

## Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes

11/3/16 | F-103

Attendees: *Summer Petersen, Kristi Kakiuchi, Chris Bachaus, Kaya Kafka, Dionne Carvalho Daeni Ito, Amanda Shim, Melanie Devereux, Naomi McCall, Tammy Ramos, Annie Mellein, Peggy Asuncion, Jennifer Novotney, Emily Severson, Dolly Smith, Stacy Downs*

Guests: *Joe Bernd*

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Naomi McCall at 6:00 PM

Vote to approve the last meeting minutes (10/6/16) motioned approved, no objections or changes

Principal's Report: Mr. B

- Strive HI results will be released soon; gap between kids growing and those not keeping up is a concern; issue might be the test is computer-based; 1-shot test at the end of the school year. Attendance consistent at 13% absences; was 33% so this is good; could be better.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – 10/26 - difficult for staff to supervise all students while teachers are in conferences; asked for a waiver day, denied by CAS

Harvest Festival - November 18- Setup, November 19- Festival

Kula School did not qualify for Title I. We needed 47%, got 45%. This may be a statewide trend. Kula School loses \$75,000 in funding. Cannot carry over money from previous year but with DOE supplemental \$ in May and some possible funding from increased enrollment 441 we shouldn't have to worry this plan for funds should suffice so that there will be no layoffs.

You can write letters to legislators, now is a good time to do that - Is an official letter from PTA needed?

- \$1,000 of lumber was purchased for 24 10' benches for the front of classrooms grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. JD Pacific Construction will help to complete this big dream project - many thanks to them for helping it come to fruition!
- We are going to project our enrollment to be 441 for next year SY 17/18. We may consider Geographic Exceptions, to be determined - hoping for potential of extra funds next year.
- Keokea is in Phase One – Infrastructure: Clean land, power, water, restrooms; signage 5 year lease from DLNR, go from there based on improvements and progress towards big goals for the site. History of the site: the original school built in 1895 burned down in the 70's? There is an old cottage from 1918 and a shop but the wood from these two falling down structures will be saved. The BIG dream and goal is to restore school back to pristine condition. Mr. B will ask ranches in the area for fencing material. The water was turned on today. If the goal is achieved the property will be cleaned up and doubled size of our school now (foundation that the Principal will oversee). One of the program ideas is to raise and release game birds on the property. The Historical Preservation Society will be contacted about potential status and grant possibilities for the property. No Kula School money will be diverted. What's needed in the next two months are, "dad crews" to help with the wood salvage process and eventually fencing, later down the road.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Petersen

- The Halloween Parade went well – Mr. B mentioned that the kids had perfect manners and did very well. Way to go kids!
- 1 quarter assembly - GLO awards next Monday
- NO school dates this month: 8, 11, 18, 24, and 25
- Juliana Gates – website with set up examples for more and different Kula Pride outerwear that could be used as additional uniform solutions. Possible items for purchase include: Jackets, shirts, beanie hats we hope to have examples (or Photos) and potential purchase at HF PTA booth this year.
- Ag Teacher and Stretch Teacher received requested PTA funds of \$100 each
  - Thanksgiving gobbling contest received 7 turkeys (prizes) in school freezer from PTA
  - Grade-levels each received their \$200 from PTA
  - Winter break starts December 22

- Mrs. Shim reports Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 6 pm there will be a 1 hour long meeting about a special test, the Smarter Balanced Assessment interim given in January and actual assessments end march beginning of April (week on week off) less stressful 3 rd grade and up
- Why – part of DOE grading system to calculate proficiency and growth rates and calculate a school's report card FED mandated / part of principles evaluation
- Strive high for Kula school 57 % reading 51 % math
- Website HI DOE ESSA and can comment now the governor and board of education Gilbert Chun member on Maui
- Critical thinking | performance tasks include articles or essays (opinion writing)
- Can use tools but need to know how to use it – they kids have to decide (ready them in math by using word problems) Google or ixl and search by standard word problems - this is not a timed test.

#### Fundraising Updates:

- Foodland, final totals in and we received the check in the amount of 243.26 - thank you everyone
- Remember when you shop at Amazon to go through smile.amazon.com and designate Kula Elementary School PTA as the charity. PTA gets a quarterly check from Amazon.com.
- Pukalani Superette fundraiser was a huge success thanks to all of who participated and helped to make it a fundraiser that brought in over \$4,000! A very special thanks to the Fundraiser Chairs: *Dionne Carvalho and Daeni Ito who spearheaded this big money maker – Mahalo nui loa, many thanks!* Don't forget to pick up your meat at the store but if you do or happen to miss the dates for the specific meat the money will go back to the school. We only pay for the tickets that get redeemed, so thank you in advance for any forgetful donations;)

#### Harvest Festival Updates:

- PTA will have a booth potential goals for the booth will include Kula Pride items from Mrs. Gates via Ms. Peterson (see above), continued membership drive, thank you, history of the Harvest Fest or New Keokea Property Poster and a educational poster about where PTA funds come from and what they fund for the school. MC, Mr. Shim to make announcements about our booth.
- Joe Bernd spoke on behalf of the HF committee thanks Joe for coming. Joe leads the Games chair position for HF and Annie leads the country store chair. Concerns rose about succession of leadership for HF for next SY. In an effort to help a plan along for next year we requested that the names and job duties/ descriptions be listed so that PTA might send out an email to see if anyone has a particular interest in shadowing in a that field of interest for the event (11/19). Question raised about when HF meetings are held? Will there be a general HF meeting?
- Ku'ulei Mashino will not lead HF next year, PTA is looking for someone to take her place – Mahalo nui loa Ku' for all your years of service to Kula School and HF. Others will leave their positions as well and we will need to figure out a transition plan for those who will not fill the chair roles next year
- Tammy Ramos Corporate sponsor chair has raised 9,500 to date and plans to get to 10,000 – Mahalo Tammy!
- Tori fixed the square

#### Budget update: Treasurer MD

- 5,000 for start up to HF
- 25,000 PE teachers
- 5,400 to teachers
- 200 STRECH and AG
- 200 PCNC

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Emily Severson*

