



MES PTO Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2026

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Kristyn Nishimoto at 6:05 pm
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. **Executive Officer Reports**
 - a. President: Kristyn Nishimoto— One Hour for Schools from PTO Today is a national movement that encourages family involvement with MES PTO events and help make a difference with just one hour. Take the pledge and log your time to help MES have the chance to win \$3500.
 - b. 1st Vice President: Melissa Harnsberger – nothing to report
 - c. 2nd Vice President: Kyle Matsuyama
PTO Beach Picnic, September 13th, 9 am – 2 pm, Ala Moana Beach Park
 - d. Secretary: Natasha Nakatsuka— nothing to report
 - e. Treasurer's Report: Kristen Tanaka
 - i. August revenue \$8,600:
\$4000 membership dues, \$3200 t-shirt sales, donations.
 - ii. Expenses \$758
Supplies, prizes and miscellaneous items
- IV. **Administration Reports**
 - a. Administration: Principal Galera, Vice Principal Valenzuela – Funding and a contractor secured for the multipurpose innovation building project and health room expansion, highlighting ongoing efforts to enhance the campus environment. They also acknowledged the strong community support during recent weather events, emphasizing the PTO's vital role. Ms. Valenzuela explained delays in weather-related communications are due to awaiting official guidance before announcements.
 - b. Teacher Representatives: Holly Pontes
Appreciation for PTO members for ongoing support and efforts.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Fundraising: Mark Fujihara
 - i. Foodland Give Aloha campaign currently have \$25
 - ii. Fall Fundraiser 09/21-10/18
McDonald's coupon books \$10
Dave N Busters \$10 and \$20 power cards
Kala Kokua packaged frozen meats – smoked meats, smoked chicken, pau hana pack (lau lau, kalua pig), pipikaula
 - iii. Prizes and prize packs for fundraising
 - b. Membership: Shauna Ichinotsubo/Asako Kawata
 - i. Current membership 210 + 8 paid with no registration forms
 - ii. Total dues collected \$6730.
 - iii. Total donations collected \$1635

- c. Fun Fair: Jennifer Hahn – November 20th
 - i. Upcoming meetings will be held once a month, on the 3rd Thursday of every month until the event. Chairpersons or co-chairs still needed for some committees for anyone who is interested.
 - d. RAP: Elaine Treutlein
- VI. **Upcoming Events** - Calendar posted on website featuring committees looking for a chair person or co-chairs
 - a. Campus Beautification on Saturday, 09/26/26
 - i. Projects include removal and refurbishment of benches, demoing old tables, weeding fence lines near K building, and back filling garden areas. Possibly looking to repaint the kindergarten building pending volunteer manpower.
 - b. Fall Family Night and Book Fair Collaboration
 - i. Scheduled for 10/27/26
 - ii. Event will include pumpkin carving contest with online voting and a costume contest.
 - iii. Book Fair will be open during the event, allowing families to shop before the festivities. Volunteers are sought to help with event logistics including pumpkin ordering, kit packaging, and contest management.
 - c. PTO Breakfast planned for 09/18/26 will serve Portuguese sausage, eggs, and toast. Parents must pay by 09/16/26
 - d. Parent-teacher conferences will continue offering both in-person and virtual options
- VII. **Announcements**
 - a. Next fun fair meeting is on September 17th at 6 pm
 - b. Next PTO meeting is on October 1st due to Fall Break (10/05-10/09)
- VIII. **Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

Natasha Nakatsuka
MES PTO Secretary