



Lanikai Elementary PTSA Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2011

Attended by: Janny Gibson, Kari Johnson, Stephanie Duffield, Espie Chapman, Kasey Madeoy, Jenn Clark, Tara Young, Angelica Sorge, Toni Muranaka, Gina E., Karen D., Leah Yangco

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Old Business

Jenn Clark – Treasurer: CUTS (Concert Under the Stars) in May grossed \$15,000. The money went toward the purchase of a new art kiln, and music curriculum. The silent auction funds went toward the deposit of this years 4th grade class Big Island Trip. Some money was also set aside for scholarships for things like field trips, t-shirts, etc.

Janny informed members about the location of the PTSA “office” located across the hall from the art kiln. You can find forms and information there for upcoming events.

“Events to remember” was handed out and briefly explained.

Director’s Remarks- Ed Noh

Since arriving June 6th, he is getting to know the staff and is excited about the position of “director”. His own 5th grade son is enrolled at Lanikai so he will be an active parent as well as director. He thanked the PTSA for hosting the staff luncheon before the start of school. He discussed how our Lanikai children are doing based on test scores he has reviewed. We scored 93% for reading; this is the 2nd highest score for a Public Charter within the DOE. We scored 84% in math, tying for 6th overall in the state. Test scores, he says, are just one measurement of success.

PCNC’s Remarks- Ann Pederson

Ann has been given a new title “School Partnerships and Programs Manager” Her role will continue to be overseeing the newsletter, helping plan events and working on improving school facilities with our custodial staff. Ann says, “Progress is being made”

Ann discussed news about our solar and photovoltaic panels, which were installed. The sun powers 90-100% of our school’s power/electricity. Our projected savings is \$5,000 per month. We are the first school on Oahu to have these panels. There are plans to integrate it with our weather station and to create a “green team”.

Our solar celebration will be on August 25th at 7:50am at morning assembly. Many dignitaries have been invited and will be present as well as local media.

Ann also discussed our schools need for many improvements, such as an electricity overhaul. She stated that because of our charter status a \$400 cut per pupil is on the table for all charter schools, which emphasizes our need to raise funds for improvements.

New Business

Committee Reports

- Membership, Espie Chapman – Membership is currently at 47% (100 families out of 234 families) we are pushing for 100% membership! Of the \$20 for membership, \$9.75 goes to Hawaii PTSA (for insurance) and \$10.25 goes to our school PTSA fund. PTSA membership cards will be available soon.
Jenn Clark discussed the “Just between friends” program, which is a national PTA network that simplifies and encourages families’ involvement.
- Fundraising, Toni Muranaka- Toni is excited and hopes to have help organizing a fundraising team. If interested please contact Toni.
 1. Christmas tree sale- we will be working with Habilitat, a non-profit organization that works to help re-habilitate people who are challenged with drug use, in the sale of Christmas trees. Flyers will be coming home soon. Toni wanted our school to be connected with another non-profit to show its community outreach. The pre-ordered trees will be dispersed on December 3rd at Kalaheo HS
 2. Passport for Savings coupons- we will be selling these. We purchased them for \$5 and will sell for \$10. This Passport coupon is designed specifically for Kailua locations.
 3. Shop for a Cause- Macy’s coupons being sold for \$5 for a 25% discount to shop at any Macy’s on Saturday, August 27th, 2011.
- School Events Coordinator, Stephanie Duffield – she will be our liaison between the various committee chairs.
- Room Parent Coordinator, Kari Johnson- Kari’s goal this year is to make our room parents a much more unified entity. Kari is compiling a PTSA handbook, which is new this year. Copies will be handed out soon to PTSA members only. Kari showed our new PTSA “spirit day” trophy – the honu, which will act as another community builder with our Lanikai students.
- Hospitality, Michelle Aquino and Marnie Ackerman – Michelle and Marnie were not present to discuss their goals. However, our goal as a PTSA is to utilize this committee for reaching out to any and everyone within our school who is in need. (Military spouses, new babies, death in the family, etc.) Also, to thank those outside our Lanikai community who contribute to our success (military, etc.)

Announcements/Member Input/Questions

It was mentioned that we need to have a brief explanation of committees on handouts for committees on handouts so that parents are more likely to sign up for things and understand what each task involves.

We should look at everything through the eyes of a new parent.

We will not have an all school roster/directory for privacy reasons. However the "just between friends" website will help facilitate those needs

Reminder: Espie will be accepting gently used/out-grown Lanikai t-shirts for other students to use for field trips...students in need.... Etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm