

Noelani PTA minutes

January 8, 2020

Call to order by PTA President Cisco Conde at 6:08 pm.

Present: Cisco Conde, Maria Su, Jen Dacumos, Lorelei Saito, Principal Bryan Gusman, Alex Kiyokane, Lisa Imai, Chenoa Diehm, Mika Trawick, Sandi Pastorino, Jen Yamamoto, Eula Conde, Lisa Tulchin, Weylin Hokutan, and Stanford Togashi

Guests: none

Minutes (*with corrections made*) of previous meeting approved by consensus.

Principal's Report:

1. Manoa Christmas Parade (Saturday, December 14): Successful event! Will spread the word earlier to get more participants next year!
2. Leeward Coast service project and Aulani stay: approved by PTA Office and Disney Corporation.
3. School program updates: Ms. Ai is working on numbers for after school program offerings. Teachers moving into testing season. Starting practice test to gauge baseline scores.
4. IDEA Center: Construction starting end of January.
5. School partnership with UH Department of Tropical Agriculture: UH hired new Dean who cut some positions. The previous staff (UH grad student) is no longer in the position. Principal Gusman contacted Senator Taniguchi who is calling around to ask for support. Benefits of this partnership: PBL (problem/project based learning) where students take skills and apply in a situation. The challenge is always finding a project that students can apply these skills. Possible partnerships with Lyon Arboretum and Mānoa Heritage Center.
 - Principal Gusman asked for \$4500 to maintain position (UH grad student) for 30 weeks. This will support 3rd and 4th grades who go regularly to the greenhouse. Ultimately, school would like to build own greenhouse.
 - A motion was made to donate \$4500 to UH Foundation. This donation will be designated for UH grad student position in Department of Tropical Agriculture.
6. International partnership w/ school in Japan: Principal Gusman is interested in starting a global partnership w/ this school to start a cross cultural exchange. This school is in Ibaraki Prefecture. Homestay and cultural/ historical experiences for Noelani students during the spring, partnerschool will visit Noelani for similar experiences in the next school year. This model is similar to Mānoa Elementary's Japan partnership. This

experience will be open to grades 4 and 5. Principal Gusman will gather more information and share w/ PTA in future meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2019, total checking balance is \$260,846.48. Total savings balance is \$21,737.15, Free Business Checking is \$1,513.91.

Unfinished Business

1. **Noelani Bylaws:** approved, signed, and sent back to PTA, final copy will be sent directly to school. Will follow up on status.
2. **Audit:** No report
3. **5th Grade Banquet:** Contract sent to AG office, PTA signed the contract and sent to PTSA main office. Hopefully we'll hear status soon.
4. **New personal in office:** Megan Lawson

New Business

1. **Jog-a-thon:** Friday, Feb. 7. Flyer finalized and currently being reviewed by teachers. Sign up Genius page will be set up w/ link to actual sign up and information page. Prizes ordered, ice pops ordered. Things needed: donations from banks, email solicitation does not work. Gift cards from area businesses, or other gifts for raffles.
2. **After school programs:** Discussion regarding parent portion, and teacher stipend. Parents currently pay \$20-\$25 per class. It was decided that fee will increase to \$50 parent portion, and each teacher will receive \$100 per class session. Regarding retro payment- waiting to hear from Ms. Ai.
3. **Box Tops:** \$81 so far. Drive starting soon, flyer going home.
4. **May Fair:** flyer going out after Jog-a-thon asking for committee support.

Next meeting: February 12, 2020, 6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned by Cisco Conde at 7:51 pm.