

Board Members Present

Bess Morimoto – President, Jocelyn Tanaka – Vice President, Carylynd Cintron Ala – Treasurer, Michelle Fehr – Recording Secretary, Michelle Samante - Gr. K/1 rep., Marisa Louie - Gr. 2/3 rep., Margeaux Ikuma- Gr. 4/5 rep., Lorene Park - IRA/TC rep., Sabine Thomas– Corresponding Secretary

Board Members Absent

Monica Andrade - SpEd rep.

Guests

Heather Wilhelm – Principal, Kawai Tao – Vice Principal, Norma Tansey – PCNC

I) Call to Order

Bess Morimoto called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

II) Minutes for November 2011 were distributed prior to the meeting. Sabine Thomas moved to approve the minutes, motion seconded, motion carried out by board.

III) Treasurer's Report

Carylynd Cintron Ala presented the report which was given out along with the minutes. The current balance in the Hui account is \$64,343.82. We still have an invoice pending to the kiln repair in the amount of \$764.87 (from balance of appropriated Art program funds 2010-2011 Budget). Sabine Thomas moved to approve report, motion seconded, motion carried out by board.

IV) Old Business

- A. **BelieveKids Catalog**- Pick up in the PCNC office was on 11/17. It was a small pallet and we were able to use the PCNC office and the adjacent conference room. The Hui thanks Administration for allowing us the use of the two rooms. There were no known issues from that pick up day. There are a few students who still need to pick up their items. The survey results will be presented at the next board meeting. We received one call stating they did not get the order and the check has not been cashed. She is requesting the Hui pay for the “stop payment” fee, by a show of hands it was agreed we will do this service after she supplies a receipt.
- B. **Smencils** – We will not be ordering another case right now.
- C. **Fall Fest**- Overall went very well considering it rained all day and at the beginning of the event. Norma Tansey suggested starting at an earlier time of day or even earlier in the year, before Halloween. Admin asked the teachers to go back to the grade levels and see if there is another time in the earlier part of the year to do this event and to discuss a specific date. Also, due to the rain, Sped moved from its original spot to a classroom, which caused some blocking of the 2nd and 5th grade food booths. Another suggestion was to move all the food to one location in or right around the cafeteria. This was also to be discussed at the grade level meeting. Kawai Tao stated she received many positive remarks on the organization of the event and thanked the Hui for running it so well. We will discuss the department grand totals at the next Hui meeting.
- D. **Holiday Craft Night**- Chorus performing that evening. There are volunteers from Kumon and MHS Interact coming to help in the event. 70 families are registered to attend and 370 ornaments have been purchased. Those that did purchase pizza through the Hui will also be offered salad and water or juice.

- E. Art Program-** The 1st and 2nd graders are doing well and will be completing their program before Christmas break. The kiln seems to be working well, we did have one incident of it alarming, not sure if it was tampered with or accidentally hit with an item. Request to check the door lock had been made since the lock was not working properly.

V) New Business

- A. Budget Requests for 2012 - 2013** – Hui would like all the requests in by the February 2nd Board meeting. Heather Wilhelm stated she would send out an email to the teachers and staff to submit their requests.

VI) SCC Report was given by Sabine Thomas. A discussion was started at the meeting concerning the new lunch program. Parent Carylynd Ala stated she was concerned the children are not eating a well balanced meal. Also, allowing them to take too many carbohydrates in one meal (Student may take 2 rolls if they choose). Kawai Tao stated the new program is teaching the kids to make good food choices on their own, cutting down on waste and it is up to the parent to teach their child to choose well. Mrs. Vocalan reported she was very pleased during the 4th grade Kualoa Ranch field trip and how the students are able to see in nature what they are learning in the classroom. Mrs. Nichols, Community Representative, shared the great work her grandson Travis Afuso (last year's Student Council President) did to double the number of "Shoebox" donations at the Mililani Middle School from last school year's numbers.

