

**PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Wailuku Elementary
October 15, 2019**

In Attendance: Ashley Faris, Ashley Smith, Chad Apana, Donovan Ogawa, Kekai Tapuro, Noelani Castro, Todd Ayotte, Leslie-Ann Hymis, Diana Meranta Miki Mochizuki, Nikan Apapoff

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Welcome: Miki welcomed all attendees

Student Council Report:

- Reviewed current funding and will be returning \$600 to the PTSA.
- Movie night was a success, but we ran out of candy and food early
- Student council T-shirt design has been finalized and fits with the theme of Make a friend be a friend

Principal's Report:

- Please with teacher reaction to project-based instructions and the science-based standards
- WES has been burglarized three times recently and it is a priority that security be improved looking into funding for security cameras
- Will reach out to other schools to discuss 5th Grade Celebration site at another school to avoid rental fees

PCNC's Report:

1st EVER MOVIE NIGHT Huge mahalo to the many hands who made our first-ever movie night a success in the cafeteria! We really couldn't have done it without the video/sound elves of Mr. Chad Shadd & Mr. Shawn Hanscam! They spent a lot of time setting up our system (which hadn't been used in ages, by the way!) Thank you to Pack & Troop 68 and our Student Council members for helping our PTSA members and STAFF in the kitchen. We went through 120 hotdogs, 3 boxes of candy (90 pieces), 6 bags of arare, and 4 clown bags of popcorn!! Yup, we ran out, but now we have a gauge on how much to order next year. Next movie night will be tied to our Book Fair in March.

CULTURAL NIGHT (Wednesday, Nov. 13) We've tried dinners for our ELL (English Language Learners) families, with little success. Last year we tried to see if performances would bring people together. I sent out flyers to 151 ELL students inviting them to share their culture with us. I will be calling each of them soon to follow up. After a couple weeks, I will open it up to the rest of the school population. We had 8 families who shared their culture with us last year, through dances, crafts, and a coconut husking demonstration. I've reached out to them, and hopefully they'll participate again! We'll do a pizza dinner.

5TH GRADE CELEBRATION MEETING I will be scheduling an "urgent" meeting soon to discuss the location predicament we're in this year with regards to our annual 5th Grade Celebration, which is usually held on the night of the last day of school. We have budgeted \$800 in the past for this event, but since our "free" location at the Wailuku Community Center is not an option this year we are forced to figure out other locations. Will the PTSA support an additional \$500+ (\$500 to rent + \$300+ deposit) for a location fee, IF it comes down to the Binhi At Ani (Filipino Community Center in Kahului)? More will be decided upon at the meeting, but I wanted to pose this question now to the Board.

FLU CLINIC – The free flu clinic will be here at WES on Tuesday, October 22. I've already asked for volunteers to help escort students to/from class. We have about 200 students receiving the flu shot this year.

• **FUN RUN** is just around the corner (Nov. 27), which means so is Thanksgiving, can you believe it? We've held it on the May Day field two years in a row, with positive feedback from the staff, so we will again hold it on the May Day field.

The incentive prizes will be the same this year as last. Here's what it breaks down into:

\$5-\$49.99: Ice cream (351 students last year)

\$50-\$99.99: Ice cream, free dress (164 students last year)

\$100-\$149.99: Ice cream, free dress, homework/early recess pass [Student chooses either Homework pass (to be approved by teacher, one subject and not on Projects) OR Early recess pass (lunch recess on set date TBD)] (98 students last year)

\$150+ Ice cream, free dress, homework/early recess pass, waterplay! (70 students last year)

Goal is \$20,000 to get dunk tank again for Fun Run. Last year we raised about \$23,600. Adding a Grand prize of a Nintendo Switch and a raffle to win a \$100 gift card

PUMPKIN PATCH/MAD SCIENTIST HALLOWEEN PARTY Our annual Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29. Families bring a CLEANED out pumpkin to carve together that night. I've been working on a flyer. There will be a costume parade. This year we decided to add a science element to spice things up (and incorporate an educational aspect to the night). **ANY IDEAS???** (Something inexpensive and not too messy, please) We will need someone to purchase handouts for the night (goodies, glow bracelets, etc.). Student Council will help pass these out. I've asked the Educators Rising, formally Future Teachers of America, club at Baldwin to assist us with the science portion of the event. I really don't want to do slime, but it just goes hand-in-hand with Halloween and science, doesn't it? But the clean-up will be oh, so, fun!

OCTOBER 23 (Wednesday) IS UNITY DAY October is National Bullying Prevention Month. To show your support please wear orange on Unity Day, October 23.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER will be going home at the end of the month.

HOLOHOLO KA`A ("Touch a Truck"). It's a great family event - especially for children 3 to 8 years old or anyone who would like to get in, see, touch, feel and honk horns of big trucks, race cars and other fun vehicles. Held on Sunday, November 3, from 9am to 1pm at UHMC rear parking lot. Admission is \$1 and benefits the Hawaiian Language Immersion Education on Maui. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Hawaii Maui College Early Childhood Education Program.

GARDEN DAY We have another work day on Saturday, November 2, from 8:30-11:30 AM. All ages are welcome so bring your family for all or part of the time. Water and light snacks will be provided. Free seeds to all who help out that day.

BOXTOPS! Thanks to Noelani Manibog for prepping our coupons for submission. I will be mailing out the coupons sometime next week. Please keep sending them in!

Financial Report: Treasurer not able to attend meeting we will review next month

New Business:

- **Mad Scientist** – Discussed STEM project options
- **Fun Run** –

- We have received donations from Atlantis and Maui Ocean Center, need help with getting more
- Student packets go out on Monday an email will be sent when we have all items to see if people can volunteer to put the packets together
- Leslie-Ann Hymas presented
 - Discussed Vicky the Science Lady providing 3 school assemblies and family night offering for a discounted cost of \$1,050 for 2020
 - Purposing PSTA pay \$1,050 - Chad calls for vote motion passes unanimously
- A permit for parking at the county lot for parent teacher conference has been applied for and we will be notified if it is approved
- Discussed future parking solutions

Meeting adjourned 6:23pm. **Next Meeting: November 12, 2019, 5:30-6:30**