

**Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**8/4/2016 | F-103**

Attendees: *Brooke Levien, Ami Cerda, Marlynn Tanji, Tim Ho, Laura Tran, Joanne Green, Brendan Seykora, Monika Jost, Daeni Ito, Jennifer Novotney, Dionne Carvalho, Chris Bachaus, Summer Petersen, Kristi Kakiuchi, Allison Na'auao-Dickson, Naomi McCall, Tammy Ramos, Melanie Devereux, and Emily Severson*

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Naomi McCall at 6:04 PM

Principal's Report: Mr. B | ***The Kula Way- A Culture of Mutual Respect & Shared Responsibility***

- K-Open School PD in Mind Up, “Most Likely to Succeed”- Darrel Galera, is the principle’s principle says, “most likely to succeed in technology”.
- New 17 hr. counselor- Keith Moniz is working with boys in grades 4-5
- Collecting data from our Kindergarten parents will have results in the coming weeks
- Beginning WASC Accreditation Process- Working on the vision for a forward-thinking school
- School-wide behavior focus is on Manners
- Enrollment increase, Budgeted for 430 students - Currently 447 students – had to say no to 20 families in Pukalani who requested geographic exemption (GE)
- Four new teachers - Valerie Budnick (1), Demi Gannon (2), Julia Brennan (4), Kainoa Kaiokamaile
- Open House Date - AUGUST 11 (Thursday) 5:30-7:00- Need help with set up, come meet teacher and have spaghetti dinner
- Drop off supplies- AUGUST 29, 2016- Big Hit- Feedback
- Parent Conference Day -Wednesday **OCTOBER 26, 2016**
- First Fire Drill 8/12/16 (3 per year required)
- First Lockdown Drill 8/26/16
- At Kula School is “Pretty Good”, Good Enough?
- Harvest Festival- November 18-Set Up/NO SCHOOL, November 19-Festival, need volunteers to help to set up, run, and clean up, this is the biggest fundraiser of the year but it’s more important to see increased parent participation and time spent to help both days then is to get increased \$.

Teacher’s Report: Summer Petersen – Thank you to the PTA on behalf of the teachers at Kula for receiving checks early in the year.

Past treasurer speaks: suggested we get a computer dedicated to PTA to reduce loss of information during transfer (all in one place). Also spoke on PTA conference she attended on Oahu; shared brochures, flyers, and information, including recommendations for speakers on for media safety and gaming, Chris Duke. He would give free talk to school for cost of flight from Oahu. Naomi mentioned still figuring out budget and where to spend \$, and Keith Moniz from police department can speak to same subject without the expense. Mr. B stated that the DOE filter is very restrictive while students are accessing the Internet at school. Parents need to monitor when students are online at home.

#### Fundraisers:

Emily speaks on Foodland Give Aloha Fundraiser – Kula School will participate and anyone with a maika'i card can donate at the 32 statewide locations by entering our code: 78869. The drive runs September 1-30, 2016. You can donate 1- 249 dollars and Foodland, Sac n Save, and the Western union will match a portion. Details to come via email and flyers. Hope to set up banner at Pukalani store location.

Naomi speaks on Amazon Smile: Enter Amazon to shop via [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) - select Kula Elementary School PTA and proceed to shop as usual and proceeds will go to our school. Please tell your friends and family anywhere in the world they can shop and support Kula School this way. The old Amazon store is no longer functioning, so please use and login through [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) while shopping.

Naomi provides details on “Fire Up Your Feet”, check out the <http://fireupyourfeet.org/> and get involved in the month of October. Log in as a Kula School Member and see all the different levels. Request made to the teachers to get the PE teachers to log their activity of ~400 hours.

Tammy speaks about Harvest Fest – mentions the details that Mr. B said and reminds folks that the PTA funds PE and other fun activities that your kids love, including “Voices and Chance to Dance”. We need everyone’s support and help at Harvest Fest this year.

Open House -8/11 (next Thursday) - PTA Table

Membership Update – Welcome ALL, we have a new form 2016/17 will be online soon and you can drop it and your dues at the office

Parent-Teacher Conferences - 10/26 all day and with make-ups through Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an activity day in the field while conferences are happening sign up to volunteer and work that day before and /or after your conference until 12:30 pm day of conferences. PTA is being asked to provide the same support as last year snacks and run activities (we need your help).

#### Other announcements:

Mrs. Dickson requested \$500.00 from PTA and a call for donations from families for the school store or “gottcha” program, when you find a child doing something great they get rewarded. PTA is still figuring out where and how to allocate funds for this year. Please bring your gently used toys, nicnacs, or other donations items to the office to help with this program. Kids like: chips, fruit roll ups, fruit snacks, Cliff bars, granola bars, pretzels, pens, notebooks, sharpies, etc. (no candy please).

School cleanup or other weekend projects needed?: Mr. B’s response, School will be getting new chairs for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and maybe 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well, we will need pickup trucks to take old chairs and for e-cycle run on old computers / electronics.

Comment made by parent for folks to donate ear buds and/or headphones to the school or kids who do not have them

Yes, on yard work and painting are always helpful; Mr. B has 6 picnic tables that need to be painted

New student body President Chloe (5th grade) needs our help to institute and get her great ideas off the ground

It would help if everyone applied for free and reduced lunch whether or not you need it, <https://secure.ezmealapp.com/> , as this determines if Kula School will get Title I funds. Last year Kula School made the cut by 2 applications and received \$75,000 in funding. It is imperative to funding the school and teachers and classes if we don't get it cuts will have to be considered, and \$75,000 funds a lot!

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

The next meeting is Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm same room F-103.

Adjournment – 6:53 PM

Respectfully submitted by PTA Secretary, Emily Severson