

**Mililani Uka Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Mililani Uka Library, Wednesday, October 12, 2011**

I. The meeting was called to order by Ann Marie Smith, Co-Chair, at 5:03 pm.

Members present: Ann Marie Smith - Co-Chair/Parent
Sabine Thomas - Secretary/HUI/Parent
Heather Wilhelm - Principal
Debbie Watanabe - Grade K/1 Representative
Angeli Palompo - Grade 2/3 Representative
Denise Low - Grade 4/5 Representative
Pauline Kishimoto - IRA Representative
Cindy Nichols - Community Representative
Jewel Amrich and Lucia Mumma - Student Council

Guests: Kawai Tao - Vice Principal
Norma Tansey - PCNC

Members absent: Christina Vocalan - Chair/Parent
Frances Ancheta-Sampaga - Non-certificated

II. Minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting were circulated, reviewed, and approved.

III. Agenda for October 12, 2011 was reviewed and approved.

IV. Role Group Reports:

A. Sabine Thomas reported on the success of the School Kine Cookies fundraiser and that there are still cookies for sale at the PCNC office for \$7.00 per bag. Norma Tansey reported on the last HUI meeting. The yearbook committee has not yet started the project. Smencils are a big success, although the HUI only profits \$50 per box, they are currently selling their fourth box. The volunteer forms for the Fall Fest have not yet been returned and the next and last meeting for the committee is October 20, 3 pm. The Believe fundraiser has brought in around \$6000 so far.

B. Mrs. Tansey reported that on September 21 Grades 1-3 were screened for hearing problems by the Mililani Lion's Club. 55 students were in need of follow-up, many due to excessive ear wax.

The September 28 "Get Fit" event was enjoyed by students, parents, and military volunteers. Mrs. Tansey wanted to thank the volunteers for their time and the parents who donated food to feed the volunteers. The next volunteer training dates are October 13 at 4:30 pm and 18 at 08.00 am.

Group photos and picture retakes will be on October 20.

- C. The student council reported that the spirit color week started, HI 5 recycling will be on October 14, and the next recognition assembly will be on November 7. 69 students have earned \$165.52 for the United Challenge but there is still time for collection. Student Council will hold a shoebox or shoebox item collection on October 27 and flyers will be sent home on October 17. Student Council has participated together with the JPOs in the MHS Homecoming parade. Both groups had enjoyed the event.

Student council is planning on having two games at Fall Fest to promote recycling. The students are planning their own games and are signing up for work shifts. The funds collected will be donated to the Red Cross.

- D. The parent representative, Mrs. Smith, reported that parents were really excited about the “Get Fit” event. They had a great time and the food was amazing. The September 28 Moms-In-Touch flag pole prayer for the school was a great success. The parents also commented on the ease of traffic on the day that the police officer was helping out at Uka. Mrs. Smith was inquiring about having an officer at the school more often.
- E. Mrs. Nichols informed the SCC that she had been approached by neighbors regarding the HSA testing. The community wanted to know if it applies for this or next year. She could not answer the question at the time and requested information from the principal. Mrs. Williams told her that it is still HSA this year but that it will change next year.
- F. No Report from the non-certificated staff (absent).
- G. Mrs. Watanabe reported that kindergarten will go to Aloun Farms on the 18th. They are starting a flower garden and a docent will come and show them how it is done. Mrs. Wilhelm commented that each class will plant a 4x5 raised bed. They will start with flowers first and if that works, will then plant vegetables. Kindergarten is also working on reading comprehension strategies and student-lead conferences.

First grade will be going to Urban Garden in Pearl City on November 1 and 8. They have started the UBD unit – Pilgrims and Indians: comparing today’s children with the ones back then. They also have a civic project and are sending out a flyer for donation for bed sheets and towels for the Humane Society. In order to get 100% participation in this project, they are requiring those who cannot donate to make the flyers.

- H. Mrs. Palompo reported on second and third grade. For the second grade, she reported that the students are still learning the KidBizz process. They have completed the Discovery Ed training before the fall break and they will be starting on Math Whizz, thanks to 4th grade’s donation.

The 3rd grade has HSA practice on October 13 and 14; it will be the students' first exposure to the online assessment. They are planning a field trip to Honouliuli Wildlife Refuge on October 17 and 18, and a trip to Waipahu Cultural Center on November 9 to compliment their cultural anthropology unit in social studies. The Junior Judges program is planned for October 19; students' will learn about a judge's job description and the judicial system. 3rd grade is working on getting money donations and booth volunteers for the Fall Fest.

- I. Mrs. Low reported that the fourth grade teachers are rejuvenated by the three day workshop they attended over the fall break. They will be integrating science inquiry, STEM (science, technology, education, math) and service learning in to a unit about the watershed or ahupua'a that we live in. On October 13 the attended Kualoa Ranch to hear Mo'olelos about the area, view native and invasive plant species, view the restoration of a lo'ikalo. At the end of the month, bike education is coming up.

Fifth grade is working on reading comprehension. They are getting ready for Camp Erdman and the money is slowly coming in. The Munchi fundraiser was great; they made more money than last year. On October 17 a lawyer is coming to visit with the students to talk about bullying.

- J. Mrs. Kishimoto reported that Quest has received five new laptops. The Tech teacher and GT teacher will do an integrated lesson with grade 3 for quarter 2. The SIS/Intervention has exited two K reading students at the end of quarter 1. They will pick up two new students for quarter 2. An OPAC station is set up in the library and the HSA practice for grade 3 start in October for two weeks. Upper grade students will now be using the OPAC stations in the library to search for books or to do research.

The Cross Country Team from grades 3, 4, and 5 has been selected. On October 26 is the Cross Country Meet. Curriculum will be having a Professional Development day in November for all grade levels on developing UbD units. The teachers are preparing and planning rigor and relevant units to implement this year. They are also helping grade 1 to align to the Common Core Standards to Reading Street unit on October 14.

- K. Mrs. Tao reported on the new National School Lunch program that is going to be implemented in October in the cafeteria "Offer versus Serve (OVS)". OVS will hopefully cut down on the daily waste of food. Each student will be served three items and are able to pick two out of a variety of cup-sized side dishes. That will permit students to choose the foods that they prefer and most likely would eat and not waste. No special training for cafeteria monitors is necessary; in fact, there will be fewer monitors because of the reduced serving service. The program has been available since the spring of last year. Mrs. Tao will visit every class to explain the new system, except for the older levels, where she will do a class-level information session.

V. Old Business

- A. Spirit Week started today. Participation information will be available at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Shorts in the correct color should be counted as participation for Spirit Week.
- B. Next month the Academic & Financial Planning (AFP) will be on the way. AIMS info will not be available in November because it is formative only.

VII. Group Reflection

- A. Mrs. Tansey commented that she appreciates the positive feedback and that the grade levels thank each other for deeds done.
- B. The question of a KidBizz Parent workshop was brought up. The group favored the idea because it is a great tool for parents. It enables them to understand the program and help their children.
- C. Mrs. Smith asked about a link that is showing-up on the school's website for tutoring services. Mrs. Williams pointed-out that that is Uka's OLD website address and is now owned by a for-profit organization. Uka's website is no longer .com; it is now .org. The SCC agreed that a reminder in the next newsletter might be a good idea to caution parents.

SOAR is a free online assessment and provides tutoring for grades K through 12. Tutor.com is also a great tool; however, it is available only for military members and their dependants.

VIII. Announcements

Next meeting: MONDAY, November 7, 2011, 5:00 pm.

- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Sabine Thomas
SCC Secretary