POMAIKA’I PTSA BOARD MEETING

Pomaika’i Elementary School Room D205

Wednesday, September 13, 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, Nellani Rodriguez, Lori Cummings, Jacques Perwin, Lauren Akitake, Lanette Scott, Denise Kizel, Heidi Tagoshi

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

II. Reports / Requests

* Treasurer
  + Balance is currently $57,554
  + Choir brought in $2,555
  + Open House Food Sales made $976
  + Spent $2095.17 on Technology
  + Ask Hisa to put out reminder about Amazonsmile
* Principal
  + School paid for training by Sean Layne and Wesley Wu (math emphasis)
  + Test scores from last school year to be released soon
  + Merrill Ranken and Rae Takemoto collaborating on Garden Workday (September 30, 8-11am, with refreshments to follow)
  + P/T Conf week will be Oct 23-27, so students will be released at 1pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri; Wed still 12:20
  + No update on playground
  + A/C: ongoing work in progress, since repairing/replacing is not in school budget; some parents donating or allowing school to borrow;
    - How often does A/C break down: hard to say, but right now, Kindergarten seems to be down most consistently
    - Parent suggestion: get portable A/C so can use when A/C breaks down and can move around;
    - One of the issues is that all windows need to be closed at end of day so papers/decorations don’t trigger motion sensor alarms
    - Kindergarten Parent: worried heat is interfering with learning
    - School will send out email to see if families can make donations
    - Leilani moves to set aside $1000 from PTSA budget to purchase A/C units that can be used in classrooms when regular unit goes down; Motion Approved
    - Mrs. Otani to check on protocols/what’s allowed/considerations and with Maile about storage, etc
  + Elevator in D building is out of order and only being used for certain things
    - hydraulic piece is not avail on Maui, so waiting for it to come in
  + Copy machines: used to have 4 in main office, but only 1 working; going through state process to purchase new ones
* President
  + Fun Run packets went out; asking for $80 per family to meet quota
  + Overall goal is $42000
  + Utilize Foodland Give Aloha Program, which will match your donation, through September 30 to donate to Pomaikai PTSA
  + No raffle; but can award top earners
  + Envelopes due Oct 6
* Teacher Reps
  + Trying to prepare for WASC: need to re-write sections written so far to include evaluations of programs/services in place
  + Visiting Committee will be visiting in February to speak with teachers, students, and parents
  + Elementary Schools started having to do accreditation about 3 years ago; next accreditation date depends on rating earned
  + Parents asked: where is school in process of evaluating programs
  + Teachers response: survey parents did at open house helps provide feedback on effectiveness of communication of school vision, mission
  + Purpose of WASC is self-reflection
  + When visiting committee comes, school needs to host them with room on campus, laptop, printer; meetings will be scheduled throughout the day
  + When school receives info about what visiting committee needs, will let Hisa know so he can disseminate info to families

III. New Business

* Parent Concerns/Questions
  + Need a channel to move unfiltered issues/concerns from parents/community; should it be teacher, Principal, etc?
    - Staff discipline issues goes to Mrs. Otani/Admin; ie, if a teacher uses inappropriate language
    - Content Concerns: It is Teacher’s responsibility to inform family about purpose of field trip/content
  + Parent asked if students can have a free dress day on their birthday
    - Kim says no due to uniform policy in place and issue of some families cannot afford dress clothes
  + Parent asked about Summer School: is it possible?
    - Pukalani only elem school to have program because it has to be self sustaining
    - Need to figure out: What are we going to offer; What do we need; Costs; Need to coordinate cleaning schedules/maintenance/etc of rooms and custodial vacations
  + Fundraising
    - Can we fundraise at Cross Country by selling coffee
      * As long as not competing with other vendors (i.e., Jamba Juice)
      * Can fundraise on campus ½ hour after school if meets nutrition guidelines;
      * We’ve done Panda and McDonalds fundraisers in past
* Fun Run Update
  + Looking for Corporate Donations: Zipline Tours; Hotels; etc
  + FunRun committee meeting this Friday at 1pm in Main Office Conference Room
* Discontinuing Gift Cards for Teachers
  + PTSA cannot give teachers Gift Cards due to ethics guidelines
* Movie Nights
  + on hold until after Fun Run
* Playground Committee
  + Mrs. Otani checking to see if committee can communicate directly with Monica
  + If State repairs playground, PTSA maybe can consider another structure

IV. Next Meeting

* Wednesday, October 18 at 4:30pm in D205

V. Meeting Adjourned at 5:46