

**Mililani Uka Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Mililani Uka Library, Tuesday, August 9, 2011**

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

Members present: Kathi Uyemura-Chair (outgoing)
Norma Tansey-Non-certificated/Secretary (outgoing)
Heather Wilhelm-Principal
Pauline Kishimoto-IRA
Sabine Thomas-HUI
Jewel Amrich and Lucia Mumma -Student Council
Ann Marie Smith-Parent
Debbie Watanabe-Grade K/1 Representative
Angeli Palompo-Grade 2/3 Representative
Denise Low-Grade 4/5 Representative

Guests: Pat Park-Complex Area Superintendent
Kawai Tao-Vice Principal

Absent: Cristina Vocalan- Parent and Cindy Nichols- Community

II. Minutes from the May 24, 2011 meeting were circulated, reviewed, and approved.

III. Agenda for August 9, 2011 was reviewed and approved.

IV. Elections of SCC officers for SY 2011-12 were held. The new officers are: Cristina Vocalan-Chair, Ann Marie Smith-Co-Chair, and Sabine Thomas, Secretary. Administration requested that the SCC meeting dates be switched to Monday nights. The request was discussed, and future dates shared.

V. Role Group Reports:

A. Pauline Kishimoto reported that the AIMS Web testing started for grade K on 08/15, for grade 1 on 08/08, and for grade 2 on 08/04. Nominations for the QUEST/GT program are open from 08/08 to 08/12/11 for students that are new to Mililani Uka. Nominations for current students will begin in April of 2012. Parents will receive acceptance/non-acceptance letter on 09/02/11. First day of QUEST is 08/29/11. Ms. Kishimoto also reported that PE with Mr. Fujioka, Music with Mrs. Burnham, and Computer/Technology with Mrs. Roybal and library services with retired teacher, now part time Librarian, Mrs. Matsuura will begin the week of 08/29/11.

B. Ms. Wilhelm expressed thanks to everyone involved in the daily activities at Uka; in particular to the teachers and students for a successful AYP report for the past school year. The principal asked the teachers and parents about their thoughts regarding the Meet and Greet. Administration was positively surprised about the impact it had on the traffic on the first day of school.

She continued by informing the attendees of the changes at Uka. The bell schedule has been changed to meet the new teacher contract with dismissal set 5 minutes earlier each day. The new iPE program was put in place to deepen Uka's commitment to health and wellness. It will be somewhat of a challenge because there will be up to 660 students out during afternoon recess all at one time. Administration was able to hire six new teachers for the various openings.

- C. Sabine Thomas reported on the current fundraiser (School Kine Cookies) and on the upcoming HUI board (8/29/11), general membership (08/23/11), and the Fall Fest (08/25/11) meetings.
- D. Norma Tansey shared her August and September calendar of events. She asked parents to mark their calendars for the Parent Workshop "Post-it Portfolios" provided by Military Coalition's Parent to Parent. The workshop is intended to help parents organize their children's school work. Mrs. Tansey asked teachers to encourage parents to attend the workshop. Light, healthy refreshments will be provided, thanks the Central District Community Children's Council. The Hui, and Jungle River donated door prizes. The evening will include the HUI general membership meeting and end with volunteer training.

The July 29 Meet & Greet was well attended by about 65% of the parent/student body and the event's evaluations confirmed that 130 agreed that it was an effective way to introduce the students to their classroom and the new school year. About 60% of the parent/student body showed up at the Kindergarten orientation. 42 agreed that the event was effective in building relationships and understanding of the kindergarten program.

