

MESPTO Board Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2022



- I. Call to order by Stacee at 6:04pm
- II. Introductions & Welcome

Attending members: Stacee Nishibata, Anne Lee, Maiko Taki-Yajima, Curtis Kawamoto, Kelen Moana, Dani Muramoto, Darlene Mikami, Joy Yanai, Kristyn Nishimoto, Leo, David Shimoda, Rachel Balog, Sai and Dee Mate, Jared and Moana Ishikawa, Landri Balisacan, Lynda Galera, Audrey Chinen.
- III. Executive Officer Reports
 - A. President – PTO fully funded music teacher, Mr. Bolls midi Keyboard during the doners choose fundraiser and he is using for his class.
 - B. Vice Presidents – no report
 - C. Secretary’s Report – December minutes have been emailed to the members for review. Anne made a motion to accept the December minutes, Kelen 2nd the motion.
 - D. Treasurer’s Report – Expense for December was \$5,272.87 and income was \$105.77. For the Fall fundraiser the income was \$12,680.50 and the expense was \$7,357.87. Total income after the expense was \$5,322.63. Anne made a motion to accept the treasures report and Kelen 2nd the motion.
- IV. Administration Report
 - A. Administration Report (Mrs. Galera / David Shimoda/Audrey Chinen)

The guidance for school has changed. Attached are the most recent links from the DOH that the school is using, which started on Jan 11th 2022.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/files/2022/01/Home-Isolation-and-Quarantine-Guidance-for-Schools.pdf>

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/DOE%20Forms/Return%20to%20School%20Work%20and%20Daily%20Wellness%20Check.pdf>

Tentative dates for the next two vaccination dates to be held at school is on Feb 19th 2022 (Saturday) and March 14th 2022 (Monday) from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Mrs. Galera discussed the current situation at school. Families are much more alarmed at the frequencies of the covid positive notice calls that are going out. Currently at school there is a staff shortage. Classes where students who need more direct support

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in Language Arts and Math have been cancelled due to teachers being pulled to cover other classes. The plans are constantly changing, however there is a considerable amount of time that is focused on identifying close contact. Calls are being made morning and nights, weekdays and weekends, as soon as the school is made aware of a covid positive, calls are made to notify close contact guardians. Calls will be made as early as 6am which will give time to let the parents know before they drop the student off at school. The school is doing their best to act quickly to prevent additional things from happening on campus. They encourage families to report any symptoms, stay safe and say home if they are not feeling well.

In the email that was sent out, there is a link with all the testing sites, which was created by Kristyn Nishimoto, which parents can use to test their child/ren when given the call they are close contact.

Quarantine period is now 5 days if the student is confirmed covid positive.

The school now has 2 health aids to help with the confirmed covid cases as well as the close contacts.

For the 6th graders, the school does ask when they got the 2nd shot, which may change in the future and for the fully vaccinated they are now eligible to get their booster after 5 months. As soon as you get your booster you are considered fully vaccinated.

Questions from Parents

A question from a parent: Has any of the schools' practices changed in the classroom?

Response by admin: Practices have not changed, the students are asked to be more vigilant on thing they can control such as keeping their mask on, distancing and sanitizing.

The guidelines in the classroom is to keep doors and windows open, AC on and have good ventilation with the wind coming through. There are box fans placed in strategic areas on the classroom to keep the air moving.

A question by a parent: Sunset Elementary school have gone back to virtual learning, would Moanalua Elementary go back to virtual learning if covid cases continue to rise and how far in advance will we be notified?

Response by Admin: In the event that Superintendent declares a school closure or when/if just our school needs to consider a virtual option there is a plan that the school has in place. If the school were to go virtual there needs to be approval first. The school

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does not anticipate the going virtual, and the current plan is going to be riding it out. Experts predicts the numbers will peak and decline by February. The school is approaching anticipated situation by classrooms rather than the school as whole. If there a situation where it affects the entire class, it would depend on the vaccination status. Currently if the student considered close contact is vaccinated and has no symptoms, he/she is able to come back to school. CDC and DOH does not anticipate on closing, however if the school were to ever go virtual, the Superintendent will give notice and allow parents to find time and support, which is negotiated contractually through the school and HSTA. It would not be a situation where parents are only given one day notice that the school is going to be virtual.

