School with the support of Nā Leo Pilimehana. Students composed and recorded their own songs and performed their compositions at an end of semester hō'ike. The Spring semester program is currently underway.

Education Innovation Zone

- Supported the DOE Race to the Top grant planning and application submission, including the Zone of School Innovation meetings with Coast principals and Leeward Coast Complex Area Superintendent Lisa DeLong and the Native Hawaiian Education Outcomes Council (NHEOC) meetings.
- Supported the Wai'anae Coast Promising Neighborhoods grant application.
- An information gathering meeting of KS' History on the Coast was held with various community members and past KS staff members in attendance.
- Supported Wai'anae Coast Promising Neighborhoods grant application.
- In April 2010, supported partnership with Polynesian Voyaging Society, Nānākuli High and Intermediate School and Wai'anae High School for students to participate in a three day sail from Sand Island to Pōka'i.
 - » Coordinated the welcoming of four wa'a by Wai'anae Coast schools and community members and coordinated canoe tours and land-based cultural activities for Wai'anae public schools.

Kamehameha Learning Community (KLC)

- FDSD and Legal worked towards completion of KS due diligence for the land gift agreement and received approval from Trustees to proceed with the transaction.
- Ongoing community engagement related to the Learning Community.