POMAIKA’I PTSA BOARD MEETING

Pomaika’i Elementary School Room D205

Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Pamela Miyagawa, President

Leilani Abafo, Vice-President

Cherisse Fernandez, Secretary

Amalia Laybourn, Treasurer

Gina Smith, Teacher Representative

Jaydon Isobe, Teacher Representative

SCHOOL REPS:

Kim Mukai-Otani, Principal

Hisa Yoshikawa, PCNC

STUDENT REPS:

**AGENDA**

Attendance: Kim Mukai-Otani, Pamela Miyagawa, Leilani Abafo, Cherisse Fernandez, Amalia Laybourn, Jaydon Isobe, Gina Smith, Hisa Yoshikawa, Natalie Capitano, Lanette Scott, Denise Kizel, Lianne Peros-Busch, Nicole Hamocon, Ronda Perwin, Jacques Perwin, Nellani Rodriguez, Tammy Yeh, Carl Yeh

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Reports / Requests

* Treasurer
  + Balance is currently about $60k
  + Overall budget looks on target
  + Was about $3000 under budget last year
  + Issues with others using bank account
  + Grade level needs to use budget by May
* Teacher Reps
  + Lots of new staff this year
  + Appreciate all of the parent support
  + Reviewed Mission: *Educate the whole child, as a whole school, to be college, career, and life ready, by connecting academics through 21st century skills in Arts Integration & Technology.* And reviewed Vision: *Learning is a journey; Each person plays a critical role.*
    - Discussion: What is “Whole Child”: That they’re out of their seat, involved in learning from head to toe; reinforcing values taught at home
    - Teachers: Whole community supports child’s learning; different ways of teaching; what’s happening at home, with friends, in classroom, not just brain
    - This year focusing on garden. (i.e., How well the garden is doing where you live will impact how well you’re doing.
    - Instructor from UH Manoa teamed with Mrs. Ranken (Kaufman) did lesson on using science journals effectively in classrooms, to incite curiosity and excitement, and related it to Waihee Wetlands.
    - New science standards coming soon.
    - Next week: Sean Layne (Drama guru and Kennedy Center Teaching Artist) will be doing in classroom training at Pomaika’i
    - One of the things that sets Pomaika’i apart from other schools is that behavior management is done through drama
    - Parents interested in learning about the students’ experiences in school can attend Literacy Night to do so
    - STEAM room: where students do science labs and experiments with Mrs. Ranken (Kaufman)
* Principal
* Pomaika’i does not have alma mater
  + 4th grade teachers have students start each morning with an ‘Oli that was composed by one of 4th grade teachers, so all 4th and 5th grades know ‘Oli
  + 3rd graders start off morning with a song also
  + Arts Integration uses kinesthetic and song to help students make connections and learn
  + School really invests in PD for teachers
  + Has anyone sought donations (Hotels, car rental, etc) to help accommodate visiting teachers (Sean Layne); tap NOAA, Marriott, Monsato
  + General Info
  + About 599 students currently enrolled
  + Today was first day for entire Kindergarten class
  + Elementary schools are supposed to do Fire Drills once a month
  + 7 new staff this year; they get mentoring in addition to PD
  + Budget included a VP position, but it hasn’t been filled
  + Personnel decisions are made in Dec
  + School is continuously looking for grants
  + Mrs. Takemoto starting foundation called Friends of Pomaikai to seek donations from community
  + Grass is so dry because we’re on a different water line that doesn’t hold enough water; also water pressure problem, but neighbors and adjacent park seem to have nice green grass; maybe borrow aerator from Maui Lani
  + Playground update
  + There was no money allocated from school budget to maintain and repair playground
  + Would cost $130k plus to replace entire structure
  + No permanent signage to block off playground
  + Playgrounds with similar issues are not necessarily replaced with same type of equipment;
  + Was looked at and determined that sometime this year it will be fixed to the point that it meets minimum safety regulations; once it’s fixed, supervision plan will be next issue
  + Lots of EAs supervising at various times, but not always same amount of supervision at all times
  + Parent suggestion: maybe develop system (email or volunteer site) to let families know what the school needs or ways to get involved
  + Parents would like to help, but Principal hasn’t received report done on playground evaluation yet
  + Maybe form another playground committee; Hisa found notes from previous playground committee and has someone interested in heading committee
  + Took 3 fun runs for PTSA to raise money to fund current playground
  + Going forward, need to consider long-term plan (i.e., are we going to replace playground every 10 years or look at other options)
  + Letter can be sent home to families that playground is closed and no one should be allowed on it
  + Community
  + New park behind Traditions community and a roundabout at Kamehameha Ave and Maui Lani Parkway intersection were in the community master plan
  + Lots of wellness initiatives in community

IV. New Business

* Fun Run
  + Friday, November 3
  + No school on Wednesday (11/1)
  + We need a Fun Run chair, duties include (Hisa to send out job description to parents):
  + change the obstacle course
  + snacks to comply with health and wellness guidelines (Mrs. Otani to send out nutrition guidelines)
* Open House
  + August 29th for grades 3-5
  + August 31st for grades K-2
  + Linda Seto (cafeteria manager) will do dinner (chili and rice), but looking for tellers 5:30-6 for each night
  + PTSA will get money, less expenses
  + no presale
  + Pamela to get water
  + Asked church that did parking at Back to School Night to help again
  + Jaydon and Gina taking turns to talk about PTSA in cafe each night
* Media League
  + 1st year going to PBS this year
* Next Meeting
  + Wednesday, October 18
  + Meetings will be every 2nd Wed of month at 4:30pm in D205

V. Meeting Adjourned at 5:55