

## **Kula Elementary School PTA Meeting**



### **Minutes Unapproved**

**09/13/2023 via Kula Cafeteria and Zoom**

**Call to order: 6:03pm**

**Attendees: Keala Akiona, Jennifer Phillips, Melissa Davenport, Gina Castaneda, Dylan Rist, Marianne Wheeler, Melissa Derricks, Casey Kaaukai, Liezl Houglum, Mindi Hawman, Stacy McGuire, Rory O'Connor, Kamaile Makekau, Abcde Higa, Daniella Vingeler, Bryan Miller, Carmen Cook, Geraldine Albete, Matt Neal, Lauren Mekeel Behl.**

**Agenda: Printed and passed out at the meeting**

#### **1. Introduction of the PTA Board**

- a. Keala Akiona- President
- b. Jennifer Phillips- Adjunct Board Member
- c. Melissa Davenport- Secretary
- d. Gina Castaneda- Treasurer
- e. Dlyan Rist- Vice President

#### **2. Principal Update by Marianne Wheeler**

- a. Supply drop off & meet and greet went well.
- b. Water situation- From the beginning of the school year we are using a water buffalo for the cafeteria, bottled water for drinking and baby wipes for hands.
- c. Kula Elementary is in "Zone 1" on the water map, which has been cleared as of today to use. The school will use the water starting Monday 9/18/2023 after flushing the lines the rest of the week.
- d. Lead found in some of the new fixtures-same protocols as before caution taped off the affected fixtures so no one can use them, not too many are

affected. The fill stations that were installed during the summer tested OK and they can be used on Monday 9/18/23 as well.

e. Cafeteria has been boiling water from the water buffalo to wash dishes and cook.

f. 3 of our kula school families lost their homes due to the fire and we have 7 Lahaina families in school. The community has been a huge support and we are grateful.

g. First 2 weeks of school were about making sure the kids are ok and safe after the recent events.

h. 354 students enrolled this year- \$7500 per student

i. Esser funds-Able to secure 1.2 million dollars in the last two years. Asked for another \$500,000.00 in the last year. With that money we are able to staff our STEM, PE, Library, Hawaiian Studies and Tech teachers.

j. Fully staffed apart for a couple E.A. positions.

k. Playground equipment- This past Tuesday we had a playground inspection. Installment by the end of the year, equipment shipped from Germany.

l. Fences and gates to be installed to keep the deer out and help the playground from being vandalized.

m. \$6 million from the state for a certified kitchen at the keokea ag farm to process the food that is grown in the farm. No ETA.

n. Hiring a new farm teacher- 2 interviews next week.

o. Would like to start a Principal coffee hour.

p. \$64,000.00 in ESSR funds do the after-school tutoring (HA With Kumu Tina, Science and Sign Language) starting in October. Flyers went out with the kids and are due on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Fundraisers for the Year- Keala Akiona**

a. **December 2<sup>nd</sup>- King K Winter Carnival-** Kula PTA Booth "POP the Balloon" \*Volunteers needed for shifts (TBD) We pay a booth fee, but the money spent at our booth is PTA profit.

b. **December 9th Kula Christmas Craft Fair-** \$75.00 Per booth for Craft Venders & PTA Will sell food.

\*Concern is brought up about a Winter Craft Fair because it's a very Busy time of year-We may not get enough vendors and volunteers because there are other craft fairs and events going on. Suggested to instead have a "pre

sale” item (poinsettia, Santa hat, ornament, candy gram etc. for example) to sell. We also don’t want to take away from the Harvest Festival.

\*Other ideas:

1. Community imu for Thanksgiving, charge per turkey.
2. Wreath Workshop
3. Spring or Mother’s Day Fair

\*We’ll see if there are any vendors signing up and go from there.

c. **February 4<sup>th</sup> -“Show your Love”** Plant Sale & Mini Farmers Market. Heart Sale before the day.

d. PTA merch: Hats, water bottles, stickers & NEW Window decals! Cougar discount cards.

#### **4. PTA “Reflections”- National PTA Art Contest- Dylan Rist**

a. Art based contest- Categories include Visual, Film Production, Music, Dance Choreography, Photography & Literature.

b. K-12

c. Dylan is willing to head it up.

d. Deadline to register is February 2024.

e. Each student can submit a submission.

f. October 25<sup>th</sup> staff meeting Dylan will present to the teachers to see if they are interested.

#### **5. PTA Budget- Gina Castaneda**

\$70000.00 in the bank currently

a. \$15k for Harvest Festival

b. \$1000/quarter- School Wide events

c. \$500 x 2 – Field trip support for each grade level

d. \$250- Reimbursement to teachers for classroom supplies/needs.

e. \$1000- Jody support/special events

f. \$850- Staff appreciation day

\$35,000.00 for SY 2023-2024

g. Teachers bring up being reimbursed for the Praxis test- The board will discuss and let them know. Marianne suggests finding out how many people need to still take the test, a lot of the teachers may have already taken it and paid out of pocket.

6. We are looking for committee chairs for the fundraising and membership committee. We will put out a communication on Parent Square or email us at [kulapta@gmail.com](mailto:kulapta@gmail.com) if you are interested!

7. Field trip funding request and teacher reimbursement forms were sent to the teachers by Keala.

**Other Business:**

\*9/25 SCC meeting

\*9/29/23 Movie Night- PTA Will announce Membership raffle winner.

\*WASC Reports- Due this year but because of the events that occurred Mrs. Wheeler was able to get an extension for 1 year so the teachers are putting their focus on the students.

\*Next PTA Meeting will be 10/18/2023

\*Ukulele Club & Flag Football intermurals to start up

**Call to adjourn by Dylan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keala at 6:58pm**

Submitted by Melissa Davenport -Secretary