

Kula Elementary School PTA Meeting



Minutes Unapproved

01/17/2024 via Kula Elementary School Library

Call to order: 6:00pm

Attendees: VP Dylan Rist, Treasurer Gina Castaneda, Adjunct Board Member Jennifer Phillips, Secretary Melissa Davenport and 5 PTA members

Approval of December meeting minutes: Dylan noticed 1 typo to correct, minute approval delayed till next meeting.

Principle's Report-Marianne Wheeler

1. The Keokea Ag Farm kitchen funding is being approved after getting paper work to the DLNR for a "set aside" and right of entry to the land. Keith Hayashi, May Nakahata, Kyle Yamashita won't lapse the funding (6.5 million) for the kitchen. There will be a certified kitchen and home economic kitchens.
2. Board of Directors has been setup for the Keokea Ag Farm to start a foundation "Friends of Kula Elementary and Keokea" to apply for grants (to help pay for positions in the school) and to accept donations.
3. Photovoltaic for the Ag Farm is in the process of being approved this week.
4. STEM teacher and the Garden teacher are working together to make plans once everything is up and running at the Ag Farm.
5. PSL due in 2 weeks
6. 1st grade iready diagnostics were all green and yellow, no red, meaning all students are at grade level or above. Only school in the state that didn't have any red.
7. 1 teacher retiring in 5th grade & 1 teacher in 4th grade leaving in the new year.
8. SPED teacher cuts- projected next year to have 30 or so SPED children.
9. Acquired an additional \$125,000 in ESSER funds to spend by June 30th 2024.
10. Got a call this week that Kula School will be a CEP school, which means for the rest of the year all students will have free lunch- Date to be announced.
 - a. It's important for all families apply for free and reduced lunch (at the beginning of the year, every year) so we can qualify to be a CEP school, because free lunch also means we can get free bus.

11. Title one monies from this year are applied towards the NEXT school year- Next year they will be used for our Response to intervention teacher
12. Harvest Festival monies will pay for buses to Keokea & our garden teacher.
13. The school is asking the PTA for \$21000.00 for PE and dance (board to discuss).

PTA Fundraising- Keala and Dylan

Valentines Candy Gram

1. \$1/ candygram- Order form to go out in the kids green folders (Keep an eye out!)
2. Order as many as you want, orders and money due by February 5th.
3. Delivery to the kids the Monday before Valentines day to be handed out on February 14th.
4. We will be sure that every student gets a candy gram.

Show Your Love for Kula School

1. Plant and paper heart sale- Sunday February 4th 9am-2pm at the Kula school cafeteria
2. Plants- Dylan will be growing a variety and some will be donated from local nurseries.
3. Paper Hearts will go out in our kids green folder to decorate and return to the PTA.
These hearts will be used to collect donations and will be: **VP Dylan Rist, Treasurer**
Gina Castaneda, Adjunct Board Member **Jennifer Phillips, Secretary**
Melissa Davenport hung up in the cafeteria for Valentines decorations.
4. Possibly getting a small amount of produce donated to also sell.

Teacher Report- Casey Kaukai

1. Teachers are asking for a quicker response to the request for the field trip payments so they know that their Field Trips are a go!

Other Business

1. On Tuesday January 9th the school closure came late to the principals at 6:27am hence the late notice to the parents about the school closure. Going forward if the complex area superintendent doesn't make the call by 5am then schools will remain open.

Call to adjourn meeting by Keala and seconded by Melissa at 7:11pm

Submitted by Secretary Melissa Davenport

