

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INC.  
BOARD MEETING  
April 4, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Lei Fukumura called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. in the MES Library.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lei Fukumura, Gloria Matsumura, Carol Nishita, Susie Okumura, Ben Meyer, Carol Mann-Molay, Lauren Kamikawa, Gail Chang, Melissa Au, Lyanne Figart, Sandra Hoggan, Daryl Kanayama, Tammy Giusta, Terri Kimura, Debra Thompkins, Ella Tiletile

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Copies of the March 7, 2012 minutes were distributed and approved as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Melissa Au is still in transition period. She met with Robb Taone to go over things. She can be contacted at [Melissa.au@moanlaupto.org](mailto:Melissa.au@moanlaupto.org). Lauren will pass on contact information to teachers.

**ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT:** Mr. Meyer reported the following:

Calendar of events:

- 4/6- No school on Friday
- 4/9- Singapore Math training. We are looking at it a math program for the next school year.
- 4/13- GE Lottery (8:15am in the library)
- 4/20- Military Appreciation breakfast and "What's up at MES?" Principal Coffee Hour
- 4/21- MoHS PD conference w/ Sue Gendron as keynote speaker.
- 4/24- Earth Day movie
- 4/25- PTO Staff Appreciation Day
- 4/26- JPO Drill competition
- 4/27- Grade 6 Drama Performance, `Olelo Finalist Awards luncheon. Three of our students were the finalists in the "Be A Jerk" category.
- 5/2- PTO mtg (Students will be dismissed at 2:10pm)
- 5/4- May Day (Students will be dismissed at 1:20pm)

- Playground equipment: Students have been using it since last week. The children using the Kindergarten playground castle area are enjoying it. Students in the upper grades can use the web on articulation days.
- Electrical upgrade mtg... great news. We are a part of a system to upgrade our circuits. After upgrade, capacity will be at a higher level. We'll also get more outlets in the classroom and outlets for technology. Upgrade will take place January next year.
- Ben thanks everyone for support of Aloha `Aina. Purpose wasn't a fundraising event but to help the community.
- Fun Run will allow us to buy 18 iMAC computers for the classrooms. Admin will buy 2 more so that each class in grades 2-6 will get a new computer. Thank you for the support.

**TEACHER'S REPORT:** Parade of Orchestras on 4/6/12, 8am, Pearl City Cultural Center. The Chorus will be singing at the MoHS Craft Fair on Sat, 4/28. We are also busy preparing the kids for May Day so we hope everyone can come.

**PCNC REPORT:** Susie reported that the last issue of her parent newsletter went out and it is the only time you'll get a yearbook order form and a skills book order form. Deadline is MAY 4<sup>th</sup> (firm deadline.) There will be 2 more "What's Up at MES?" Coffee Hour sessions: one on Fri, 4/20 right after Military breakfast 7:55am, and on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, afternoon coffee hour at 5:30pm.

**TECH REPORT:** Mr. Meyer reported that the school website has been updated and it will be providing more information. Keep checking back.

### **Committee Reports:**

**ORCHESTRA:** Lei confirmed that Starlight is on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MILITARY LIASION:** Flyer will come out soon and will be posted on the website. We also have an art contest on the side. April is the month of the Military Child. Daryl hung the banner out on Kindergarten fence. For teachers, it is encouraged to attend the Military Cultural training. It will help the transition of the children. It is held at UH. Daryl sent Ben the information. Ben will put it in the weekly bulletin.

**PORTOFOLIO:** Portfolios have been ordered and we will have stuffing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day for teachers.

**ALOHA AINA:** It was a very successful day. Student Council decided to give the proceeds collected from Recycling Hi-5 (\$300) to the Humane Society. Collection of materials: aluminum 184lbs this year compared to 146lbs last year. Glass: 406lbs this year vs. 610lbs last year. Shred-It: 119 people who shredded their box for free, then 57 boxes were shredded for \$5 each. \$310 came in for Shred It alone. We have an aging community and we can get the Penske truck that will help to pick up things they can't bring down on their own. Yard sale: it worked out well. PTO did a donation table. Sandra wrote out thank yous. Kids did an awesome job on KITV 4 morning news to help promote the event. It's good to push it out on TV, radio, print. Military helped too. Feedback and comments are welcomed for next year. We brought in a little over \$800 to share between 2 schools... MES & MMS.

