

**PTSA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wailuku Elementary**  
**December 10, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Ashley Smith, Chelsea Fernandez, Diana Merantza, Donavan Ogana, Ipo Dutro-Ching, Kekai Tapuro, Noelani Manibog, Todd Ayotte, Margery Tau'a, Miki Mochizuki

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Welcome:** Miki welcomed all attendees

**Student Council Report:** Santa Workshop is next week, January 27 to 31st Food Drive there will be a grade level contest pizza party for winning grade

**Principal's Report:** Excited to see the progress to social emotional and project-based learning. Looking into security cameras. Consider using land near the garden to do dry land taro. A/C the campus when the funds allow.

**PCNC's Report:**

- Our second CULTURAL NIGHT was a smashing success! We started off the night with an *amazing* fire dance performance from Chad Militante, who brought his own drummer to accompany him! We had entertaining performances from a few students and learned about the cultures from Japan, Kosrae, Guyana, and Okinawa! Our very own custodian, Margarita, showed us how to weave a food platter out of banana leaves, and the Fanesog family made us tasty Okinawan andagi (donuts). What a night! I expect a few more exciting things next year!
  
- FUN RUN is over! Hooray! Thank you to the *many* volunteers who helped the day run smoothly (new and familiar faces)! This year we were lucky to have Keoni's Hot Lava Dancefit, Maui Tumblers, and Keiki Soccer Pros run a station, which allowed our volunteers, *for the first time* EVER, to have a break during Fun Run! Still a few logistical notes to address for next year (like giving Keoni's dancers, the Maui Tumblers & Soccer guys a break), but overall this year was a more positive experience. Special thanks to Puni Taua for building our wooden geta slippers for one of the obstacle races, and to Kekai Tapuro for finding us the double jumpy slides at a fraction of the cost!
  
- We still need to figure out the incentive prizes for those who raised at least \$5.
  - There are about 296 students who will earned the ice cream incentive
    - Need to order ice cream (Meadow Gold? Or Costco?)
    - Someone needs to pick up ice cream
    - Need to ask Student Council if they can help distribute on designated day (January \_\_\_\_)
  - There are about 142 students who earned the free dress incentive
    - Someone needs to make the passes
    - Someone needs to distribute them
  - There are about 88 students who earned the homework pass/early recess pass
    - Someone needs to make the passes
    - Someone needs to distribute them

There's still a few things left to do:

- Mahalo Card to all the companies who donated to us
- Mahalo Ad in the newspaper

#### ☐ MAUI 5K

The deadline passed for the early bird registration, but I emailed them to ask if they could extend it for us (the website had the wrong date and I explained that we were a Title 1 school). They have given us a \$5 off code to use when signing up (Code WAILUKU20). 100% of the registration fee comes back to our school! Join me on Sunday, March 1, for a quick mile walk and raise money for our school at the same time! If you want to sleep in, you can still sign up to be a “virtual” runner and raise money for us.

- ☐ SANTA’S WORKSHOP is almost set for next week Tuesday (Dec. 17). Flyers will be going home tomorrow in the teachers’ boxes. We will have a “make it and take it” craft station from the following groups: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kama`aina Kids, Student Council & PTSA.

Since our usual crafter, Mrs. Bridget Nakama, is unable to make it next week to do her annual Christmas card boxes for the PTSA, I asked parent Marciel Jamison to fill in for her this year and she graciously said yes! Baldwin’s Educators Rising Club will be here again to help us at the cookie decorating station. We still need a few things to be done, which will be addressed under “new business” at this meeting.

- ☐ KICKBALL & FLAG FOOTBALL applications will go out as soon as I receive them, which will probably be a very last minute distribution since I have not heard back from either the County or MPAL (Maui Police Activities League). The programs again run concurrently, so the student must choose one or the other. Kickball is put on by the County Parks, and Flag Football is run by MPAL (Maui Police Activities League). The season games will start in February, and practices are up to the coaches, whomever they may be. This offer is only for students in grades 3-5. More information will be on our website and extra forms will be in the office when I receive them.

#### ☐ BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have 102 students in our program. Huge thanks to Noelani Manibog for helping me number the bags before Kiwanis gets here to distribute them. We service the largest group of students on the island.

- ☐ We’re gearing up for the YEARBOOK, so if any of you have any photos, *please* get them to me soon.
- ☐ Lastly, if you shop online, please get ESCRIP.COM first, then click on the store you wish to shop at (Amazon, Target, Barnes & Noble, Macys, etc.) There are over 800 stores to shop from where escrip partners with and donates a percentage of your sales to our school. There is also a “*forget me not*” extention. Download it, and whenever you’re on a participating site (even if you forget to go to escrip.com first), it’ll remind you to “click here to earn money for Wailuku EI!”

Or, download the BENEFIT app and use it to pay at many of the vendors or to send gift cards! It’s easy money for us!! I use it all the time for Starbucks and Amazon!

- ☐ Brief WINTER NEWSLETTER will be going out next week, along with the nomination forms for

December Wildcats.

- Thank you for volunteering at our school and have a wonderful holiday break!

**Financial Report:** Received PayPal Giving Fund donation of \$2,275.

**New Business:**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Fun Run
    - Awards on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon
    - Thank Yous to be complete by Student Council
  - Santa's Workshop – PTSA General Meeting

Meeting adjourned 6:03pm. **Next Meeting: January 14, 2019, 5:30-6:30**