

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INC.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Lei Fukumura called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M. in the MES Library.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lei Fukumura, Lauren Kamikawa, Robb Taone, Gail Chang, Manny Salvador, Tammy Giusta, Maddie Ledda, Daryl Kanayama, Debra Thompkins, Ben Meyer, Carol Mann-Molay, Shawn Hanakawa, Ella Tilitile, Susie Okumura, Kevin Shojinaga, Carol Nishita, Gloria Matsumura, Lyanne Figart, Melissa Au, Stephen Figart, Malcom Murasaki, Sandra Hoggan, Robert Hoggan,

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (L. Kamikawa) Minutes from the July 6, 2011 and the August 3, 2011 meetings were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Robb Taone distributed the report. Current balance is \$27,274.25. Some payments still haven't been made for last year. Report was approved as submitted.

**ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT:** Mr. Meyer thanked everyone for coming.

- Faculty update: Lauren Weeks- Gr 4 teacher. We started UH cohort program: Nanett Arakawa, Sherri Koide, Tiffany Chinen, Jacque Oribio will be cooperating teachers for the cohort students. We have a student teacher on campus from University of Phoenix, Tandi Arakaki. She's teaching with Chrystie Cobb.
- Update Aloha 'Aina event. We will postpone it till the spring. Several situations caused it to be postponed. It will be rescheduled for next March or April.
- Thank you to PTO for the help with our Open House. Mahalo for the apples for the staff and to the Boy Scouts for posting colors and passing out apples.
- Calendar updates: "Taste of Moanalua" will help with our meal counts in the cafeteria for the month of September. We are bringing more parents and families into the school to eat with their child. For the next 3 Wednesdays, we will have parent workshops in conjunction with an opportunity to eat with your child. The first two workshops will talk about a new math online program called, "iXL". The last workshop is on Common Core State Standards
- We purchased new math program. iXL so parents can help child at home with homework. Data is there because it is timed and you can see how much they got right, wrong, etc.
- Funding: JVEF has given funding in the past for textbooks and technology.
- Moanalua Gardens Community Association presented a \$300 check to be used for building relationships with faculty and community.
- Principal coffee hour: 9/27/11, 5:30 PM, MES Library
- Next week Monday: McTeachers night at Salt Lake McDonalds 5-8pm. This will help to raise funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Big Island trip.
- No updates on the playground equipment.
- Safety Issue: Cars are stopping in the cross walk. Near misses in the parking lot and where JPO was almost hit. When buses have their stop sign out, please stop. They are collecting

data about the traffic. There's talk of making the road between the elementary and middle school a right-turn only.

- Community meeting: Thur, Oct 13, 2011, 4:30 PM in MES Library. 1st of 2 community meetings required of SCC.

**TEACHER'S REPORT:** Mrs. Matsumura reported: In articulation days, the teachers are working with Mrs. Kamikawa on getting to know Common Core Standards and a more rigorous curriculum. Teachers will be attending many workshops (ie, Singapore Math, Performance Assessment workshop)

Service Groups started. This involves students in grades 4, 5, and 6. All involved in a Service learning project. Groups include Student Council, Tech Busters, JPO, Media Club, Library Club, Latin dance, Academic Coaches, K-Skills, 'Ohia.

**PCNC REPORT:** Principal's Coffee Hour in the morning and picture taking went well. Upcoming events: HSA meeting, 3 sessions of "Taste of Moanalua", HSA test prep meeting (targeting 3rd grade or new families; it will be a hands-on event; Mr. Nakasone will have parents get on the test web site), Oct 15 is the family photo sessions (school photographer will donate the sitting fees and give you a CD with images). Look for flyer from Susie.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fundraising:** small pizza sale at Open House. We bought 18 pizzas, but only sold 17. Also sold bottled water. Total \$501.25 gross collected. Profit was \$313.44. Leftover pizza went to those who helped out that evening.

**Entertainment books:** Part of the flyer is going out. Just have to print out the order form. Will try to get it out next week to the teacher boxes. Please let teachers know that the e-book brochures will be out in the teachers boxes. We will not give out the books this year. The leaflet will give the families a little about it and what they can win. Family group can bundle their sales up for the prizes. Books are in the room right now so we have books on hand in case parents want to buy a book to show their families.

Mr. Ross... He wants to donate his services to us where we could get printed signs. Perhaps Lyanne can post it on the website to thank Ross and acknowledge his company.

**Membership:** Anne couldn't make it. Manny reported that as of today, 191 people signed up to be members. \$3080.20 collected for memberships. \$1030 collected in donations.

**Manpower:** Gail Chang reported that 44 people signed up to help before Open House. We got an additional 40 people that signed up at Open House. They have been contacted or their chairpersons have been contacted. One parent, Jay Carr will help Fun Fair. He will shadow Lori Shimoda. 44 families wanted to help as noted on Anne's membership form. Manpower form on the PTO website for people to fill out. Thank you to Lyanne for posting info on website.

### **PROGRAMS:**

**Arts & culture:** need to follow up on contacting Academy of Arts for mural

**Health and fitness:** Tammy Giusta reported: “Germs on Me” program: Lori Shimoda looking for someone to look into this program. Tammy needs to get in touch with Jeff Wong. She talked to Bobby Chinaka about salad bar shutting down this year. She's looking for ways and ideas from teachers. Manpower was main idea to why we didn't have salad bar. Mr. Meyer says Bobby is looking at it and bringing something back.

Parent question: Is there a way for cafeteria to serve alternative meals? Mr. Meyer responded by saying it would be difficult for Mr. Chinaka to deviate from what his menu offers. The school sends home the lunch menu monthly so parents and students can plan to bring home lunch.

**Hospitality:** Maddie apologized for missing last month's meeting. She introduced Kevin Shojinaga as the new member of the Hospitality committee. He will help Maddie.

**Military:** Daryl reported that Shafter opened a new student center. They handle all before- and after-school activity for military children. For child development center, this is the 2nd yr for Strong Beginnings program. Brad Momohara agreed to help out.

**R.A.P. chair:** Deborah is the new chair. If there is any ideas or suggestions, let her know as this is her first year. There are 8 volunteers including her on the committee. The calendar is out and posted on the website. At the end of the month, when teachers turn in their coupons, they'll go through it and the coupons will be posted. Teacher added that the children like looking at the R.A.P. board!!!

**T-shirt:** T-shirts delivered yesterday. Thank you to Mrs. Mann-Molay for helping. It will be delivered soon. 801 units sold resulting in \$6702 so far. We need help to distribute the t-shirts to the classrooms. If parents can help, please meet Ms. Mann-Molay in the office tomorrow morning.

**Website:** If you order anything from Amazon, we get money if you click on the link on PTO website.

**OLD BUSINESS:** PTO by-laws. Who is eligible to be members. See separate flyer. Discussion took place and voting will not take place tonight because we need to give prior notice.

**PTO By-Laws:** see attached for proposed amendments.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Lei Fukumura adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Submitted by:  
Lauren Kamikawa  
MES PTO Secretary