

Mililani Uka Elementary School
School Community Council
September 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair, Kathi Uyemura.

Members present: Heather Wilhelm, Kathi Uyemura, Lynn Mills, Raejean Gamiao, Tara Bagoyo, Meeghan Voreis, Frances Ancheta-Sampaga, Norma Tansey, Travis Afuso, Ariel Ducosin, Cindy Nichols, Ann Marie Smith, and Carylynd Ala.

Absent: Parents: Cristina Vocalan, Mariko Yorimoto, and Julianne Dennison

Guest: Kawai Tao

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 10 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

III. Agenda was approved as posted.

IV. Role Group Reports

A. Fourth grade is coordinating a speaker from Papa Hana Kuaola to speak on the geology of Hawaii. This will lead off the program on how the islands were formed and followed by a field trip to Koolau side of the island. They have now completed second round of Friday enrichment classes but have had to change out the computer program due to renovation of the computer lab. The classes plan to rotate every 4 to 5 weeks.

Fifth Grade held a successful Menchie's fundraiser selling all 450 containers. They are planning the Grade level Star Party event for October 13 and Camp Erdman for November. For Fall Fest they are participating with sale of Soybeans and an Obstacle course. The DARE program has started.

B. ORT: Mrs. Rena Roybal is now working as a second computer tech coordinator with Mrs. Jan Matsuura and will replace Mrs. Matsuura when she retires. Kids voting fliers were sent home with students asking for "At Home" participation of the Mock primary due to the computer labs renovation disruption. No passwords are required to participate in the Mock Primary. Students will practice for the General Election at school between September 27 and October 17 and complete the Kids Voting during school time between October 19 and November 2 when passwords are required.

Hawaii State Assessment testing starts September 26.

Cross Country practice has started for students in Grades 3/4/5. Practice is held every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Quest testing was completed last week.

Library classes began last week, thanks to the assistance of volunteers to un-box the library books. Mrs. Bagoyo and Mrs. Tansey will be holding a thank you breakfast for about 20 parents and community members who helped with the task. Additional volunteers are still needed to assist with class rotations in the library.

Curriculum coach, Gerri Nakasone, has started the learning team and individual goal setting for teachers.

C. Administration: Federal Survey cards will be sent home this week and parents are asked to complete and return the cards the next day. Survey cards are important as they are utilized to provide federal and military funding to the school.

KidBiz Parent night started the Parent connection activities and will continue with each grade level connecting standards to activities.

JVEF funds have been approved for technology and will purchase promethean boards. Additionally, a military curriculum grant was approved and will be utilized to purchase 10-15 Net books for Quest student use.

Renovations continue on C Building with students in C202 and C203 currently in the temporary classrooms.

D. Hui: First Jamba juice sale sold out before all students were served. Additional will be brought for the next sale. However, future dates are in question as Jamba Juice will only offer 16 oz after the September fundraiser. Hui Treasurer, Carylynd Ala asked for input from the staff on allowing 16 oz up to this week's Hui meeting.

The net current net profit from the membership letter is \$965.00. Carylynd expressed thank you to Vice Principal Tao for helping with the bag tags.

Great American Opportunities kicked off on September 2. Fliers were sent out this week explaining the Lucky duck of the day drawings.

Art Program is scheduled to kick off for 1st and 2nd grade beginning on October 18 through November.

Fall Fest initial meeting was held on September 1 with each grade/group given a chance to share their ideas for food/game/other booths.

Hui Board is looking at revising By-laws to allow co-officers.

E. PCNC report was distributed with calendar of upcoming events.

Teacher requested listing child's classroom on the trained volunteer roster sent out to staff with over 60 volunteers having completing the training.

Excellent parental turn out for Parent Orientation with about 63 percent participation and over 200 positive evaluations and only 2 disagreeing the event was helpful to prepare for the year.

Thank you to the Hui & Arnold Family for donation of door prizes from Parent Orientation.

F. Student Council has completed officer and representative training and will hold the second HI 5 collection on Friday. At their Sept 8, 2010 meeting they will begin planning for a September Aloha United Way collection, October Shoebox collection and November Fall Fest event. Student Council voted to fund t-shirts for JPOs, Cross Country, Track and own members.

Student Council and JPOs will attend the September 23 Homecoming Parade.

G. Parents voiced a concern over the higher cost of field trips this year. Teachers explained that not only the price to hire the bus has gone up, but the cost of admission as well. Principal Wilhelm mentioned additional support funds that are available for families in need.

Parents asked if there was an interest in instituting a uniform policy and asked about the procedure. Pro's and cons were discussed and role groups were asked to discuss and report back at next meeting. Typical process takes up to a year to implement as all groups must allow discussing and voting.

H. Community: Representative Nichols commented that she was seeing less participation on the school spirit colored shirt days and asked if there was any way to increase the participation. Suggest putting up posters as reminders.

Mrs. Nichols also was asked in the community if we would be holding any additional "Cyber bullying" workshops.

I. Non-certificated – No report

J. SPED: working to update IEP's to align accommodations to online testing requirements.

K. Kindergarten is planning a math parent activity, but had to change the date.

The team enjoyed working with Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Nakasone on grade level and individual goal setting.

Grade level field trip(s) to Waimea are on calendar in coming weeks.

1st Grade: Field trips to Makaha Farms this week and next.

Grade level met with curriculum coordinator on grade and individual goal setting.

Planning Sept. 30 parent & child math activity

L. Grade2/3

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Second grade has worked with Mrs. Nakasone, CC, setting grade level and individual goals. Expressed thanks for great organization.

Third Grade has two classrooms in the temporary J building rooms while renovations are completed on C building.

Grade level is considering plans for Fall Fest.

V. Old Business

A. Birthday celebration policy update was tabled until October to allow focus group discussion. Currently the office had to return candy from one parent for birthday treat, but overall parents understand.

VI. New Business

A. Please take time to review Handbook at home. Review at meeting tabled due to time restraints. However, the SCC is missing 2 community members according to the by-laws, so either by-law revision is needed or additional community members brought on board.

B. State Strategic Plan

Principal Wilhelm handed out copies of the 2008-2011 strategic plans for review and comparison to the newly drafted 2011-2014 plans.

Both set three goals for the school.

Goal 1: "Improve student achievement through standards-based education" has been changed to "Assure all students graduate college and career ready through effective use of standards based education".

Goal 2: "Provide comprehensive support for all students" is now "Ensure and sustain a rich environment and culture for life-long learners".

Goal 3: "Continuously improve performance and quality" is now "Continuously improves the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of the educational system.

The school focus groups will be working to outline the strategic plan to the Academic and Financial plan.

VII. Announcements:

Complex wide training is set for Sept 14, 2010 MHS Library 5 p.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 2010 Library 5 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Norma Tansey, Secretary