

MINUTES OF THE HUI O MILILANI UKA
Mililani Uka PCNC
October 1, 2009

Board Members Present

Candi Baker, Gail Markovich, Carylynd Cintron Ala, Melody Hayase, Jan Matsuura, Heather Fairbanks, Jill Hirota, and Denise M. Low.

Guests

Heather Wilhelm, Norma Tansey, Megan McGeady, and Renee Arita.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Hui president Candi Baker called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Hui treasurer, Carylynd Cintron Ala, went over a report that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting. The Hui account balance as of the day of the meeting was \$52,931.48. The Sally Foster fundraiser grossed \$19, 633.50 (about \$3,000 less than last year). The outstanding invoices include the cost of filing the 2008-2009 tax return, (approximately \$250-\$300) and the Sally Foster COGS at approximately \$10,000. Of this balance, \$27,000 was appropriated in the 2009/2010 budget, and \$5,918.42 was disbursed. There is an additional \$20,350 in appropriations, leaving us with a working balance of **\$22,281.48**.

Budget for 2009-2010	Amount	Amount Requested & Disbursed	Balance of Appropriated Funds
Computer and Technology	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Library	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,000.00	
Part Time Teacher Position	\$ 9,400.00		\$9,400.00
Fourth Grade Hawaiian Studies	\$ 1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Grade 5 Funds	\$ 500.00		\$500.00
Kindergarten Funds	\$ 150.00		\$150.00
Grade 1 Funds	\$ 150.00	\$65.42	
Grade 3 Funds	\$ 150.00		\$150.00
Wellness Fair	\$ 150.00		\$150.00
Art To Go	\$ 7,500.00		\$7,500.00
General Excise Taxes	\$ 1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Hui Officers/Directors/Liability Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$853.00	
Total	\$27,000.00	\$5,918.42	\$20,350.00

Gail Markovich motioned to approve the treasurer's report pending audit; motion was seconded and carried by the board.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. September 10, 2009 Minutes were reviewed. Jan made a correction to the spelling of Math Whizz.

Gail motioned to approve the September 10, 2009 minutes with correction, motion seconded, motion carried.

B. Fall Fest Modifications: Were discussed between the teachers and the administration at a prior meeting. It was decided that due to the curriculum restructuring for furlough days that Fall Fest will be taken off the calendar. All agreed that the students and community will be disappointed, but the Hui is working with the administration to put together alternative community events. A notice will be going out in the parent bulletin, Norma has notified the various participating organizations, and the funds generated by the activities will be missed.

C. Family Fun Activity Details for November 30, 2009 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the cafeteria were discussed. The cost (including lunch, materials, and a guest speaker) will be per person, per session. A financial advisor will be speaking to both parents and children about developing good money habits and funding for college. The next event is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Thursday, January 28, 2009. Possible guest speakers were discussed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sally Foster: Candi Baker thanked the teachers and administration for their support and participation on behalf of the Hui. She also apologized for not including the IRAs and other staff in the distribution of catalogs. Every class participated by placing orders. A notice will go out one week prior to pick-up to remind parents of the date/time and to notify families of a chance to make order corrections and to place new orders.

B. Furloughs: Candi acknowledged that the furloughs will be affecting the school in many different ways. The Hui officers met with Ms. Wilhelm prior to the board meeting to discuss the different ways in which the Hui might assist the students and teachers. Ms. Wilhelm informed the Hui of the various sacrifices the teachers are making to maximize instructional time, for which Candi thanked the teachers. Revision of the budget to supplement academics was discussed, including possible Kid Biz and Math Whizz funding/incentive programs. All grade level individual art projects would still be funded, and all Family Fun Events will include arts and crafts projects, provided at a nominal fee, to be hosted and funded by the Hui. Candi asked the grade level reps to discuss with the other teachers the reallocation of Art-to-go funding to be used in a more efficient and enriching way (and report back within 7-10 days).

V. SCC REPORT: Carylynd Cintron Ala reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2009. Carylynd felt privileged to participate in training for Mililani and Waialua complex, and would like to encourage more parents and community members to participate and observe. Participants included two student council representatives, three Uka parents and one community member.

