

MESPTO Board Meeting Agenda  
December 9, 2021



- I. Call to order by Stacey at 6:05pm
- II. Introductions & Welcome attending members: Stacey Nishibata, Dani Muramoto, Darlene Mikami, Holly Pontes, David Shimoda, Audrey Chinen, Elsie Lum, Annie Lee, Kristyn Nishimoto, Robert Taura, Florence Perez, Grachela Watanabe, Maiko Taki-Yajima.
- III. Executive Officer Reports
  - A. President – Former MESPTO VP Tamara emailed Stacey with the news that Zaden, her son, outgrew his Moanalua T-Shirt and had ordered another one. He is also running for Student Council at his new school in Texas and his motto is “Living Aloha.” He is carrying on the MES school spirit in a new state and at a new school. PTO Holiday packages will be distributed through the school for the PTO members. Mahalo to the teacher reps, admin and Ms. Audrey for coordinating with the PTO for the distribution of the packages.
  - B. Vice Presidents – No report.
  - C. Secretary’s Report – October minutes are available for review. Anne made a motion to accept the minutes and David seconded the motion.
  - D. Treasurer’s Report – Curtis and Stacey reviewed income and expenses and discussed the online transactions and website fee costs. Currently it is all working out. Last month’s income was \$4,766.83 and expense was \$6,756.72. Curtis will provide the breakdown if needed. Anne made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and David seconded the motion.

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#### IV. Administration Report

- A. Administration Report (Mrs. Galera / David Shimoda/Audrey Chinen) Reported by David Shimoda – Expressed appreciation for all of the Halloween donations. It was a success and the students were very happy. It was a fun event. The HTY event as well as the STEM project was great. About 90 people, 60 of whom are students had signed up to get vaccinated via the Vaccination bus. They have a follow up vaccination bus coming to campus on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> and they will make a third visit on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. Currently the plan is to have the vaccination bus come once a month to provide vaccination shots and boosters until the end of the school year, if the need continues. This vaccination program is only available for MES staff, students and families. This week, on Wednesday and Friday, the schedule will be switched. On Wednesday, school will end at 2:10pm and Friday will be an early release at 12:30pm. There was a fire inspection this past week and the school passed with no issues.
- B. Teacher's Report (Dani Muramoto / Holly Pontes) - Expressed appreciation for PTO helping to provide activities for the students.

#### V. Recap of events

- A. Fundraising- (Pam Adena/Landri Balisacan) Reported by Stacey – Fall/ Winter Fundraiser was a success. PTO made a \$12,000 income with the Via Gelato, Molokai Sweetbread, Dave and Buster power card and McDonald coupon fundraisers.
- B. HTY – (The Carp Who Would Not Quit & Duke) Reported by Stacey – The event was a success, 63 students signed up and it was a great theater experience in the living room. Stacey got feedback from a family after a show, saying they enjoyed it. We can try again next year, if an opportunity is offered.
- C. I Am a Scientist STEM - (Kristyn Nishimoto) 50 families signed up for the event and it was successful. Kristyn got feedback from the staff saying they enjoyed the interaction with the students and they have more opportunities if we are interested. We discussed the idea of an in-person activity next year if possible or another one virtually before the school year ends.

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D. Vaccine Information Session (Anne Lee/ Kristyn Nishimoto)  
Reported by Kristyn – The session was successful. A lot of questions were answered and people signed up to get vaccinated after the session. There were feedback that the session helped people to make a decision to get vaccinated. It was a good opportunity to engage with people and answer questions. The informational slides from the presentation are posted on the PTO website.

## VI. Committee Reports

A. Family Night Events – Kids Bingo Night – (Patti Taki-Yajima) PTO is hosting a Virtual Kids Bingo Night on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30pm. There are 36 families that have signed up with 54 student players so far, the deadline is tomorrow. We will be playing 2 games, and each game will have 2 winners. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win a \$30 Amazon GC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a \$15 Amazon GC. There was a suggestion to have teachers participate in the bingo as well, which we hopefully will be able to do for the next game. We are also planning on distributing a PTO Christmas package with a Gingerbread House kit, car pick up sign and decals. Each family with a PTO membership will receive one package. Expressed appreciation to Ms. Audrey and the teacher reps for helping to coordinate the drop off and distribution.

B. R.A.P. - (Anne Lee) For the 1<sup>st</sup> online RAP bulletin board in October, there were over 50 students who participated. Encourage families to sign up anytime during the school year. The idea is for families to get together and participate as well as get prizes for submitting their RAP. For December, there will be donated Pokemon card sets that will be given as prizes. Dani and Holly will let students know they can sign up for RAP.

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C. T-shirts / School Store – (Charis Logan) Reported by Stacey – The 2<sup>nd</sup> shipment of T-shirts came in November. Thanked the Admin for helping to deliver over 50 shirts to students in class as well as allowing the PTO to put the T-shirt banner on the school fence. Overall, 436 shirts were sold, and the majority of the sales occurred online. Charis is thinking of starting a social media contest and is asking for donations to give as prizes. Students can post pictures of themselves wearing the MES shirt on the MES social media page for a chance to win prizes. There will be random winners selected, tentative launch is scheduled for Jan 2022.

D. Health & Fitness - (Joy Yanai) – No report

E. Legislative and Community Relations – (Darlene Mikami) Darlene has articles and Links for up-to-date information regarding the Red Hill water contamination. If you are interested in getting more information, please email Darlene at [Darlene.mikami@gmail.com](mailto:Darlene.mikami@gmail.com).

F. Kids Fun Fair – Reported by Stacey – PTO would like to plan an event for the students. Discussed plans to bring possible ideas to admin, so that when it is approved, PTO will be ready to plan the event. Grachela asked if she should purchase prizes for the redemption booth, since after the Christmas season many items would go on sale that can be used as prizes for the games. Due to the changing circumstances of Covid, PTO will hold off on purchases for prizes.

Stacey will ask the facility committee to check on the container during the weekend to see if there are any damages to the items inside due to severe rain, this past week.

## VII. New Business

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VIII. Closing:

- A. Thank you for joining us!

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for Thurs, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm