

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: President Sandra Hoggan called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M. in the MES Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Hoggan, Robert Hoggan, Lei Fukumura, Landy Shiroma, Lauren Kamikawa, Maddie Ledda, Susie Okumura, Malcom Murasaki, Maydean Martin, Carol Mann-Molay, Jamie Oshiro

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (L. Kamikawa) Minutes from the February 2, 2011 meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Actual vs. Budget print out was distributed. The items that have zero in the "actual" column are items that were budgeted for but have not been funded yet. Report will be prepared for General Membership meeting.

TEACHER REPORT: (L. Shiroma)

- Will ask teachers to spread word on Aloha `Aina Day. There will be a 6th grade booth to help with Promotion Ceremony fundraising. It will be a garage sale booth. They will also be having a bento sale (pick up at room P7). Sandra added that the teachers are key to getting the word out to the students.
- Sandra also mentioned that Mrs. Louise Katahara sent a thank you card for the teacher support monies.

PCNC REPORT: (S. Okumura)

- Family movie night flyer was distributed. The feature film will be *Wall-E* (Connection to Aloha `Aina day and Going Green). A Picnic Pack (6" Subway ham or turkey sandwich, baked chips, and bottled water) will be offered for \$4. RSVP is March 10th.
- Erin Uchida from the rec center has asked to put swim info in the next newsletter.
- Cyber safety workshop is being planned for April 21st, 6pm. This is a workshop for parents only... no children allowed.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT: (J. Oshiro)

- F2 Computer Lab almost complete. Technology is improving at MES.
- Irrigation project on Kindergarten field to take place during Spring Break. Alan Shintani contractor will install irrigation system. The grass planting will take place during the 1st week of summer.
- Principal Coffee Hour: took a tour of the campus, talked about F2 lab and grass project, and introduced possible CIP for next year: drop off area near Kindergarten.
- GT Invention Convention will be held tomorrow (3-3-11). This is interesting because the Complex is pushing to have Exit projects in the 6th grade to help prepare the students for middle school and in the 8th grade to help prepare the students for high school.
- Proposed Bell Schedule was distributed to faculty today. There is a timeline to submit the change to SCC. Two-thirds of the teachers need to approve the bell schedule. Scc will review and the Board members will vote. Two reasons for the proposed change is 1) increase instructional time by approximately 44 minutes per day (this increase will satisfy Act 167); and 2) this would help the school with articulation

- Currently IRA classes are back-to-back giving the teachers 2.5 hours to meet with Mrs. Arakaki on instruction improvement. The proposal is to meet afterschool on Wednesdays for potentially 1.5 hours school-wide. Potentially, we could meet between grade levels and even with the Middle School.
- The proposal will also separate recess so that lower grades have a recess and upper grades have a recess. This will address safety concerns, as less kids will be on the playground.
- The biggest change for parents is the start time will be 7:50 AM, second recess will be removed, and end time will be 2:10 PM and 12:45 Pm on Wednesdays.
- At today's Faculty Meeting, there was not consensus, so the teachers will vote on it. If it passes, there will be a special SCC meeting on 3/9/11 at 4:15PM.
- Parent questions: How will the end time at 12:45 PM on Wednesdays affect A+?

Committee Reports:

FUNDRAISING: (M. Murasaki) Pau Hana Pack: about 40% came in already. E-mail was sent to teachers saying that if they were unable to pick up on that day, they will hold on to it till Monday. Malcom will confirm with Mr. Chinaka to use freezer.

Aloha `Aina Day: 6th grade promotion will be selling bentos; Cub Scouts will sell shave ice; Middle School will run the parking; more info will be on the PTO website; so far we have 10 crafters and 10 yard sale vendors.

RAP: April RAP coupons have been given to S-Kinko's service group. They will copy and distribute. Still looking for possibilities for putting it on the website.

ORCHESTRA: The High School is not planning community concert. Strings will perform in Parade of Orchestras and Starlight Concert.

OLD BUSINESS: Lei will run the General Membership meeting. Agenda will be Treasurer's Report, By-Law Amendment, Officer position, Membership.

By-Law Amendment: Per By-Laws, we need to give notice that the By-Laws will be amended and at the March meeting 20 out of 30 members need to vote. Post this on the web and announce that we will vote on this at the March 24th meeting. At April meeting a list of candidates will be presented and Election will take place at May 18th meeting. Alan Serikawa in charge of voting.

Fun Fair Date for 2011 set for FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next PTO Board Meeting will be held on April 6, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Library.

ADJOURNMENT: President Sandra Hoggan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Submitted by:
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