IX) Grade Level / Resources Report

- A. Grade K-** Garden is growing well. UBD plant and animal similarities. Students are learning about visualization while being read a story. Looking forward to making Gingerbread houses on December 14th.
- B. Grade 1** – They did well at Fall Fest.
- C. Grade 2** – UBD science unit entitled "The Magic of Magnetism". In this unit students will use the inquiry process to learn about the properties of magnetism and explore 1) how magnets are useful, 2) what kind of things in the world use magnets, and 3) how magnets can make life easier. At the end of the unit, each child will be creating a game or working toy that demonstrated the properties of magnetism at work.
- D. Grade 3** – Students are working on their adaptation unit and are now beginning to bring in their work to share. The students are also currently working on Cultural Writing as a follow up to an interview they gave to their family members regarding the food, values and traditions of their culture(s). Grade 3 went on a successful field trip to the Waipahu Cultural Gardens.
- E. Grade 4** – Social Studies Field Experience-Grade-level teachers had an opportunity to gain field experience at Waikalua Loko Fishpond which is an 11 acre native Hawaiian fishpond. Teachers learned first-hand about the natural food web that inhabits the fishpond, from zooplankton all the way up to the sharks that occasionally find their way into the fishpond. Teachers also visited Papahana Kuaola which is a unique site with lo'i kalo, or taro patches, Teachers learned incredible first-hand knowledge about how ancient Hawaiians cultivated taro, and their incredible talent and knowledge of agriculture. Bishop Museum field trip- Students learned about techniques that Polynesians used to migrate to Hawaii. As well as how native Hawaiian animals and plants made their way to Hawaii. Understanding by Design unit - Teachers have almost completed a life science unit that begins with learning about the cells of plants and animals, and progresses all the way to the interdependence of organisms in a food web. HSA testing 1st round- Teachers and students have been preparing for the first round of the Hawaii State Assessment. The 4th grade tests for reading and math will be starting the first full week of December. The science test will be in the first week of January.

F. Grade 5 – We had a successful Camp Erdman trip, our students got to go on the Alpine Towers this year. This activity taught the students to overcome their fears. On January 12 we will be attending a field trip to the Middle School to help them transition for next school year. Bike Education was kind enough to allow 5th grade to participate this year because they didn't have it last school year. The students had fun and each earned their Bicycle Education certificate and a BOGO from Jamba Juice. HSA testing for Fifth grade is during the last week of December. The teachers are preparing our students by integrating test taking strategies into our regular curriculum. The students are working on a Water Pollution project that is school wide and grade level wide. On top of the school wide challenge for water pollution the 5th graders have a parent connection that they do with their parents.

G. SpEd – No report.

H. IRA – HSA testing has begun. Substitute Counselor for Dana DeRego – Joe Shiroma.

VII) Student Council Report given by Norma Tansey. Student Council enjoyed Fall Fest and running the recycling games. They are thankful of the Student Council Alumni that also helped in the booths. Norma Tansey has noticed an increase in the Campbell's label and Box Top labels for education since the Fall Fest event, possibly due to explaining to families that we collect them as part of the recycling at Uka. The \$104 collected will be donated to the Red Cross of Hawaii. Student Council has signed up to participate in the E Ola Pono Campaign. This is a project to foster respect, harmony and peace at Hawaii Schools. They are brainstorming how to positively influence and promote a safe, respect filled environment at school and create initiatives to reduce harassment and bullying. A final submission will be made in May 2012 to the campaign for a chance to be recognized for the program. Students are required to create, document and produce a one minute power point (PSA) that shares their project. Group and advisor reflections are required for consideration for monetary awards.

VIII) PCNC Report was given by Norma Tansey. Mililani Rotary gifted each 3rd grader with a Dictionary on 11/23. MHS Orchestra played for Uka students on 11/30, exposing students to possible interest in playing a string instrument in middle or high school. Egret Chorus to prepare for the Military Partnership visit on December 12th with Major General Terry. December Recognition Assembly will close with the Egret Chorus singing holiday songs and guest visit from Santa. Parent Workshop "Keeping Safe in Cyberspace" provided by State Attorney General's office speaker, Kristell Corpuz, on January 25th at 6:30pm.

X) Administration – Jennifer Burnham is leaving and Admin has a few leads for replacing the music teacher and fulfilling the Music program.

XI) Announcements

- **Hui Board meetings:** 1/12, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3 at 5:00 p.m. in the PCNC office. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Jamba Juice:** 1/27, 2/10, 3/8, 4/13, 5/18
- **Papa John's:** 1/12, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3

XII) Adjournment

Bess Morimoto adjourned meeting at 6:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Fehr, Recording Secretary
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