

MESPTO Board Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2022



I. Call to order by Stacey at 6:03pm

II. Introductions & Welcome

Attending members: Stacey Nishibata, David Shimoda, Jared and Moana Ishikawa, Holly Pontes, Annie Lee, Joy Yanai, Dani Muramoto, Maiko Taki-Yajima, Curtis Kawamoto, Kelen Moana, Charis Logan, Darlene Mikami, Landri Balisacan, Summer Kupau- Odo, Robert Taura, Kyle Matsuyama, Kristyn Nishimoto.

III. Executive Officer Reports

A. President – No Report

B. Vice Presidents – No Report

C. Secretary's Report- January Minutes have been email and posted for review. Kelen made a motion to accept the January minutes, Annie 2nd the motion.

D. Treasurer's Report – Expense for January was \$1,314.63 and income was \$1,444.03. Kelen made a motion to accept the report and Annie 2nd the motion.

IV. Administration Report

A. Administration Report (Mrs. Galera / David Shimoda/Audrey Chinen) Reported by Mr. Shimoda. Based on participation the vaccination site may close in March due to no sign ups. Currently there is one on Saturday for February.

Question from a parent: Does the school know the percentage of the students that are vaccinated?

Answer from Admin: The school does not have a count, possibly about 25% of the class are vaccinated. The school has not kept a record on it, but recently sent out an email requesting parents to send a copy of the student's vaccination cards, which will give the school a clearer idea.

Question from a parent: If the parents provide the vaccination card to the school, will they still get notification if their child is considered close contact?

Answer from Admin: Yes. The school will continue to notify close contact students so the parents are able to monitor their child.

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B. Teacher's Report (Dani Muramoto / Holly Pontes) The teachers expressed appreciation to the PTO for planning the Tiger Painting event. A lot of the students were excited and brought their painting to school. There was feedback from Mr. Boll that he was very grateful that PTO funded the piano for his music class. Some 6th graders have also requested to take piano lessons and shown interest. There were discussions from the teachers on how RAP can be made more accessible for the teacher and students. The teachers would like their students to participate in the RAP program, but would like a visual on what the monthly themes will be and an easier way to turn in the RAP Sheets. Some suggestions were, PTO will make a flier that has the monthly theme so it can be posted in class for students and teachers to see. RAP committee will send a PDF of the RAP form so teachers can make a copy for the students to take from their class, as well send out reminder emails at the start of the month. There will be a folder at the main office where the collected RAP forms will be picked up by the RAP committee at the end of the month.

V. Recap of events

A. Family Night Events – Year of the Tiger Paint Party (Reported by Stacey). The event was very successful and the sign up reached its cap soon after the registration went live. There was feedback that it was on the more fun events and lots of parents shared the drawings. Admin requested some of the pictures of the drawing, Stacey will send it.

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VI. Committee Reports

- A. Fundraising- (Pam Adena/Landri Balisacan) Regal Fundraising has been approved, the selling period will be from March 1st-25th. Pick up will be on April 30th from 9am-12pm. There will be no physical tickets, the sale will only be online. For the pick-up, we will request only a parent or a family member come to pick up their orders with a printed receipt or receipt on their phone. They will be provided with a hard copy of their order which they will drive by to pick up. Fundraising committee will be asking for volunteers and possibly be doing a sign up via google doc. Flier for the fundraising information will be distributed on Monday Feb 28th.
- B. Family Night Events – Cooking Event – (Kristyn Nishimoto/Lauren Tamamoto) Reported by Kristyn Nishimoto. Kristyn is working with Lauren Tamamoto who is a food science professor to host a cooking event. Event is tentatively scheduled for March 26th, the menu is Chili and Fruit Parfait. Information will be sent out at the start of March so families will be able to pick up necessary perishable ingredients. PTO will sponsor the event also by providing the nonperishable items, which will be distributed possibly the day before the event via drive by pick up. Parent participation is necessary for this event and will limit it to 40 families. Lauren will instruct the participants on how to cook the items, but it can be arranged according to the families as well.
- C. STEM – I Am A Scientist (Kristyn Nishimoto) Tentatively scheduled for April 7th from 6pm-7pm. The theme will be Chromatography. The package is small enough for the kids to take home and can be distributed via the school. The event will be limited to 50 students.
- D. R.A.P. - (Anne Lee) As discussed earlier by the teachers, there will be changes made to easily access the RAP form and create a visual flyer. Annie expressed appreciation to the teachers for their participation in RAP and feedback on how to make the process easier.
- E. T-shirts / School Store – (Charis Logan) There has been 3 orders since the new year. Thanked Dani for handing out the shirts.
- F. Teacher Appreciation - (Grachela Watanabe) Reported by Stacey. It is scheduled for May.

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G. Health & Fitness - (Joy Yanai) Keiki Wellness Challenge has not released their flyer yet. The option for the days to participate is a week in April or May 1st or 6th. The activity will be done at home, there will be 12 activities to participate in, students that completes 10 will get a headband from Keiki Wellness. Activities include things like: eat 3-5 fruits and vegetables, take a walk with family for 30 minutes, activities that are achievable with family. Detailed information is set to come in the following months. This year there are no fees to participate in the event, the event is supported through grants so there are no donations given to the school, it is just to promote wellness to the students. The date for the Wellness Challenge will be set once the Regal Fundraiser and Boosterthon dates are adjusted to the schedule so the events will not conflict. The school portfolio due date is also approaching. April 1st is the deadline for July/Aug delivery. Discussed the different options on which art work to use, the theme for the next school year. Mr. Shimoda will follow up and Joy is open to suggestions. This is Joys last year, so we will need to find a person to take over for next year.

H. Legislative and Community Relations – (Darlene Mikami) There are a couple new Senate Bills that have passed. In 2026 the minimum wage will increase to \$18. Red light safety program will take in effect, installing cameras at 10 different intersection and issue citation for drivers that run the red light. Homeowner assistance program also has information provided at the following link : www.Hawaiiancouncil.org/oahuhome .

VII. New Business

The school is looking into planning something for the 6th graders. PTO offered to help as well.

Mr. Shimoda will double check if the PTO room is armed now. If there is a keypad and the PTO room is armed, PTO requested for the code to access the room.

If anyone has and ideas on events, please let Stacey know and PTO will try and make it happen.

VIII. Closing:

A. Thank you for joining us

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

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