

Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

10/4/2017 | F-103

Attendees: Dale Agena, Chris Bachaus, Joe Bernd, Stephanie Burdick, Gretchen Cahana, John Cassel, Ami Cerda, Dionne Carvalho, Melanie Devereux, Stacy Downs, Demi Gannon, Joanne Green, Layla Heida, Daeni Ito, Monika Jost, Kaya Kafka, Kristi Kakiuchi, Jody Kele, Susan Kim, Brooke Levien, Lola Lombardi, Ku'u lei Mashino, Lisa McClintock, Annie Mellein, Christie Newsom, Summer Petersen, Emily Severson, Amanda Shim, Gina Teliho

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Emily Severson at 6:06pm. Motion by Annie Mellein to approve 09/06/17 meeting minutes, seconded by Gina Teliho.

Principal's Report (Mr. B) - Governor funded pre K program - met with Governor's office and other schools on 9/22. 20 kids. Income based. Will take neediest kids first - all Kula kids next - then take from larger community if there is room. Top 2 priorities are SPED kids and ELL before income. Families will need to submit some kind of financial statement to determine eligibility. Will find out more in December. March is when enrollment begins. No transportation. 1 pre-K classroom. Probably put into Mrs. Walker's class - trying to convince her to teach the class. University of Hawaii is very particular about the requirements and will be monitoring and collecting data.

Upper Parking Lot - had Maui Police in here for a week, checking car seats and making sure everything is good.

Play structure - slide has been an issue. Work order with the state.

WASC accreditation will be the week of March 5-9th.

Title I - not official, but we are around 44%, need to be 48%. Bright side is that families are better off, but not enough to receive any additional federal fundings.

Pono Academy - one student enrolled. Full pua kukui family; family lives in the shelter. Trying to get life stable. Have good days and bad days but has not been disruptive. Looking at 2 Haiku children, but program has benchmarks so may not qualify. When they look out in the community they are noticing it's not the child but the adults and how they are handling the situation. Did professional development with the teachers. (Summer) Teachers are getting strategies so that they can get through the day and handle behavioral issues.

Keokea Update - 10/3/17 all the principals on Maui met at Keokea. All sat at picnic tables and had potluck. Grilled Steaks on the BBQ.

State Ways and Means committee to visit Keokea on Oct 26th. Kyle Yamashita bringing group. They are interested in the model we used - How did the community get so actively involved in this and Kokua? (Stacy Downs - A&B will be giving \$2500 for Keokea, maybe?) Starting to mow above. Entire property will be able to be maintained soon. Maui Green and Beautiful will be bringing arborist. If we need something, we ask we get 4 people, not just 1. That's testament to our community.

Superintendent - Complex Super will be coming by on Nov 9th. Her plan revolves around 3 strategic points: (1) What is the design of the school? Start thinking about that. We are the whole child, thinking about enrichment. Focusing on behaviour of kids. "What do you think Kula is?" (2) Student voice. She's a big believer in what the students have to say. She talks to the kids and asks, what are you learning, how is this going to help you? (3) Teacher collaboration. They should be the ones innovating and coming up with what works with the kids. (Stacy

Downs - "Hands on" "Learn by Doing") (Emily Severson - Project based learning.) (Amanda- Next Generation Science.)

Facebook page called Kula Cougars. And an Instagram. Today's manners lunch is up. Grace in the office is responsible for posting. KulaSchool is Instagram.

Academic Plan 101 (Amanda) - WASC is coming in March, so finishing up report. During October break polishing up report. Nov/Dec PTA meetings can look at it and give input. Have a couple of questions- 4 groups: Curriculum, Instruction, Culture Assessment and Organization. Have questions for parents. Will be providing survey to PTA to pass out. FOL=Focus On Learning. Working with small groups of students to getting their input on what Kula School's strengths and weaknesses are; what they like about school; what they wish we had. 5th graders - gave really good input and gave them homework to think about growth areas. Pass out surveys to fill out on paper.

Teacher's Report (Summer) - Had Evacuation for lower grades and upper grades will have it on 10/11. Go to the Kula Community Center. Police come to block off traffic. (Mr. B - reason we go there because fire station is unavailable. Also accessible. Restrooms and shelter.)

Kreepy Science on Monday, October 23rd. Vicki the Science Lady.

Report cards go home on October 31st.

November 1st is parent teacher conferences. Overflow will be November 8th. Will be getting a reminder with date on it.

Thinking about switching the Wednesday before HF with the Friday half day.

Science Night is October 26th in the Cafeteria. STRETCH is not doing it. 4th Grade activities at Science Night. Teachers will be there doing little presentations. Old Standards are "here it is." Next Generation standards are hands on, being able to do a performance task. Teachers are working on it. It's a work in progress. It's really new but in the long run it will be great.

(Summer) Going to offer after school Ukulele

(Demi) - reiterate Next Gen Science; Science Lady

Harvest Festival Update (Ku) - Pre-sale started. T-shirt pre sales due Oct 9th. Pre-sale calendar went home. T-shirts are not available at the HF, will be able to wear as school T-shirts. Scrip pre-sales run through Oct 16th. After that is the activity bracelet, which is good for the bouncy castles.

Silent Auction - \$14,000 value not including class baskets.

Corporate Sponsors still working on it.

Lemonade Stand - (Susan) Alyssa Frost at the Culinary Academy will be making the Simple Syrup. St John's will let us use their kitchen for juicing lemons. Coordinate 1 or 2 days with them to juice all at one time. Needs lemons donated. Call out to PTA membership. St John's will be available week of Nov 6th, 10a-4pm. Freezer space in Cafeteria? Figure out where to freeze. How much ice do we need? Low estimate is 1200 cups. Mood cups that change color - look into. More Harvest Festival Oriented. (Stacy) need coolers 3 and have preset baggies with ingredients, 5 gallon tubs from Church and (Emily) get water from local company and then use the water jug. For

ice, see if we can get donation and see how much. Tracy Edelhertz to see about water and ice donation. (Emily) how do we get the word out about volunteers for juicing? (Susan) - St John's kitchen is pretty big, so 6-8 volunteers at a time. (Stacy) need to purchase ziplocks, sugar and cups. (Susan) Figure out the cup situation. Charge about \$5 per cup and refill with the reusable cups.

Country Store (Annie) - spread the word about any type of crafts, jewelry, trying to beef up the craft section. (Mr. B) Jasmine Carbonell has jewelry.

Fundraising Options - Give Aloha update at next meeting. (Emily) met with Great American Opportunities - cookie dough and all sorts of things to sell. Representative is willing to come and talk about options. We can wait til later, after HF.

Keokea Update (Emily) - group got together and went with Mr. B to Keokea. Looking at a sign.

Other Announcements - (Annie) quick question about School Pictures - why so expensive? Do we have to use them? Not a whole lot of options.

Library Question - Tuesdays and Thursdays kids can come in during recess. Teachers can sign up to bring kids. 2 parents who are volunteering to put away books. (Annie) storytime would be fun.

(Amanda) Spelling Bee is coming up.

(Emily) Starting a new Facebook page for PTA. Decided to start a page as Kula PTA as the person and then a business page off of that account for Harvest Festival. Please tag and share page.

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

The next meeting is Wednesday November 1st, 6-7pm, room F-103.

Adjournment – 7:14 PM

Submitted by Susan Kim, Secretary