

Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes – *Approved* **02/07/2018 | F-103**

Attendees: *Chris Bachaus, Joe Bernd, Gretchen Cahana, Ashiya Carter, John Cassel, Stacy Downs, Demi Gannon, Kristi Kakiuchi, Susan Kim, Annie Mellein, Laura Segaran, Emily Severson, Caroline Walker*

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

Approval of Minutes – 01/10/2018 –

Teacher’s Report (Caroline Walker) – Had Joan McFarlane (?) writes books about Hawaii. Brought Kid Pan Alley to her attention. It’s a week-long residency where they work with the students to become song writers. (kidpanalley.org). This is going to be for K-1 grade levels. They did Kihei school this year and worked on Oahu. Funding is based on a need basis. They can write grants and help fundraise. It costs \$6,500 for the week. Two days for each grade, then all together on the 5th day with a performance. Work with what Kula School’s needs are, ie a school song. Possible to look into incorporating school’s music program with this program. (Ashiya) Maybe incorporate with NaMele (?) at the MACC. Incorporating the philosophy of HA (teacher development day). Caroline writes grant: Artist in the schools. (Ashiya) would like to have the Artist in the schools program to Kula next year. (Annie) Do you think the K-1 grade level would benefit? I think all grade levels will benefit. They are coming up with all the ideas and lyrics and music. They would like financial help, but they will help us if we fall short of funding. (Ashiya) wouldn’t mind helping to write grants. They want an answer pretty soon so they can fill their docket – probably within the next couple of weeks. (Ashiya) Ask for list of grants and deadlines.

(Kristi) – 2/2 the teachers had an art integration workshop. Next week is spirit week. Teacher institute day on Thursday. Lion dance on Thursday 2/22. RE Fun Run – 5th graders will be out on their DARE rally on the 29th. Will 5th graders participate even if they are not coming back? (Ashiya) suggested that it is their legacy to the school – whatever monies they raise.

(Emily) – Amanda couldn’t come, but they are going to do Fitness Fun Day on March 27th. Students will get an envelope, but they are looking to raise money for PE by doing 90 mins of activity. Pass around schedule and asking for volunteers. Activities are Zumba, Hawaiian games, three-legged race, kickball, spongeball and carwash, parachute, obstacle course and Frisbee course. Total of 8 stations and Snack station with stretching and unwind for 5-10 mins. Still taking ideas. (Susan) How many volunteers needed for each station? 16 for stations and some for snack station. (Caroline) usually runs smoothly. Can take the snacks to the classroom.

WASC/PTA meeting on March 5th with Hawaiian Potluck

Principal’s Report (CBachaus) – What is the mission? Mutual Respect and Shared Responsibility.

We are getting stronger as a community and gifting it back to the kids.

EOEL program – preK program. Caroline Walker is going to be the teacher. Already gone to Oahu for training. Governor is going to be paying for the preK, play based, project based curriculum. Start with what the kids are bringing to the table, their knowledge base and connections. HELD standards. Right now they have a 5 year plan and will go from there. Need based program for disadvantaged kids. Big picture is to expand school to broader community. (John) How is the word getting out in the community? Flyers, posters, website.

Lion Dance on Feb 22nd. Temple in Chinatown on Middle Rd funds it.

Keokea Blessing on Feb 24th. Lynn to make rice.

Science Olympiad – hosting at Kula School.

Complex Waiver day on the Feb 2nd. HA and arts integration. Established an office of Hawaiian Education in DOE. Trying to implement HA. What makes Hawaii unique? And how do we project that to our kids. One powerful theme is a strong sense of belonging

New Principal Academy Feb 9th – visit from 4 new principals – 3 Oahu and 1 Big Island. Show them the Kula way.

No School – Feb 15th – Union business 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 5th – March 7-27th – 2 probationary teachers Ms. Olsen and Ms. Akau. Open Curriculum coordinator position – math and science.

Keokea Recognition 2/24 – (Mr. B) – removed the Christmas berry tree. Maui Green and Beautiful is taking out tree. Refencing gateway. (Emily) Ken Yamamura suggested a berm for drainage.

Ms Dickson has returned and will be teaching Kindergarten next year.

Keokea Blessing (Emily) – not a big event, just a blessing and a thank you. Any volunteers for Feb 24th. (Caroline) We need a formal invite. The school will have a grand opening with a series of invites.

Other Fundraisers - Flatbread Benefit Night and Silent Auction – 2/20 – have a volunteer team to help with the silent auction (left over items from Harvest Festival) We can make around \$700 from Flatbread. (Ashiya) pick up pizza available? Logistically not possible. Perhaps next year?

Next Year Transition for PTA (Emily) – Emily won't be here as President of the PTA, need a president, treasurer and fundraising positions. Annie and Susan will be returning next year.

Harvest Festival (Joe) – we did a game night last year – invited the families, did a potluck dinner and talked about how to volunteer. Almost firm date of Friday April 20th (maybe Thursday April 19th?) Some of the big players are leaving so we need to get some more volunteers to step up. This will be an information night. (Annie) Would be good to get the teachers to promote to kids and then the kids can ask the parents to come. Should do the survey for Harvest Festival before the event and maybe on the survey have descriptions. Need input from HF committee. (Ashiya) If there is childcare can get more involved. (Kristi) Thinking to talk to student council to have them talk about how HF benefits them and why it's important. Maybe a student performance? (Mr.B) Maybe get into the faculty meeting and let them know what is going on with HF and also Teacher Appreciation.

Other Announcements - (Emily) Ho'omau is coming up – presale is \$15 www.hoomau.com – celebrates Hawaiian culture and language in our schools.

Uncle Wayne Update (John) – is not a good match for the school. Ask to commit to Harvest Festival 2019 and also perhaps doing a program in the school. Mr. B and Uncle Wayne talked about preK program.

Library Books - \$2000 worth of books came from HF bookfair.

May Day – Daeni got the King K culinary academy to do the bulk of the May day plates. Also perhaps doing a bookfair on May day too.

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

The next meeting is **Monday, March 5th**, 5:30-7:30pm, room F-103.

Adjournment – 7:32 PM

Submitted by Susan Kim, Secretary