During Spirit Week, Mililani Uka had 66% participate on the Red-Drug Free day, 68% on the Purple-Purple Hands Pledge day, and 89% on the Blue-Uka Pride day. Norma also informed the SCC that she had information on the CPR/First Aid course. The course would be available for 6-30 people and would be open to parents, staff, and teachers. The costs are \$70 for the course and \$16 for the manual payable at time of reservation.
- E. The new student council president, Jewel Amrich reported that student council had a lot of people participate in the scavenger hunt at the Meet & Greet. The officers guided the newest students around the campus, helping them to get familiar with our school. Parents commented that it was a wonderful introduction to Uka and that they enjoyed the cookies. The HI 5 Recycling on 08/05 was the first of the year and earned them \$67.44. Lucia Mumma, the Student Council VP, reported that the officers are practicing for the welcome assembly on 08/12 and that the fourth and fifth grade classrooms are selecting their representatives. The student council officers will be attending the complex wide officer training at Mililani Mauka on 08/18/11.
- F. Ann Marie Smith expressed her feelings that the iPE was awesome and that it was wonderful to see the school's spirit colors on campus. She also commented that she is a member of Moms-in-Touch and that the group prays once a week for the school,

teachers, and safety. Mrs. Smith commented that she needed to meet new parents and collect their feedback so that she could report back to the SCC.

- G. The community representative was not available.
- H. The Non-certificated staff had nothing to report other than that they needed to watch a lot of videos concerning the school rules and regulations.
- I. SPED – nothing to report. Starting this school year, SPED will be integrated into each grade level report.
- J. Debbie Watanabe reported that Kindergarten had their first day with all the students today. Testing was completed last week and results are being processed. First grade currently completing reading and math assessments. They had their first full week this week and are excited to start the new school year. Course standards for reading have been approved and the first grade team is still working on the course standards for math. They have acquired substitutes and the request for a work day has been approved by the principal.
- K. Angeli Palompo reported that grade 2 welcomes a new teacher: Marissa Louie. The second grade team will be following the Common Core State Standards in language arts and math. They are finishing up AIMS Web testing. Both, the second and third grade teachers and parents had many positive comments regarding the Meet & Greet. Third grade also welcomed new teachers: Juliet Hill and Andrea Pong. This quarter the team will implement a UBD unit on animal adaptations with an emphasis on wetland animals and have an integrated language arts, math, and social studies unit on economics. They are reading stories about money, working on numbers and operations involving money, and learning about scarcity and opportunity cost in economics for social studies. They are also finishing up Aims Web testing.
- L. Denise Low reported that grades 4 and 5 have stated their cafeteria monitor rotation. They had a meeting with the vice principal, Mrs. Tao, regarding expectations and the importance of service learning and promoting citizenship. Both grades are working on student council representative selection. Mrs. Tansey has sent a letter home with candidates to emphasize the responsibilities that the student and the parents need to commit to.
Fifth Grade Munchies sale is set to be on 08/26. The cost is \$3.00 and the flavors available are chocolate/vanilla swirl or strawberry. The Star Party is scheduled to be on 09/02, pizza and salad dinner tickets are being sold. Fifth grade is welcoming a new addition to their team: Laura Kulm.

VI. Old Business

SCC handbooks/binders were handed out. Every member received one copy, except for the Student Council members; they are sharing one copy. Everyone that had

received a copy had to sign it officially out and will be asked to return it at the May meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. Heather Wilhelm handed out the Mililani Uka El NCLB School Report for SY 2010-11 and thoroughly explained the information on the report. According to the numbers listed, Uka had a very successful year and has been ranked as “In good standing, unconditional”. The overall AYP were met.
- B. Pat Park distributed a hand-out of a slide show she had put together regarding an All Students Focused School. She explained the new vision of the Mililani complex and the Common Core State Standards. She then announced that there was a training session for all SCC members held on September 14 at the Mililani HS at 5 pm in the library. A light dinner will be served.
- C. When questioned if a former Uka student and SCC member could be the co-Community representative, she replied that it would not be preferable. The community part of an SCC should be held by a business partner of the community. It was meant to develop a partnership between the local business and the school.

VIII. Announcements

Next meeting: MONDAY, September 12, 2011, 5:00 pm.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Sabine Thomas
SCC Secretary