

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INC.
BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: President Lei Fukumura called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. in the MES Library. Dinner provided by Maddie Ledda, PTO Hospitality chairperson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lei Fukumura, Carol Nishita, Susie Okumura, Ben Meyer, Carol Mann-Molay, Lauren Kamikawa, Malcom Murasaki, Maddie Ledda, Daryl Kanayama, Gail Chang, Gladys Lin, Melissa Au, Garry Au, Kevin Shojinaga, Aolani Yamasato-Gragas

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the October 12, 2011 minutes were distributed and approved as amended (date will be corrected to reflect October 12, 2011).

TREASURER'S REPORT: no statement at this time.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT:

- Calendar of events: We just completed our school evacuation drill with the middle school. Changes will take place. Location will be changed. One problem was ants on the hill. The location will move to courts under the freeway.
- HSA kickoff assembly today. Nov 3-10th is the 1st round of HSA testing. Reminders: get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, get to school on time, and refrain from scheduling any doctor's appt.
- Fun Fair will be held on Nov 18th
- Holidays: Veteran's Day on Nov 10th and Thanksgiving Nov 24th, no school on the 25th.
- Nov 28th: If anyone would like to attend Data Team training at Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. Ben thanks the PTO for the payment of Hale Ikena. At this time, no one from the PTO is interested in attending.
- Updates: We will soon have a crossing guard. Paper work was put in but right now HPD is focusing on APEC. She's interested but will have to be trained at a later time.
- Questions? Ants near F-bldg where kids get picked up. Custodians have taken care of isolated incidents. Ben will look into it. Another parent mentioned that Kindergarten class carved pumpkin in class and ants were in class.
- Questions?
 - Are the teachers going to teach about APEC? Ben said that teachers use their professional judgment on whether to cover APEC.
 - Status on the Kindergarten playground? Linda Luke, Complex Administrative Services, in touch with contractor.

TEACHER REPORT: Teachers' /Technology report by Carol Nishita:

- Teachers visited Shafter Elementary classrooms to observe math classes.
- Light bulb exchange. 3rd graders having a booth to trade in incandescent bulbs for CFLs at the Fun Fair.

PCNC REPORT: PCNC facilitator, Susie Okumura reported the following:

- October events: Family pictures (50 sittings including newborns, grandparents, pets!); Flu Shot Clinic; Pumpkin Mania
- Nov 29th: All class pictures, Nov 30th: Service Group pictures/ new students
- Nov 30th: What's Up at MES? Informal parent session.
- Jr. Engineering night, Deana Hayashi, Dec 7th, charge \$1 for meal
- Comment: a coworker of Lei was so impressed with the family photo sitting!

Committee Reports:

FUNDRAISING: Entertainment Book: we started with 300 books. We currently have 100 books or less. Costco is currently selling the Entertainment Book for \$20. Suggestion made to set a date to cut off sales. Malcom will fulfill all the orders that have come in.

FUN FAIR: The meeting will take place at 6 P.M. tonight in the Cafeteria.

HEALTH & FITNESS: Tammy talked to Lori Shimoda and will talk to Susie about the Chaminade event. She will still need to talk to Mr. Wong, PE teacher. Lei asked if there was a way to get kids interested in health and fitness. Maybe we can hold a fair to see if people would sign up for extra curricular activities. There would be liability issues, issues on endorsing only one vendor and not others, but we don't want to pass up on opportunities to offer kids these activities.

MILITARY LIASON: Daryl reported about the Military Cultural Training. Partnership with DOE. If teacher attended, one project was to welcome military families to the school. Student Council will begin a program to help welcome new students to our school. Mr. Meyer stated that we will improve the military transition center at our school.

ARTS & CULTURE: Manny will contact the Grade 5 GLC for more information on the art mural project.

MEMBERSHIP: Thank you Ms. Nishita to get more teachers to join. We recently received 10 additional members: 9 teachers/ faculty, 1 family membership.

T-SHIRT: 5 more t-shirt orders came in.

ORCHESTRA: Mr. Hamano planning Winter concert, usually the last class before Winter break in room F1.

MANPOWER: Main focus is on fulfilling Fun Fair needs. Since last meeting, we have had the following positions filled: Fun Fair Hairspray/ Facepainting Booth Chair (Yong Kaneshiro) and Fun Fair Silent Auction Chairs (J Karr and Lei Fukumura, who are also holding other positions in the Fun Fair). Outstanding positions for the Fun Fair are GLC for various grades, Clean Up Chair for Saturday.

Requests for Fun Fair volunteers have been ongoing. Another notice has been sent out via email to parents and on the kindergarten and PTO bulletin boards to remind them to sign up for shifts. If you have not yet signed up to help for a shift or two, please do so tonight.

If your committee requires more volunteers for an event, please let Gail know ahead of time and we will try to drum up volunteers. We are trying to get more people involved, and there are some people who may have not signed up to be actively involved in a committee, but would be willing to help out at events. Since we generally use the website/email for communication, you will need to give us at least a few days notice to get the word out. Alternately from going through Manpower, you can also email Lyanne Figart at the MESPTO website with your own message.

OLD BUSINESS: Aloha `Aina event is set for March 24th, 2012. It will be a joint effort with Moanalua Middle School and community partners. We're still looking for a PTO VP and PTO Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: A suggestion was brought up to move PTO meeting time to the 2nd Wed of each month. It was decided to keep the meetings on the 1st Wed of each month with the exception of the December meeting to accommodate the SCC meetings covering the Academic Financial Plan for MES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next PTO Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Cafeteria. SCC Community meeting on December 7th. Regular SCC meeting on December 14, 2011 at 4:30 PM in the Library.

ADJOURNMENT: President Lei Fukumura adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Submitted by:
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