

**Manoa PTO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**  
**School Library at 7pm**

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**Call to order** – Iain McClements

**In Attendance** – Iain McClements, Tobie Stallings, Alex McClearn, Alexis Pasternack, Angela Urso, Betsy Berkey, Amy McClements, Thad McCollum, Dr. Ramoundos, Therese Meneer, Renee Lawler, Jane Boyle, Mattie Diveglia, Heather Chickory, Courtney Kelly, Jennifer Brown, Robert Brown, Kate Laepple Hertzog, Lisa Jesse, Michelle Scullin, Johanna Fahringer, Barbara Taylor, Emily Gray

**Guest Speakers** –

Superintendent Dr. Reusche and Dr. Burnett from Pupil Services:

- New Attendance Law – <https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/Page/15822> the idea is to address habitual absences. After 6 unexcused absences the school is required by law to report it. After more than 10 parent excused absences for illness, a doctor's note is required.
- Safe Arrival information can be found at <https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/Page/16283>
- Wellness Policy – there is a new wellness committee to oversee the policy. Looking at physical activity, wellness, and nutrition. This is the link to the Wellness Policy and the new Safe Food List <https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/Page/16077>
- Coordinated main health pupil services

Dr. Reusche – Goals of the School District

- Student growth and achievement – always looking to improve professional development, student achievement.
- Also looking at underperforming students. Research shows that school involvement helps student performance.
- English Language Arts curriculum reviewed last year across the district. This year the Science curriculum is under review. This is a 6-year cycle going through the following steps: review, planning, implementation, reflection.
- Comprehensive Plan – mandated plan every year
- Life Skills Program – implementing this year.
- Autistic Support program – design year
- Broaden focus of Inclusivity Committee
- Operational and Fiscal Management – budget, operating procedures (facilities, transportation, food services), plan to address the needs of aging facilities
- Communications and Community Relations and Human Resource Management

**Last meeting minutes approved** – Betsy Berkey approved at 7:00.

## **Board Reports:**

### **President –**

#### **Vice President –** Iain McClements

- IDC topic; PTO to share supplies. Coopertown shared with us so we're happy to share with others.
- Board Positions – November election

#### **Corresponding Secretary –** Alexis Pasternak

#### **Recording Secretary –** Betsy Berkey

#### **Treasure's Report –** Alex McClearn

- Financial Snapshot: \$5200 in dues so far (more than last year, but fewer families). We're going to let people know via the PTO website that they can pay dues throughout the year.

## **Chair Reports:**

Nominating Chair – Amy McClements – will send out a call for nominations for the November elections.

#### **Principal Report -** Dr. Ramoundos

- Please come to Dr. Ramoundos if you ever have a problem.
- Thank you for the Fall Fair! It was awesome!
- Halloween parade is coming up; there is information on the website.
- Need volunteers for the Manoa Book Fair on November 13-17; Family Night is 5:30-7:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ms. Gray –** Faculty report

- Thank you for the Fall Fair!
- Is the reimbursement form available – Yes, in the mailboxes and online.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser**

- Beginning October 30 for a week Tony Roni's gives 15% - [MANOA ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE Fundraising Event at Tony Roni's 10-30-17 through 11-05-17 \(2\) \(1\).pdf](#)
- Don't need the flyer; just mention Manoa! There will be at least 2 more fundraisers this year.

## **Review**

- Website - has been updated and will continue to be updated this year. We can send out an email to let people know.
- Safe Food list – teacher website may not reflect new list yet; there is a difference

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/cms/lib/PA01001043/Centricity/Domain/6/SDHT%20Recommended%20Safer%20Foods%20Smart%20Snacks%20081817.pdf>

- Car wash – went well and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade really stepped up!
- Fall Fair Review – Amy McClements – It was wonderful! \$5600 from selling squares. Baskets were a big success!!! Attendance was great!
- Spirit Wear/Holiday Sale – Anita

- AtoZ and online directory – Jen – a lot of changes this year, but the directory is on the AtoZ site. More families are registered this year than last.

### **Preview**

- Disney on ice – Helene - \$362 deposit for a block of 60 seats for the Dec 26<sup>th</sup> show at 11:00 a.m. They are floor seats. It's \$35 for a ticket. VOTE: Can we give Helene \$362 for her to purchase the seats? The PTO unanimously votes, YES. Check out the PTO website for more information.
- Young Writers Day – Steph Kelly
- Manoa Play – Angela Urso - \$218 was made from the popcorn at the Fall Festival

### **Any Other Business**

- Mr. Shoemaker, a dad of a family whose kids all went through Manoa, passed away suddenly this month. We're looking at the best way to support the family and reaching out to the HMS and Hilltop. When we find the best way to move forward, the PTO will donate and share donating opportunities with everyone.

### **Questions & Answers**

### **Announcements**

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, November 21, at 7pm in the library

### **Adjournment**

Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be posted to the PTO website [www.manoapto.org](http://www.manoapto.org) & Facebook page "Manoa PTO".

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Berkey