



Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes - unapproved

05/13/2020 | via Zoom

Attendees: Gina Teliho, Brooke Levien, Christie Newson, Stacy Downs, Susan Kim, Mira Neil, Mr Bachaus, Lisa McClintock, Justine Malek, Cheryl Goethe, Yvonne Lang (identified by stating names verbally online)

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Gina Teliho at 6:02pm on Zoom.

Approval of Minutes last meeting – minutes were approved by Susan Kim and Stacy Downs, Gina Teliho

Principal's Report (Mr. Bachaus)

No specific Principal's report

Concerned more about social-emotional wellbeing more than academic issues.

Difficult to answer questions as information is not being passed down.

Teachers came up with plan according to grade level.

This period of time is supposed to be seen as enrichment time, no new content to be pushed.

Is confident that over time a more structured plan will be issued.

Saved about 40-50K in payroll due to not carrying some staff

State will take 2.4% off top of funds (will equal to about 40K)

Hiring freeze of non-instructional people

Teacher computers are about 5 years old and reach limit, but state has put a moratorium on purchases of tech.

Are not allowed to purchase even with the help of PTA. Also applies to tech upgrades for kids.

Hopes that when students return in the new year that Kula Elementary will qualify for title 1 funds. Will not know until next school year.

Stacy wants to know who to contact regarding the tech decision. Mr. Bachaus recommends to contact Kyle Yamashita. This is at the superintendent level.

Teacher transfer period just ended. Just hired new special ed teacher (Lisa Silva). Hired a 2nd grade teacher who comes from Kahului school. Interview was conducted for 4th grade teacher but team did not recommend hiring that person. 4th grade is still open.

Grab & go is being distributed at Kalama. Kula school is well represented.

Summer learning: Kula school was asked if they wanted to do a summer learning. Kula school has requested funds for summer school and requested funding.

For the distance learning about 50% - 60% of students are participating.

Teachers report (Justine Malek)

All teachers will be going to classrooms to close classrooms and pack up student's belongings.

One final message went out to turn in receipts.

Fundraising committee needs to be formed again.



Treasurer report:

Last time remaining funds were communicated, and ideas were put out. Ideas on how to spend the remaining funds:

Support for the school for tech (is on hold for now). Approx. 20K.

Purchase of school supplies for the next school year

We'll need to motion for the use of funds. Everyone voted in favor of tech support.

Fundraising:

Harvest Festival does not look like it will be able to take place. PTA is still looking to raise funds in one way or another (online silent auction) but everything is on hold for now.

PTA positions:

Confirmation of Brooke's position as treasurer. Everyone is in favor of Brooke.

President's position is open for next school year.

With nobody stepping forward the process will be repeated in August.

Thanks for your participation and for coming tonight everyone!

The next meeting is August 19, 2020, 6:00pm through Zoom

Adjournment – 6:54pm

Submitted by Yvonne Lang, Secretary