

MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE
ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2006
Elementary Dining Room, 5:30 – 6:45pm

Attendance: Kim Soares, Pam Yoshihiro, Karen Kawamura, Iris Ching, Judy Dang, Susan Donlon, Gayle Hirose, Venice Hochman, Teri Young, Sara Muraoka, Joy Matsuyama, Edna Hussey, Nicole Chung

- I. Call to order** - Kim Soares called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.
- II. Review of MPI 'Ohana Meeting Notes** - Elementary PTO meeting notes are available on-line now. Nicole to email Scott regarding numerals not lining up.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Judy Dang** - 2 new expenses since November is the December faculty/staff breakfast and Spooktivity expense. If there are any other outstanding expenses to be turned in for Spooktivity, please turn them in –But if grand total for Spooktivity is this low, we may want to lower the budgeted amount for this activity.
- IV. Principal's Report – Edna Hussey**
 - A. Teachers were back at school 2 days before the children came back from Winter Break, planning curriculum.
 - B. A new teacher for 1/2 grade - Ms. Donna Revard.
 - C. A new teacher for Christian Education, preschool through 2nd grade - Loriann Yukihara.
 - D. A new after school supervisor – Kathleen Mathews.
 - E. Aloha United Way – Pennies for Aloha – project to begin next week.
 - F. Accreditation process, started while school was Epiphany, will be completed this school year. Visitors will be at the school in February and March to complete the accreditation process.
 - G. Spring Break child care – A memo will be sent home to parents to assess the need for a MPIE program.
 - H. Three (3) sizable gifts from Parents to MPIE –
1st gift for 21 Ukulele's
2nd gift will fund the technology lab, MPIE has ordered equipment and furniture
3rd gift will fund smart board technology for each classroom – 1st grade through 5th grade, including plasma screen!!
*****Ohana would like to plan a way to thank these very generous donors – will brainstorm and plan more at the next Ohana meeting.
 - I. Safe Environment
Children should not run on the walkways, primarily for the safety of pre-schoolers and other students.
Parents should not drop off children before 7:00am. Children must wait in front of classrooms instead of playing on the basketball court.
 - J. Admissions will be busy on most Saturdays from now until April. No Ohana/parent help needed. Parents to help with Open Houses.
- V. MPI PTO School Board Report** – no report, next MPI PTO meeting is next Tuesday at H-3

VI. Community Relations -

- A. Jump Rope for Heart – will be held on 2/10/06. Kim Soares to call P.E. teacher to find out if parents to provide smoothie bar/snacks. Edna mentioned that P.E. teacher usually sends out a flier stating what help is needed.
- B. Parents-As-Partners - Internet Security – Pam will find out more about getting a speaker to inform parents what can be done to help with Internet Security.

VII. New Business -

- A. Grandparent's Day – Thursday, March 16, 2006 – Kim to follow up on parents sign-up to help with sign-in, set up, etc. Edna mentioned the event might be moved to afternoon.
- B. Ho'olaule'a – Friday, March 17, 2006 – more to report on next meeting, after MPI PTO meeting next Tuesday.
- C. Spring Vacation – March 20 – 31, 2006
- D. May Day – Friday, May 5, 2006 10:00am-11:30am
- E. Bellow's Beach day in June – We need to find a sponsor for the officers section.

VIII. Fund Raising Management -

Box Tops for Education – a box will be available in each classroom for students to deposit box tops in – a bigger collection box will be kept in the school office for teachers to empty their classroom collection into.

IX. Discussion

- A. Suggestion that Elementary website imitate MPI.EDU site - for the ease of parents to Middle School format.
- B. Suggestion of monthly newsletter/event reminder home to parents to help with the paperless transition.
- C. Suggestion of pictures of Ohana sponsored events to put on our Ohana section of the web site, so interested parents could see what the Ohana does, as well as read the minutes of the meetings.
- D. NOTE TO ALL PARENTS – Hawaii Association of Independent Schools is presenting a parent discussion with Robert Brooks, Ph.D. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006 from 6:30-8:30pm at Iolani School, Seto Hall titled: Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents. Cost is \$10.00 at the door starting at 6:30pm, Program begins at 7:00pm.

X. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2006.