

Kula Elementary School PTA Meeting



Minutes Unapproved

03/08/2023 via Zoom

Call to order: 6:08pm

Attendees:

President Ashiya Carter, Treasurer Gina Castaneda, Vice President Dylan Rist, Secretary Melissa Davenport, Carmen Cook, Leizl Houglum, Marianne Wheeler, Haley Callahan, Jonathan Goethe, Miyalei Hee & Casey Kaukai

Approval of last meeting minutes : Approved

Agenda- Shown at beginning of meeting via Ashiya's Computer

*Call for Approval of December & January Meeting Minutes – Approval 2nd by Dylan Rist

PTA FUNDRAISING -By Dylan Rist/Ashiya Carter

1. Cougar Card Fundraiser
 - a. \$20
 - b. 15 local vendors
 - c. Thousands of nation brands (3rd party website)
 - d. Online sales-produced by the company that creates the cards
 - e. Possible sells at Kulamalu Farmers Market
 - f. Need to Sell at least 400 cards
 - g. The company accrues the sales (online) and once we close out the website the company cuts us a check.
2. La Ohana Day Friday May 12th 2023
 - a. PTA to set up tent/table
 - b. Sell Coffee, baked goods (Need volunteers to head bake sale)

- c. Sell cougar cards
- d. Kula El Merchandise sales-hats, towels, beach towels, bumper stickers, stickers, light sweaters, tote bags. Pre order- slight discount for pre orders & pick up on that day.
*Carmen Cook asked what does it mean to coordinate it? Ashiya answers: Get volunteers to sign up, get a variety of products, making sure everything is packaged and labeled with ingredients & coordinate drop off at school at appropriate time.

*In the chat Carmen and Leizel would like to possibly cochair the baked goods portion of the La Ohana day fundraiser

Fall Fundraiser Idea

Maui Slice Pizza Ashiya is in contact with the owner– Coordinate it during the summer to have in the fall so the owner has time to prep for the sales. He is a participant in the Cougar Card discount fundraiser. It's a good idea to help out a local new up and coming business owner.

*Marianne suggests asking Maui Slice owner to be a food truck at Harvest Festival.

Treasurer Gina Castaneda Reports on Show Your Love Fundraiser

Successful event enjoyed by the community and school!

1. Between the Farm box sales, plant sales & heart donations we raised about \$5900.00.
2. Minus expenses of \$885.00 (discounted produce etc we had to pay for) total raised \$5012.00.

We want to say thank you for ALL The volunteers that helped us that weekend for everything because without them these events couldn't have been possible!

Shout out to Mrs. Ogle for trying to call families at the end of the day who couldn't get their boxes. Any unclaimed boxes were donated to the food bank at the end of the day.

Other Business

1. School community council – the board is asking for volunteer(s) to attend the monthly meeting as a PTA representative and report back at the next meeting. This is to ensure we get the information in case a PTA board member isn't available to attend. Please let the PTA board know if you are interested.
2. We want to open up nominations for 2023-2024 school year PTA board members. This way we can vote at the April meeting and have the board elect and current board attend the May meeting so we can transition to the new year smoothly.

A. Ashiya Nominates Dylan Rist for President for 2023-2024 n school year.

1. Dylan Accepts nomination

Principle Report by Marianne Wheeler

*Shared the SCC meeting minutes and advises that the meeting minutes can be found on the school website. In the last meeting they discussed academic financial plans for the upcoming school year.

1. Changes based on WASC (western association of schools and communities) accreditation program.
2. 2 year process.
3. Last one was for 6 year with 3 year visit.
4. Last one happened during COVID so it was virtual
5. They are writing the plan for the next 6 years, next year is another visitation year.
6. C.N.A and WASC drive the academic and financial plan on how the school is doing business.

1. She met with superintendent Hayashi- they let us know that we are apart of the initiative for a new playground.
2. New playground being planned, the school wants the kids input.
 - A. Two new playground equipment, one for ages 2-12 and one for 5-12.
 - B. Student council went around to the classes to see what the kids wanted.
 - C. Google form went out to all the students to get their input.

3. Gazebos will be worked on during spring break
4. Keokea project going well we put in a Grant to the Strong Foundation for 45k to put photovoltaic battery back up and cameras electricity. Classroom design being redone because there needs to be room for a fire truck to come down and turn around.
 - a. Working with Mae (with the SCCA) to get two grants: one with the USDA for cover crops and the other is for hydroponics. The possibility to sustain our farm for a long time and to involve seniors and kids together.
5. Working on developing a Kula School Foundation for the school and the farm to support the school-we can also get grants through the foundation and donations through an anonymous source. No competition with the PTA because the foundation doesn't do fundraising, they get grants and donations. The monies also don't need to be spent like the PTA, it can be held and spent in different ways.
6. Hired 3 General educators for next school year, 4th, 1st & 3rd grades. Marianne was transparent and posted all the positions that we had available, so everyone was able to apply and get it out to all the teachers who were qualified and wanted to work with our school. There will be no new postings "next round".
7. Student count for 2022-2023 sy around 370
8. Projected student count for 2023-2024 sy 357
 - *A member asks if they are in the works of hiring a STEM teacher. Marianne said there's no plans for a specific STEM teacher, but the DOE has a goal of getting a librarian in every school by 2026.

9. Opportunity for a floating position to help kids that need more help or to excel the kids that are already progressing well.

*Gina asks is there a resource to find out more about our teachers? Marianne says that our new website they're working on should have more information about our teachers.

*Casey Kaukai asks if the PTA was doing any reimbursement for Teacher Personal Development and deadline for teacher reimbursement.

*Ashiya responds that we don't have the budget for personal development.

*Gina lets us know that May 5th is the last deadline for teacher reimbursement.

*Marianne brings up the meeting between Ashiya, Dylan and the school met to bring up some new procedures for field trips, working on them now. PTA supports field trips, but if a last minute grant comes up, the monies collected will be held for the NEXT field trip coming up for the same group of students. The students that have already paid into the field trip will be the ones to receive the benefits of the funds.

*Staff luncheon (during teacher appreciation week) just let them know if we need any tables, chairs etc. and possibly have it in the new gazebos.

*In the future we will discuss what field trips will be funded in the current PTA meetings. Try to get them in 2 weeks before the Next PTA meeting to able to discuss and agree and announce during that PTA meeting. This way the PTA and other families will know what grades/classes are going where and when, rather than just those classes going.

Call To Adjourn 7:04pm

Submitted by- Melissa Davenport Secretary