

Kula School PTA Meeting Minutes - *Un-Approved*

9/6/2017 | 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, Layla Heida, Daeni Ito, Monika Jost, Kristi Kakiuchi, Jody Kele, Susan Kim, Brooke Levien, Lola Lombardi, Ku'ulei Mashino, Lisa McClintock, Annie Mellein, Christie Newsom, Bartb Purdy, Laura Segaran, Emily Severson, Amanda Shim, Marylynn Tanji, Gina Teliho, JP Vorhies, Jeanne Wick

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Emily Severson at 5:57pm

Welcome & Introductions - Emily explains what the PTA does and where the money that is raised goes towards - programs for the kids. Attendees introduced themselves with name, children and grade.

Budget Review (Melanie) - Copies of budgets distributed. Total of almost \$80K to spend this year. \$55K goes to directly back to school programs including: teacher funds, PE, ukelele, art, bricksNkids, chance for dance and drama. All available because of fundraising. Some expenses: administrative pays for PTA memberships - give a portion to national; spend money on fundraising. Approval of budget: Joe Bernd moves to approve the budget and Laura Segaran seconds.

Question by Amy Cerda - Where does the Box Tops go. Jody answers - every box top the school gets \$.10. Goes toward the family events that is not covered by Title 1. PTA does not get the box top money. Goes to the school.

The programs are supported by fundraising. Much of which would not be there if there was no fundraising.

How do the teachers feel? (Joe Bernd) - Kristi Kakiuchi says they appreciate the programs. The kids love it. Mel D. interjected that her 4th grader loves the ukelele program. They will be on the Harvest Festival program from 10-10:15.

Year at a Glance (Emily) - largest fundraising event is the Harvest Festival. (Annie) Give Aloha program with Foodland or SakNSave. You can donate at the register. They will match a percentage of the donations. Last year we only made about \$250. Banner is at the Pukalani Foodland. It's statewide, so can share the code: 78869. (Susan) Membership Drive - people can sign up at kulapta.org or call Susan directly. There is a PTA mailbox for drop off of membership forms. (Emily) No "fire up your feet" program this year - program is cancelled. Brought in \$2000 last year. HARVEST FESTIVAL presales are coming up next week. November 18th is the Harvest Festival. In school on that Friday but will setup. Keokea - hoping to do an event in the winter. Need to talk to Mr. B. Amazon Smiles - get a check quarterly, certain items are eligible. Anyone in the world can do it. Spring fundraiser is in line with the plate lunch - or another idea. Selling hats on May Day. Perhaps Flatbread fundraiser??? (Daeni) May Day - sold Hawaiian plates. Sold out within ½ hour with extra. Did Bake sale by donation and drinks and hats. Hats have a new design - all are \$20. We will need a lot of baked goods in May because of May Day and also Teacher appreciation.

Harvest Festival (Ku'ulei) - 30th annual Harvest Festival! Down on field. If we don't have the Harvest Festival, we don't have the programs for the kids. Harvest Festival works with the PTA. In the past PTA President and VP used to co-chair the event, but they can choose not to - that's how Ku became chair. Looking for Chair positions for next year. Ku needs a "shadow" for next year. Can start out small volunteering and then working up to chair. HF grossed about \$68K. Runs on a small budget about \$5K- normally most are donations and it's about making the most for the kids.

Food Vendors, Crafters, Games, Hayrides, and this year a new Petting Farm with Dale and JP! Petting farm will have piglets, goats, tortoise, rabbits and trying to get a miniature horse. Trying to get puppies and kittens - spread the word. All the Chairs of the HF are on the kulapta website.

There are some ads coming out - Maui Family, Maui Times, Maui Now. Looking for a FB team. Layla to handle the FB page. Trying to get the PTA and HF website together. All forms for Silent Auction, Vendors, Corporate Sponsors are on the website - please share and pass around.

(Joe) Looking for Chairs. Everyone has a talent. Good place to start is to shadow a current Chair.

(Annie) Country Store - have help from Gina taking over the bake sale and Christina Hartman doing plants. If anyone is interested needs help with the produce and crafts/homemade goods. Would be helpful to have more like 4 or 5 people taking country store.

