

Manoa PTO Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
School Library at 7pm

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In attendance – Tobie Stallings, Iain McClements, Alexis Pasternak, Renee Lawler, Jennifer Leisner, Betsy Berkey, Dr. Ramoundos, Shana Robarge, Jane Boyle, Patty Tripler, Melissa Carroll, Lisa Jesse, Becky Lazo, Christel DiVincenzo, Ashley Parks, Sarah Maxwell, Steph Kelly, Kristen Twersky, Helene Conroy-Smith, Michelle Scullin, Carmen Bilc, Heather Chickory

Approve April Minutes: approval passed at 7:02

Opening Welcome Message - Welcome to the new Board Members! VP- Jennifer Leisner, T- Helene Conroy-Smith, RS- Renee Lawler

HMS PTO Speaker ~ 10 min.

Sarah Maxwell - Rising 6th graders

- Please join the HMS PTO!
- It's a great way to stay involved and know what's happening in the school
- Fund the dances and senior citizens prom
- Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month
- Registration information is also available through Manoa PTO

Officer Reports

Dr. Ramoundos

- Thank you for the Fun Fair!
- Thank you for the posters for the teachers and staff
- Special Friend Day with the Kindergarteners was wonderful
- Thanks for the Pops water ice coupons
- Thank you for helping to hang the art and the spring concert
- Character Counts last assembly for citizenship is coming up this month
- Please do not drop off your kids in the side parking lot. Go through the line and drop off safely on the passenger side

Manoa Faculty Report - Faculty Representative, Rochelle Doblin (1Do) – not in attendance

Alexis Pasternak – Corresponding Secretary

- June 5th is our last meeting and it is the volunteer tea during our regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- The art show went really well! Thank you for all the volunteers

- We donated \$300 towards the Shoemakers
- Bricks and Books: ordering a lot of books to dedicate and Mrs. Doll and Mrs. Bowman are getting bricks

Iain McClements – Gardening

- Good number of volunteers –thank you!
- It looks beautiful!
- We learned that Wawa is no longer donating coffee

Tobie Stallings - Planning next year

- Financial Report Budget: we still need to pay for the 5th grade yearbooks; about \$2500 unclaimed for the Children's Fund; expect to finish in the positive
- Misc. Chair Reports not complete - Please hand in chair reports
- 2018-2019 Chair Opportunities: lots of new people for next year! If you want to help, let Tobie know.
- Fun Fair needs chairs
- 5th graders will take over the carwash in the fall and that money can go to the PTO to fund the 5th grade frame and picture (this is in place of a 5th grade gift) – the idea is proposed that rather than the carwash, maybe it should be the dining night out fundraisers; if the 5th grade student council decides to do more, they could.
- It is agreed that the dining with a cause nights were successful and should go on

Standing Items

5th Grade; *Fundraiser* (Heather Chickory, Jane Boyle), *Promo* (Steph Kelly), *Video* (Ashley Parks), *Swim* (Heather Chickory, Christel DiVincenzo, Ashley Parks)

- Fundraiser: Gifts are given ; waiting for Moe's check; receipts are in; there is a little money left; Dr. Ramoundos will let everyone at the character counts assembly know what the gifts were
- Promotion: it happens on the last day of school; working on invitations to the parents and the programs; we need volunteers the night before to set up the gym, hang up art, etc; we need 4th grade parent volunteers to take food from parents who donate food and serve food after the event; maximum 4 family members (no children)
- Video – response for photos from parents has not been great; there is discussion about how to update the process – Can we go digital? Maybe a Google Drive or closed YouTube page or perhaps something through the yearbook company or Dropbox
- Swim – Checks have been turned in to cover food and pool; the time is shortened from years past

Homeroom Parents; Thad McCollum – End-of-the-Year Parties / Picnics

- Board approved \$50 per party – 1-4 grade → going to have an end-of-year picnic and each grade level will decide if homeroom parents are involved – these picnics are already scheduled; reach out to the teachers to see what they want
- There is a suggestion that next year there are grade parents along with HRP
- If you want to be homeroom parent next year, we are not ready to know who can do what class yet – we're waiting for class lists
- Remind people they need clearances to be HRP

Inter District Council – Carmen Bilc

- Topic was facilities – there were 3 speakers; a lot of improvements; all presidents want to get together and exchange information next year; first meeting will be in September; there will be a google doc with president names and information where they can share information
- IDC meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakmont building; 2-3 seats will be open

Yearbook; 364/400 sold so far, to be distributed in the last week of school.