VI. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT was submitted with PCNC report and reviewed by Norma Tansey. The fourth graders are the Service Committee and the fifth graders are the Spirit Committee. Chairpersons and recorders were chosen for each committee. Student council members discussed Fall Fest and the MHS homecoming parade at their last meeting.

VII. PCNC REPORT: Norma Tansey thanked the parent volunteers who helped with stations and food contributions during the Get Moving, Get Fit event. It went very well and pictures of the fun will be incorporated into the newsletter. Norma went over the calendar and wanted to remind everyone that parent-teacher conferences have been extended by 2 days, the flu vaccination clinic, and picture re-taking is coming up. Seasonal flu clinic on October 21 from 8:00 am to 12 noon needs volunteers to help monitor kids for 15 minutes after their vaccine. The cross-country meet will be on Friday, Nov 13 at the middle school.

VIII. GRADE LEVEL REPORTS

A. Kindergarten reported that the kids are learning the routine and making great progression and improvement. They will be going on a field trip to Aloun Farms and incorporating their senses. They will be making observations on living things versus non-living things. They will be going on a hayride, and then each child will be allowed to take home whatever pumpkin they can carry.

B. Grade 1 had a well-attended parent-child brown bag lunch on Wednesday with around 200 parents participating. It was a little crowded but everyone enjoyed themselves.

C. Grade 2 had their parent-child activity with increased participation over last year (including 76 adults and 68 students). They had a gyotaku activity, a presentation by the Waikiki Aquarium, a speaker from NOAA about conservation and recent marine debris clean-up efforts which ties into their curriculum. The kids were very enthusiastic and there was a lot of positive feedback. There were some comments made by parents that they would have liked more time in order to participate in all four activities.

D. Grade 3 reported that one of the Hui-funded Part Time Teachers started that day.

E. Grade 4 notified the Hui that they are ready for the boxes they requested for their art project. Flyers for their Jamba Juice fundraiser, which will run until 10/12/09, went into the different classroom boxes. The Big Island trip has been reduced to 2 days instead of three to reduce cost due to furloughs. The Kona portion of the trip has been cut, the students will be staying in Hilo, and 2 museums have been added to replace the cut activities. They hope that the reduced cost and length of the trip will encourage more participants to sign up.

F. Grade 5 will be having their Panda Express fundraiser for Camp Erdman from 9/28-10/12/09. The trip has been shortened to 2 days (11/18-11/19/09) instead of three because of furloughs. The kids are working on inquiry and topics for their Science Fair projects. Finally, 236 people attended their much-anticipated Star Party, which included 9 astronomers, 8 telescopes, and 2 Hokulea navigators.

G. SpEd representative Megan McGeady had to leave early so there was no report.

H. IRA (Resource & Leadership) representative Jan Matsuura explained the use of the Math Whizz program and that they are trying to accommodate the growing needs of classes due to furlough days.

- SIS (Student Intervention System) support is affected so they are revamping their schedule. Second quarter should be more stable.
- Mililani Uka was awarded 60 Math Whizz accounts, currently being shared between grades 3, 4, and 5, because Ann Imamura and Jan Matsuura attended a Math Whizz workshop. The kids are having

fun with Math Whizz since conversion issues from UK to US last year have been corrected. Assessments place the children at the appropriate level or difficulty for their age and gender. All types of math are covered, and the program includes lessons, practice games, and tests. Funding was discussed between the Hui and Administration to purchase additional accounts to accommodate all students (to include access from home) at a cost of \$35 per student per year.

IX. ADMINISTRATION

A. Ms. Heather Wilhelm thanked the Hui for funding the PPT for grade 3 and said that everyone is looking forward to Fall Break.

B. Safety Week continued throughout the school and the Tsunami watch was a good opportunity to discuss emergencies within the classroom. The school was provided with constant updates from the DOE and Civil Defense.

C. Teachers voted to cancel two professional collaboration days that fell on furlough days, rather than rescheduling them, in order to retain those days in the classroom for the children. They are keeping two of the P.C. days to collaborate with the other complex schools.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next board meeting will be in the PCNC at 5:00 pm on November 5, 2009. All Hui board meetings are open to the public.
- There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at 8:00 am on October 2, 2009 for those who helped with the evidence binders.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Candi Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melody Hayase
Recording Secretary
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