The agenda for the teachers' workshop changed just this week to managing people being out due to the increase in covid cases. The grade level teams will problem solve anticipated problems, how to keep consistency in school which will be different for lower and upper grade level.

The school is planning for the Aloha Run to help raise money for school. Similar to last year, the school is requesting PTO to help collect donations through Boosterton. PTO accepted the request and will use the same platform as last year to help sponsor the Aloha Run. Mary Wada-Tanji will coordinate the event.

There will be 1-2 activities for the students to do with safety as the priority. Admin discussed keeping this activity fun yet simple, mostly virtually. The priority for the school currently is covering the class and managing operation so they do not want the event to impact everyone's wellbeing. The school will take charge of the event, but PTO is able to provide support if needed.

B. Teacher's Report (Dani Muramoto / Holly Pontes) Reported by Dani
Her students who participated in bingo night had a lot of fun, the students saw their friends they hadn't seen and expressed appreciation to the PTO for coordinating the event.

V. Recap of events

A. Fundraising- (Pam Adena/Landri Balisacan) Reported by Landri
The Foodland Give Aloha fundraiser made \$836.00

The Habilitat made \$1,444.03

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The Fall Fundraiser which included the McDonald coupon book, Dave and Buster power card, Gelato and Sweetbread made \$5,604.00.

The mini rubric prize for the Habilitat Christmas tree sale was distributed.

Tentative date for the Regal Fundraiser is March 1-25 for online pre-sale, drive through pick up on April 30. Landri will email the dates to Mr.Shimoda to get approval.

B. Kids Bingo Night (Patti Taki-Yajima)

There were 61 student participants. We played 2 games with 2 winners in each game, however we some ties so we had a total of 8 winners. First place winner received a \$30 Amazon e-gift card and the 2nd place winners received a \$15 Amazon e-gift card. We got positive feedback from this event so we hope to have it again.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising- (Pam Adena/Landri Balisacan)

B. Family Night Events – Kids Bingo Night – (Patti Taki-Yajima)

C. Family Night Events – Virtual Painting, Virtual Cooking?

We are looking to do activities virtually till the end of the year. Discussed doing a virtual painting event and looking for volunteers. The theme being Chinese New Year and making it an informative session learning about cultural activities. Stacee knows a painter, but if anyone can help, please email Stacee. This event if tentatively scheduled for February. Virtual cooking event where the families sign up and get materials to cook the meal is also an idea.

D. R.A.P. - (Anne Lee)

The R.A.P bulletin board now shows all the reports from Oct to April so everyone is able to view all the past work. Some students are doing video presentation, the access to post their work is much easier. They are either able take a picture and upload their work or send it to the RAP committee to have it uploaded. There is a question-and-answer section on the bulletin as well as the theme for the rest of the year is uploaded for parents to look ahead. The RAP report items has been updated to include an email address as well their Classroom to be able to distribute prizes. There was feedback that the students really enjoyed the Pokémon cards which was the prize for Nov and Dec.

E. T-shirts / School Store – (Charis Logan) Reported by Stacee

Nothing new to report – Currently still getting orders.

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F. Apple Giving Tree – Reported by Stacey

Looking for someone to chair the committee. Apple giving tree, when done in person was held during Valentines, the teachers will write what they would like on a paper apple for their classroom and the students will pick an apple and gift the item to a teacher. Last year it was done virtually where the PTO made a post recommending e gift cards. It was not monitored so it was up to the families/parents to follow through. This year Grachela will work on it by asking the teachers to work as a grade level on coming up with a list of what they would want.

G. Teacher Appreciation - (Grachela Watanabe)

Similar to last year, it will be done virtually. The bentos the PTO did last year work well so the PTO will provide lunch bentos again.

H. Health & Fitness - (Joy Yanai)

Keiki Wellness Challenge is going to take place this year. Details will be released this month, but the event will not take place until April or May. The school can decide later if they want to participate or not depending on the load of the teachers. Joy will register Moanalua Elementary and decide later if the school can participate. The estimate number of the students at Moanalua is 650.

I. Legislative and Community Relations – (Darlene Mikami)

No Updates

J. Kids Fun Fair??

VII. New Business

If anyone know of a 6th grade parents, the Moanalua Middle School is looking for parents to sit on the board. If anyone is interested, please contact Landi and she can share the link.

VIII. Closing:

A. Thank you for joining us

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11pm

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for Thurs, Feb 10th, 6:00pm.