

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: President Sandra Hoggan called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M. in the Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra & Robert Hoggan, Christine Enrico, Malcom Murasaki, Gail Chang, Lori & Wade Shimoda, Daryl Kanayama, Maddy Ledda, Landy Shiroma, Lauren Kamikawa, Nannet Arakawa, Susie Okumura, Jamie Oshiro, Clayton Tom

MILITARY LIASION: Byron Nagasako introduced the Soar program. It is currently used by Makalapa.Elem and is paid for by the army. It includes online math and reading activities.

Tutor.com: only for military students but we can use the Shafter password. He will email Daryl the info.

They are doing a survey for military families to see how their education in Hawaii was. They will be tracked for 3 years.

Youth sponsor program. Child will have another mentor in state before they arrive here so they can help with a smooth transition.

For kids that have a parent deployed, there are packets for the child so they can write to their deployed parent.

For special projects, we can contact our partner: Tripler Public Affair office- Janet Clark.

Does MES have a transition center into the school? Principal Oshiro answer: the transition center is the front office. The \$ received for this program was used for the renovation of the front office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from October 13, 2010 meeting was distributed and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current balance is \$28,450.37.

Sandra spoke w/ Mr. Taone about budget. Normally we have ebook funds up front to use for Fun Fair expenses. Current expenditures going out are being covered by the overage we had from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Oshiro reported that we finished HAS online testing. We are in the process of doing make up testing. One thing need confirming is whether state will come out with cover letter for the parents explaining the scoring. We don't want a mass panic from parents because student may not show proficiency in testing after quarter 1. Report does not give too much detail and so school is waiting on direction from state. We were fortunate enough to get testing person in charge at our school. Glitches occurred on testing site and we did experience some technical problems. Some results will be given to parents soon. Book fair went well and Mrs. Kamikawa worked hard. A lot of parent volunteers came out for that.

Drop off and pick up survey: majority of feedback was positive. 93% of people who responded were pleased. 80% wanted adult supervisors to continue, maybe supplement with JPO. Some comments suggested that no one is needed to open doors. We got some volunteers from the survey. Small procedural changes. We will open kindergarten at 7:45 instead of 7:50 A.M. We

are still looking for volunteers in the office especially for Meal Time. We picked up an office clerk... Trudy. Her position is funded till the end of this school year. Mr. Oshiro wants to thank the parents for all their hard work and sacrifice.

TEACHER UPDATE: (N. Arakawa) The teachers asked parents for their help during parent teacher conferences. Dec 8 is Junior Engineering night. 5th grade is working with the Hayahsi's that include 2 workshops for bridge building. There are also other activities for other students too. PTO provides refreshments for that night. 6th grade going to Camp Erdman next week. Gail Chang wants to thank the teachers for getting volunteers.

PCNC: Susie Okumura reported that the Pumpkin activity went well. Collected 8 boxes of canned food for the Food Bank. Already started planning for next year. PCNC newsletter will come out 1st week of December. Dec 8: Junior Engineering Night is open to everyone. Sign in for the evening will be outside of cafe. Food tickets for bag dinner. Gingerbread house for grade K is coming up on December 3rd in cafe

FUNDRAISING: Coupon book: Malcom Murasaki reported that sales have run into a printing problem. We are waiting for a guaranteed delivery date. We pre sold about 400 books.

FUN FAIR: Flyers went out and banners went up. Seems to be going smoothly.

RAP: Christine Enrico reported that we just completed the first month of RAP. Sent students work to Stephen for September RAP to be posted online. Let teachers know that RAP coupons will be on the web soon but for now their hard copies in the file in the library. Parents and students will be able to access RAP coupons on the website should they need an extra copy.

TECHNOLOGY: Lyanne Figart was able to get 100 mouse pads donated to MES from Office Max.

COMMUNITY REPORT:

Community outreach: idea has come out to do a community bazaar in conjunction with MES and MMS. This will be done in March. Not a \$ maker per se but it's for building of community relations. Bring community members back into the school. Crafters and community members can buy a 10x10 space and sell their stuff. Money can be donated to PTO if they want to. If not, they keep their money. Kidney Cars or Big Brothers can do a pick up of whatever is left over from that day.

Clayton Tom announced: Alliance for Drama Education has a public performance. It's a free event at Farrington High School. Nov 5 at 7:30 P.M. and Sun, Nov 7 at 4:30 P.M.
Hawaii Council on Economic Education... calendar contest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next PTO meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. There will be a Fire Inspection on November 9, 2010. Fun Fair Prep Meetings will be on November 9 and 16 at 5:30 P.M. in the Library.

ADJOURNMENT: President Sandra Hoggan adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.