- They are still available online

Review

Faculty App. Luncheon – Michelle Scullin, Renee Lawler

- Good turn out
- We will scale back some of the food; there was a lot of extra food
- \$40 under budget
- Works well for it to be on a half day

Fun Fair – Kristen Twersky, Tobie Stallings, Alexis Pasternak, Christel DiVincenzo

- Great event – 498 bracelets sold! We made \$3100
- The dunk tank was a hit!
- Pie challenge was wonderful!
- Bake sale went well
- Food truck was successful

Spirit Wear – Anita Newby

- Not intended to be a fundraiser – if we want it to be, we should look outside C&M
- Are we allowed to do an online survey? Yes
- Sale sold 52 items

Preview

Track Meet 5/21 – Patty Tripler

- Are we allowed to have soft pretzels? Yes, after school hours
- Pretzels, water, makeup, and maybe balloons

Science Fair 5/30

- Slips are due on Friday, May 18

Field Day 5/31 – Michelle Scullin

- Cups are in! Everyone gets a cup
- Popcorn and pretzels are ordered
- We really need parents, especially in the morning
- Do we want to do something special for Mrs. Bowman? \$100 gift card

Any Other Business

Publishing – Lisa Jesse, Becky Lazo

- Publishing has been done for 20 years at Manoa for 2nd and 4th graders
- The 2nd grade pulled out of the project
- The goal is to take one writing piece from the year of any kind and submit it to the publishing committee who takes it from there
- Some teachers create a big project out of it, but it doesn't have to be that way. It can be just one simple writing piece
- How can we encourage this? What if it was offered to 3rd and 5th? The chairs will reach out to the teachers.
- The 29th and 30th of May at 6:30 are binding nights here at the library – come help out

Box Tops - Tara - Prizes this year?

- Box Tops are really down this year
- We could share a link for families to print out a page to staple the Box Tops
- Box Tops parties – we need ideas

Announcements

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, June 5, at 7pm in the cafeteria

Adjournment

Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be posted to the PTO website www.manoapto.org & Facebook page “Manoa PTO”.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Berkey

We have the following 2018-2019 Chair positions open;

Car Wash
Fall Fest - Vendors Co-Chair
Fall Fest - Marketing Co-Chair
Family Dance Night
5th grade Fundraising
5th grade Promotion Co-Chair
5th grade Video
Fun Fair - 2 seats open for Co-Chair
Intra District Council - 2 seats open for Co-Chair
KidStuff Coupon Books
OnLine Directory
Track Meet
Variety Show

Survey Questions from Nominations

~What is the best way to communicate with you?

- AtoZ Email 72% (53 ppl)
- Facebook 12% (9 ppl)
- Instagram 0%
- Text 16% (12 ppl)

~What types of clubs would you like to see added to Manoa for the children? (42 comments)

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| - Art 12 | - Chess 3 |
| - Legos 8 | - Yoga 3 |
| - Sports 8 | - None 3 |
| - STEM/STEAM 7 | - Games 2 |
| - Science 6 | - Cooking 1 |
| - Book 4 | - Math 1 |
| - Language 4 | - Music 1 |
| - Robotics 4 | - Random Acts of Kindness 1 |
| - Running 4 | - Service 1 |
| | Gardening 1 |

~What improvements would you like to see from the PTO for the '18-'19 school year? (36 comments)

- None. You guys do a great job. Thank you! (15)
- More, better, improved, consistent, streamlined communication. About; events, volunteer opportunities, HRP, meeting minutes. (11)

- Shorter meetings. (2)
- Social events geared toward 3rd - 5th graders.
- More guest speakers for community related issues and increased civic engagement.
- Would be nice to see more people at events.
- Better liaising with school board.
- I think kids would like a meet the author event.
- All info in one spot.
- Better parties and more events at the Fall Fair and May Fair.
- Bring back paper directory.