



NOELANI SCHOOL PTA
March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting (via Zoom) called to order by President Dani Yafuso at **6:03 pm**.

PRESENT: The following officers and members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Officers: Danielle Yafuso, President
Stanford Togashi, Vice President
Chris Shitagi, Treasurer
Alison Davidson, Secretary

Members: Approximately 25
Principal Gusman

February 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES - shared by Vice President Stanford Togashi; APPROVED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT made by Principal Gusman:

1. COVID – now OPTIONAL to wear masks OUTDOORS; still need to wear masks INDOORS. Might be some changes in the future, nothing to report yet. DOE-wide policy not school by school.
2. Calendar items:
 - a. Tomorrow is last day of the 2nd quarter
 - b. Spring break next week
 - c. Kuhio Day is 3/25/22 (Friday)

TREASURER'S REPORT – shared by Treasurer Chris Shitagi:

1. **Income/Expenses:**
 - a. Total income of \$5,960.00
 - b. Total expenses of \$3,330.00
2. **Bank Account Balance as of 2/28/22 bank statement**
\$66,651.05 Checking (Operating)
\$161,761.96 Savings
\$ 12,856.08 Free Business Checking (Amazon/Square Inc)
\$237,269.09 Total
 - Dani noted that PTA should discuss and determine what an appropriate cash balance is to cover operating expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **JOGATHON** – Update from chair, Stanford:
 - a. Successful event! THANKS to faculty and staff especially Ms. Lum, Ms. Yamane, Ms. Crawford, Ms. McCurdy, Ms. Kuba and Mr. Sakamoto.
 - b. THANK YOU for all of the family donations!
 - c. Students participated in warm-up stretches, Chinese jump rope, obstacle course, hula hoops and otter pop treat.
 - d. Only kindergarteners didn't get to experience the full course due to rain, they participated in a back-up activity that Ms. Lum had ready.
2. **NOMINATIONS FOR 2022-2023 OFFICERS**

- a. Term runs May '22– June '23;changed for better continuity.
 - b. Currently have few nominations. Want to encourage parents to volunteer for an officer/committee position. Nominations supposed to be due in April, then put out for vote.
 - c. Stanford volunteered to run for President, still need to fill VP, Secretary and Treasurer roles.
 - d. Send in names/feel free to reach out with questions – email or PTA mailbox.
3. **AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** – Update from Stanford (event chair):
- a. About 100 students signed up. Most classes are full.
 - b. Some courses cut to 5 classes to allow more kids to participate.
 - c. THANK YOU to teachers who signed up to teach a class, and also thanks to parents who signed their students up for classes!
 - d. Thanks also to Mr. Gusman for allowing this to happen. Great to be getting back to pre-COVID school activities.
4. **HTY ONLINE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** – flyer went out to families today
- a. THANKS to Megan and Eric Johnson (Artistic Director of Hawaii Threatre for Youth) for putting this event together!
 - b. Virtual family movie night – different offering that families can watch online through the end of the month.
 - c. Information on HTY membership special offer can be found on the Noelani portal to the HTY website.
 - d. HTY started live in-person performances again – information can be found on the website.
5. **SCREENAGERS** – update from Lorelei Saito:
- a. Screenagers is documentary about the challenges of navigating social media, video games and academics. Offers solutions and tips for families on how to navigate online world and be good digital consumers
 - b. Documentary is a little over an hour. PTA will provide a link for families to watch remotely during a 2-week window, with a discussion group to follow.
 - c. Target showing in April.
6. **MAY FAIR**
- a. Great school community family day traditionally held in May. In the past, each grade level would perform in the courtyard, with bento lunch and kiddie games to follow.
 - b. Due to COVID, we haven't been able to have May Fair the past few years.
 - c. Mr. Gusman: will discuss with Ms. Chang (one of 5 teacher liaisons for the event) about possible options this year.
 - d. Dani: PTA to discuss in the next couple of weeks what the PTA can do to help support May Fair. Important since this is an internal school event (compared to craft fair that is broader community-based event).
 - e. Looking for parent volunteer since we don't have a committee chair yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **READ-A-THON** – Stanford working on proposal to be submitted to Mr. Gusman
- a. In the spirit of giving back to Noelani students, Stanford is looking a Read-a-Thon program – kids to read and keep track of minutes read/books and will earn prizes that are sponsored by the PTA; NOT a fundraiser. Program to encourage kids' reading.
 - b. More details to be provided at a later date.

2. **Request for Benches** - Mr. Gusman is requesting that the PTA help pay for benches to be placed along path going to A building (where plants don't grow well) – benches that can be used for kids to sit on before school. Looking at possible types of benches.
3. **New Playground to be Provided by the DOE** – Senator Taniguichi helped secure funds for a new playground to be located on B building and refurbish existing playground. Hopefully this will get done this school year.
4. **New Cafeteria Curtain** – Stanford noted for parents who don't go into the cafeteria installed a few weeks ago and it looks great!
5. **Noelani PTA Banners Put Up** – one by the office and the second on the fence near exit – way for PTA to communicate with Noelani community. Thanks to Ms. Nakamura for printing out and Mr. Richard (custodian) to help put messages up on banner.
6. **Spirit Cards** – Stanford reported that a few parents asked about Spirit Cards. Stanford will put parents who inquired with Dana (last year's chair) and request that proposal be submitted to Mr. Gusman.
7. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Coming up – if anyone wants to volunteer to help, let us know. Kristen Brummel agreed to help again.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43 pm

Alison M. Davidson

Secretary, Noelani School PTA

April 14, 2022

Date of approval