(Ku) Barbara needs a shadow for next year. Gretchen needs help with follow up phone calls. Susan is here for crafts and vendors next year? Barbara Purdy has been an Entertainment Chair for years - looking for shadow

(Barbara) Entertainment Chair - families wanted more students to perform so got Tina Akau to go out and petition the teachers for performances. Next ask feeder schools, like Carden. Then fill in the pukas with outside performances. She needs to talk it big time with the entertainers. How much money they will save by donating their time. 100% donated entertainment from the sound guy to the decorations and the entertainers. More money stays in the pot. Performances Grades K-4 and then King K marching and jazz, Kaina Country, High Ground, Alexander Academy and Nuff Said, Uncle Wayne. Tells that their time is what helps the kids - save a lot of money when we don't have to dish out the money. Have to start early - even before August - because the PR relies on the entertainment.

(Joe) the current parents need to step up and participate because a lot of the chairs' kids have grown. Confusion on presale of Scripts and bracelets. Can add the list of script vendors.

(Emily) PTA going to sell lemonade this year at the Harvest Festival. (Stacy) Still need to work it out. Makes a lot of money. Makes simple syrup and ice and We are just trying to do drinks.

Amanda helping to Co-Chair the Harvest Festival. Jody does volunteer stuff, so we will have a link from the website. (Jody) room rep meeting is going to happen tomorrow, then will see information trickling through the kids' classrooms to the families. Emphasized the importance of parents volunteering at the HF because it does benefit their kids - it's a 2 hour shift. It's important. It's fun. Need the parents to step up and do a shift. Include King K for their community service. (Amanda) there was a link from the e-news to sign up to volunteer. No book sale, but Deb the previous librarian is unavailable. Holly of Usborne books is having a book fair. 25% in cash or 50% in books back.

Principal's Report (Mr. B) - Thanks for being here. Over the years, it's grown because of the relationships between everyone. Proud to be the Principal. Introduced Lisa McClintock as Vice Principal - we are lucky to have her.

Friday night we are having a movie night.

No school on September 22nd - waiver day - teachers are working on a new generation of science standards. Mr. B and a small group are going to Oahu to find out about Governor. 4 year old program. 20 kids. Will be funded by Gov. Office of Early Literacy. Fully staffed this year. Finishing up self study report. Will be sent to CA. A team will be coming from CA in March to assess how we are doing - strengths and weaknesses. They will provide

feedback to the school. Kula Community Center asked to come Sept 13th to talk about Keokea and how the School is doing. Title 1 monies - we won't know til Sept 18th if we are getting Federal funding - based on free or reduced lunch, which is income based. If you know families that benefit, ask to see if they renewed it - need to sign up by a certain date. We need 48%. It's about \$70K goes mostly to the RTI and STRETCH programs and the rest goes to feeding families at open house. State program can not do food or clothes. Fed is ok with it.

Keokea - feel like moving into a different phase. JP is working diligently for a year. It's clean and mowed. Last loads of green waste. Bailey will help install electricity. Ken Ohta will install irrigation. Kaiser written grant for native plants. Mr. Tanji mowed. Mr. Devereux came in and chipped. Need transportation. Maybe spring bring kids in here. In Feb. maybe trying to get Lion Dance and Blessing - want to keep it small. Kyle Yamashita wants to bring in the state finance committee.

School has a new boss - Pukalani principal was promoted to be the complex area Superintendent - Dr. Dabinio. Also new State Superintendent.

Future status of the library? (Emily) - We have no library. It's up to the teachers - they have access. The room is being used by Amanda's program. Electronic library using tablets. We don't have a librarian and funds for one. Issue with space. More of a multipurpose room. The books are there and the teachers have access to them all. Have Chrome books for everyone.

Teacher's Report (Kristi) Thank you from all the teachers for the funding and supporting. This month we have Parent Ed Night on Sept 21st - specialists to talk about different areas. (Amanda) kids have game night in the cafeteria and the parents are able to go to two sessions - each session is 30 mins each. Jody and Amanda watch the kids while the parents go back to school. *Thank you to the teachers!*

Other Announcements - (Mel) Cross country is going. Volleyball is going.

Question about Robotics - only for 4th and 5th graders. Deadline is tomorrow. Going to do two competitions throughout the year. Have about 5-6 applications.

Problem with drop offs - drop offs are having a drop off at the top of the stairs. Holding people up from parking and going through. It is much better than it was 4 years ago. (Mr. B) - will try to get some JPO's up there. Need to reposition the forces to try to help up there.

Transportation for Keokea - still looking. It's not official, but Goodfellow Bros. has a 12 passenger van they want to give to the school. If we can get another one, we are good to go.

(Mr. B) Kids have been very nice to each other this year.

(Joe) Do more potluck! (John) Provide childcare for the meetings?

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

The next meeting is Wednesday October 4th, 6-7pm, room F-103.

Adjournment – 7:24 PM

Submitted by Susan Kim, Secretary