

## **Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes - *Approved*** **01/10/2018 | F-103**

Attendees: *Chris Bachaus, Gretchen Cahana, John Cassel, Stacy Downs, Daeni Ito, Kristi Kakiuchi, Susan Kim, Brooke Levien, Annie Mellein, Ellyn Mortimer, Mira Neal, Emily Severson, Amanda Shim.*

**Call to order** – Meeting called to order by President Emily Severson at 6:02pm.

**Approval of Minutes – 12/06/2017** – BLevien moves to approve minutes, Kristi 2nds the motion

**Principal's Report (CBachaus)** – EOEL-Four year old program – has a trip on 1/19/18 and find out more details. Governor is funding and using professors of Early Childhood Development. Want to find out how to get children in. First disadvantaged kids in Kula: SPED, free/reduced lunch, ELL; Secondly after that it's anyone in the broader community who is disadvantaged. Next meeting will talk about how we'll do the wait list – perhaps first come first serve and date stamp apps. 20 students. Going back to play-based, so going back to naps. Will feed lunch. Right now thinking Mrs. Walker will do in her room. May need some toys, tricycles and play equipment. Can be nice used stuff. Put a memo out to PTA asking for donations.

WASC accreditation is in March. Have 3<sup>rd</sup> chairperson – will be coming to visit the March meeting. Make the meeting a potluck. Send what we thought we are and what are our needs. They have lots of questions. Their team will respond before they come and then they spend the week verifying. At the end will get a report of strengths and what we need to work on, etc. (Emily) what do we get after the accreditation? State of Hawaii requires accreditation for the elementary schools as well as middle and high school. Need to graduate from an accredited school to go to college.

Science Olympiad – hosting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. PTA got request to provide funding for food – we are looking for something. 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Facebook Page – Kula Cougars.

No School – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers are doing professional development. Heading towards the values of Ha – 6 hawaiian values to give the kids a sense of belonging. Be taught at the MACC by the arts integration teachers.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – visit from a few principals. Show them the Kula way.

No School – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Union day.

Congratulations to Lindy Folsom to achieve 3000. Company gives them a day of recognition at Grand Wailea. It's the Kid Biz.

Teacher Transfer period – opens up on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – teachers can ask to go to a different school – In Kula School there are 3 openings. 2 teachers are getting tenure. Tina Akau and Ms. Olsen. In DOE teacher's first 3 years are protected (probation period), you stay in the school and have a mentor and then end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the position becomes vacant and they have to reapply. Third one is the STEM coordinator position. Retiring teachers, can't interview for until the teachers are gone. All of them are tenured. Nothing is guaranteed if you're on probation.

**Keokea Recognition 2/24** – (Mr. B) still waiting on Maui Electric and their design. Met with Mae Akahata. As soon as power is put in, Ken Ota is going to do irrigation design. Will run off a weather station and kids can make measurements. Front fences are getting replaced. Jay Lindsey is working on that this week. New sign. Dr. Keyser received a \$10K grant from MEO to start getting things for the program. Van is coming out of Goodfellows – need to transfer ownership. Hope to present it on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

(Annie) How to select the kids? Uncertain, but know we don't want a babysitting program. Start it small and make sure we can handle and then establish protocols. It's going to start as an afterschool program. Will be a free program. (JCassel) – What other infrastructure do you need? A roof over the slab. How do the parents need to interface with what's needed? Talk to Mr. B. House is still standing. (Annie) Do you have an instructor in mind? Harold Keyser is overseeing everything but still looking for someone. Want someone with an Ag degree. Money will come from the grants. It's only 17 hours.

**Teacher's Report (Kristi/Amanda)** – Just got back from break so rotations just started. Hawaiian studies and PE but also starting Ukulele classes tomorrow. 2 and 3 are doing ag this quarter. Everyone else is doing computer and voices. Art in grade 3. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be starting DARE program – rally in March. Upper grade levels will be practicing for SPAT starts after spring break and one week off and one week on. Kamp Kula on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Math Matters is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's always held in Maui Waena for grades 3,4,5.

**Upcoming Fundraisers (Emily)** – Harvest Festival was a success but still need to do some more fundraisers for the year.

For February doing the recognition day at Keokea.

In March having a Fun Run day (March 29<sup>th</sup>?) or Field Day. Probably during the week after Spring break. Event gets sponsored as the students do activities throughout the day. Take home form and ask for donations. Sometimes can bring as much as \$8,000. It's something that the school and PTA can do together. Usually it's just a block donation or sponsorship for the activity. (Daeni) Public health had a booth and talked about health and importance of water, etc. (Annie) maybe can do a jamba at the end of the day.

Flatbread – need to send in application and will do silent auction with Harvest Festival leftovers. Need just a few volunteers to help with silent auction.

May Day (May 11<sup>th</sup>) – have it be a community day instead of a fundraiser. Plates, bake sale, hats, etc. Daeni to spearhead the May Day with Dionne.

Maui 5K – market around the event? Have some ideas around the run where we sell something or have a costume or theme?

### **Other Announcements**

Book Trust (Ellyn Mortimer) – Holding Big Event called the Extravaganza on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> asking for volunteers for the evening. Event makes about \$200K and nets about \$160K. Help with check in/ check out, registration, bid spotters. Held in Kealani Wailea. For more information booktrust.org. Starting a new partnership with schools – asking for \$7,500. Need to meet with Principal regarding the new change and partnerships. (Mr. B) we don't have \$7,500 so maybe a good program for PTA. (Emily) maybe need to survey the parents. Right now it's just K-3 but all students participate. Mr B to follow up with BookTrust and Shay to talk about the partnership. The number is a possibly flexible.

SURVEY - For next meeting start to survey how PTA wants to use the funding. Getting requests, ie for gardening. Include the pricing of what each program costs – costs per child, etc.

**Next Year's Transition for PTA (Emily)** – Looking for PTA President, Treasurer and Fundraising Chair and Co-Chair.

Maybe Game night again with Joe to solicit volunteers to step up. – Emily to talk to Joe – maybe April?

**Thanks for your participation this year and for coming tonight everyone!**

**The next meeting is Wednesday February 7th, 6-7pm, room F-103.**

**Adjournment – 7:17 PM**

**Submitted by Susan Kim, Secretary**