

Kula School PTA ~~Draft~~ Meeting Minutes

9/1/2016 | F-103

Attendees: Brooke Levien, Tim Ho, Laura Tran, Dolly Smith, Jennifer Phillips, Dionne Carvalho, Summer Petersen, Kristi Kakiuchi, Laura Segaran, Tracey Edelhertz, Susan Kim, Kaya Juang, Juliana Gates, Stacy Downs, Chris Bachaus, Naomi McCall, Melanie Devereux, & Emily Severson

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Naomi McCall at 6:01PM

Vote to approve the last meeting minutes (8.4.16) motioned approved, no objections or changes
Principal's Report:

Mr. B | The Kula Way- A Culture of Mutual Respect and Shared Responsibility

- Exploring the idea of opening a fourth kindergarten class - Parent feedback solicited. The room would be set where the school store is now and Mrs. Dickson would move.
- Purchased new student chairs for the entire school for \$18,000.00. There were additional 33,000.00 from federal funding to do so. They were needed the old chairs were very old. Mr. B will be donating the chairs to the PTA. Motion approved for Mrs. Gates to look into selling the old chairs to raise funds for the PTA. School will be getting new chairs and Mrs. Gates volunteered to take on a project to gift or sell the old chairs that have been donated to PTA from the school. A vote was taken and all approved the motion.
- Beginning WASC Accreditation Process - Working on the vision for a forward-thinking school | We have to go through this process this year.
- School-wide behavior focus is on Manners
- Complex Waiver Day (Teacher Articulation) – **SEPTEMBER 16 (NO SCHOOL)** | This is happening at the Jr. High and will help to fill gaps between grade levels.
- Fall Break 10/ 10-14 /2016
- October – Superintendent checks test scores
- Parent Conference Day - **OCTOBER 26** and will continue Nov 2nd after school. Students will be involved in activities on the field while conferences are happening. Parent volunteers and supplies needed. More details to follow.
- Harvest Festival set up is **NOVEMBER 18 (NO SCHOOL) & NOVEMBER 19 is the Festival**. Need volunteers to sign up for both days. People are needed 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 funds.
- School closes at noon tomorrow in preparation for the hurricane – King Kekaulike High School is the shelter area for Kula Residents.

Teacher's Report: Summer Petersen

- Rotations have started: PE or Computer and AG Class or Hawaiian Studies. PE teachers, Miss Jen is the new Agriculture & landscape teacher, she is from Wailuku Elementary. In the next 2 weeks she'll start with older kids and move to younger kids.
- Thank you for additional \$200.00 per grade level to be use how the grade level together sees fit. Ex: Kindergarten will use 100.00 for a field trip to reduce bus costs. *Naomi reminds us about "school kitty" for additional field trip support or other needs.
- Parent Ed night 9/15 - details in the September newsletter. Deadline to sign up is 9/8.

Naomi on PTA 2016/17 Budget:

- Presents finalized budget

Noted that Harvest Fest is our biggest fundraiser. Costs reflect both funds for the committee as well as expenses such as GET.

Fundraisers: Emily & Naomi

- Emily shares about Foodland's Give Aloha Fundraiser – Kula School is participating and anyone with a maikai'i card can donate at any of the 33 locations in HI. Our organization code is 78869 or you can have them look it up by telling them Kula School. The drive runs September 1-30, 2016. You can donate \$1- 249 and Foodland, Sac n Save, and the Western union will match a portion of the funds donated. The banner is up now at Pukalani Foodland store (it's the only green one).
- Naomi speaks on amazon smile: Enter smile.amazon.com every time you shop & select

Kula Elementary School PTA. 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.

- Next big fundraising drive is "Fire Up Your Feet", check out the website with Kaiser and get involved in the month of October. Log in as a Kula School Member and see all the different levels. PE teachers, cross country, soccer, and other sports can be logged. Mr. B will encourage PE teacher to log their time and students. Please go to <http://fireupyourfeet.org/> and register or sign in. Notes added from Summer's message to the teachers: Anyone in the world can do this, just sign up with Kula School. You can even register your class and log any physical activity you do together. You could register just yourself, or your kids, or your significant other, or your parents, you can really register anybody! You log the activities you do and Kula School will get a donation. There are different categories for the donations as well, such as most newly registered, etc.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - 10/26

- 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 2:45 pm day of conferences. PTA is being asked to provide the same support as last year snacks and run activities (we need your help). Mrs. Shim and Mrs. Dickson are coordinating the event.

Wish List:

This will become a general list not an individual list that will be public on PTA and KULA school websites (not sure how managed - need to discuss more) and Mrs. Petersen will get lists from teachers and grade levels.

Other announcements:

- School cleanup or other projects: Dolly Smith proposed we look into Lowes to paint 6 picnic tables. Also that we try to fix/rig Mrs. Jody's sign for Lei Day (Brooke Levien offered to help).

- Mr. B expressed an interest in a bench (in front of each class) a dream project – Stacy Downs shared why not get construction company's to volunteer, donate materials, time, and work and may have a lead (needs dimensions?)

Mr. B mentioned a rock update in the lawn

- Juliana Gates gave out her email (gatesohana@gmail.com) and encouraged all to have a school pride booth at Harvest Fest that would maybe sell sweatshirts, tote bags (perhaps a student art contest for the kids and winners art showcased on bags), and stickers that represent "Kula Strong" proud parents. She volunteered to run the booth and start up the project. Motion made and approved for her to proceed with this idea.

- Entire conversation about Harvest Fest and how to help. Mr. B provided a helpful history of the HF which helped to define why it's a PTA fundraiser but it has a separate committee of people running it some who are on the PTA and some who are not.

- Tracy Edelhertz shared an idea to sell glow stuff as a fundraiser and to be present in the community at first or third Fridays in Makawao (have a Kula PTA or upcountry table).

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Thank you all for coming tonight! The next meeting is Thursday, October 6th, 6-7pm.

Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by PTA Secretary, Emily Severson