

## Kula Elementary School PTA Meeting



### Minutes Unapproved

**05/23/2023 via Cafeteria**

**Call to order: 6:08pm**

#### **Attendees: Board Members:**

President Ashiya Carter, Treasurer Gina Castaneda, Vice President Dylan Rist, Secretary Melissa Davenport, Mandy Nolan, Tracy Piligrin, Marianne Wheeler, Geraldine Albete, Emily Gourlay, Liezl Houglum, Tiffaney Brooke, Keala Akiona, Jennifer Phillips, Kadey Hausman, Frank Abreu, Tracy Piligrin & Megan Ogle

**Approval of last meeting minutes:** Approved

#### **Agenda-**

\*Call for Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Move to Approved by Gina Castaneda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dylan Rist.

#### **Year In Review for the PTA**

##### **1. Campus Improvement Day**

\*Consensus is that it was a great experience. Good for the students to take pride in their school, good getting to know you volunteer opportunity, great start to getting the campus clean for the year ahead and we definitely want to have more next year, hopefully one a quarter.

##### **2. Show your Love for Kula school**

\*Farm boxes were a hit! If we did something like that again we need phone numbers on the forms to call folks that didn't pick up their boxes.

\* The plant sale was a huge success. It brought in the community that hadn't bought a farm box. Although Sunday was a hard day for some it worked out because we had folks stop in before and after church.

\*Next year we want to try and contact some of the business and folks that don't donate to Harvest Festival to get "Heart" donations in advance.

### 3. **Cougar Card Selling**

\* We still have a lot of cards to sell

\* Possibly have the teachers help hand out forms at the beginning of the year

\* HSTA Has money collecting policies we need to look into.

\*Hopefully we can get a classroom parent in each class to help with these types of things for the next school year.

4. **Reimbursement for Teachers**- \$250. Some teachers took advantage of this. Nice addition to the ESSER funds.

5. **Field trip support**- Funded at least 1 field trip (transportation etc.) for each grade. PTA was also able to help get some outside funding for these trips.

PTA will continue to support field trips next year.

6. **Staff appreciation day:** Maui Cones catering was a hit!

### 7. **La Ohana Day**

\*Great Turn out

\*Gross profit \$2900!

\* Hats were a big hit (we will order more)

\* Donated Baked goods were great! Thank you Carmen Cook for getting everything coordinated that day!!

### **Principle Review Marianne Wheeler:**

1. Hired 3 new teachers for SY 2023-2024. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & 1<sup>st</sup> grade. & Ms. Piligrin is now a Special Education teacher.
  2. New STEM teachers which will be included in the rotations.
  3. Rotations for SY 23-24 include: PE, STEM, Garden, Computer, Dance & Hawaiian Studies. Possibly music. Maybe have the kids pick to rotate what they would like. STEM and PE will be every week even if it's not a rotation week.
  4. Art teacher: TBD based upon funding from PTA (See how Harvest Festival goes)
  5. Full time librarian will be starting soon so funding will be needed for that.
  6. ESSR Tutoring next SY- possibly for Art as well
- \* It was brought up if MEO bus transportation would be available for the kids that don't have a ride home after tutoring.
7. The Strong Foundation awarded our school a \$45,000. Grant for PVC out at the Keokea Ag project. If the PTA can take in the money the funds will be available sooner and Haleakala Solar believes being a non profit that PTA could possibly take advantage of the \$9000.00 tax credit.
  8. 7 million towards a new cafeteria

### **Board Member Voting**

1. Paper ballots given out to current PTA members (checked off as ballots were given.)
2. Turned in to a closed folder.

Nominees for President include: Keala Akion & Dylan Rist

Nominee for Adjunct Board Position: Jennifer Phillips

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm

Voting Results:

President: Keala Akiona 14 Votes Dylan Rist: 3

Adjunct Board Position: Jennifer Phillips 17

Submitted by Melissa Davenport Secretary