Kala Kokua. We sold over 1400 pieces. Profit is \$6000. Extra donations from yard sale was donated to Penny Carnival for A+.

**FUNDRAISING:** Ward Warehouse "Give and Get" certificates were sold for \$10 each. They were sold during movie night and at Aloha `Aina. We made \$350 profit.

**HEALTH & FITNESS:** Tennis clinic: about 75 sign ups. Kyle Kaneshiro is running an amazing program. He handed out a flyer to start lessons and will open it up because of what we started. It starts April 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday class and Saturday class) \$90 for 6 lessons with a free tennis racquet. They want to give back to the community as well. Kyle wanted to have his students give back to the community and in turn they recruited some students.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Elections: need candidates needed for all positions. If you're interested please let Alan Serikawa know.
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation: Gail sent out flyers for parents and invitations to teachers. Some activities planned for afternoon include: Healing Touch, cooking class, Zumba, tai chi relaxation. Collections have been slow and so another reminder will be sent out.
- Teacher wish list: Did teachers want to continue with this? Response: We will get back to you later.
- Budget- creation: teachers were asked to submit their wish list for the budget. Mr. Meyer will give the lists to Lei and budget committee after he reviews it (by 4/17). Committee chairs are asked to look at this year's budget and give Lei their budget request by 4/17. Needs to be drafted before the May 2<sup>nd</sup> mtg.

Question asked about Grade 2 and 6 drama. Is that every year? Teachers determine if it fits in the curriculum and the PTO supports it financially.

Question: do we have interaction with middle and high school for drama? Do they perform for us? The middle school does a Christmas performance. We have a complex concert. A lot is done through the music program.

Mentioned about the "sugar" event. Lori Shimoda was trying to plan something but this year. PTO could look into doing something for that. Jeff Wong getting in touch with Health Fair (Tripler). Response from Mr. Meyer: Before planning this kind of event please check with administration but we need to weigh things/options because there's so much going on. We may have to weigh our options and I may not be able to support that.

Secret cheer up folder. Mr. Chinaka will be out for 6 weeks due to recovery from surgery. Maybe kids can make a joke book for him or a cheer up. Thank you to Carol and Gail need for help with this.

PTO can support programs financially. PCNC has good resources and utilize what's around you.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- General Membership approved budget amendment up to \$5,000 for courtyard lights. Last year, teachers watched their spending and most of the teachers didn't spend all of their funds last year.
- Mr Meyer: Spoke with Mr. Kon from Alliance for Drama Education. He apologized as there was an error. Two invoices were sent and the lower one is the correct one.
- Process should be that the report should look at how much is already spent.
- Entertainment books were not so good to do. We looked into another one type of fundraiser. Credit card with various vendors and you get discounts. The cost is \$5 and profit is \$5. Prizes will come out of their funds. They are asking what vendors we want on there and the company will go out and ask if they would like to help us by going on the card. We will do this at the beginning of the school year. Any questions, ask Carol or Sandra. If you have businesses that you would like to go on the card, put requests in email: [shoggan@moanalupto.org](mailto:shoggan@moanalupto.org). Plan to talk about it at Open House and launch it end of September or mid- September. Any objections? Does it sound like a good idea? Card good for 1 year.

**RAP:** Overall: 20% participation. Grade K and 2 have the most participation. If anyone has ideas for the last push to get children to participate that would be appreciated. Sandra mentioned that left over RAP prizes were sold at the Aloha `Aina day event.

Summer School: not here. It is in the newspaper today. As for our complex, we are not having summer school.

Were the bus schedules for May Day week taken care of? Carol Mann will call the military buses tomorrow.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Board meeting is on May 2, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Lei Fukumura adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by:  
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