

Manoa PTO General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 7 pm

**In an effort to respect everyone's time, please keep your presentation to 5 minutes. Many thanks!*

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

Welcome - Jen Leisner stated Tobie was out due to her sons illness. All hope he feels better.

Officer Reports

Dr. Ramoundos

*Dr. R raved about Mr. Fein and the Jazz performance. Great to see so many Manoa alumni in the Jazz program. The Jazz program will be making their rounds to the other elementary schools.

*4/26 Character Counts assembly - Responsibility - students are enjoying the assemblies and are excited when Maxius make an appearance.

*Manoa is continuing to build a sense of community, 1st graders joined 4th graders for morning meeting. Kids enjoyed the "upstairs" of the school and doing the chicken dance in the hallway. More events like this will continue.

*Reading Olympics - great success thank you to the 4th grade team for participating. Mr. Feldgus, Ms. Stefanski, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Satterfield.

*PSSA - coming soon, dates will be on the website, grades 3-5.

*Enjoy your spring break.

Faculty Report - Rochelle Doblin (1D) - unfortunately unable to attend.

Tobie Stallings - Sorry I'm not there, my son has pneumonia.

-Name Plates for Teacher Appreciation: They have been ordered, total paid \$832.87 (\$199 left from Teacher's Holiday Fund 2017 to be noted in budget. \$633.86 to come from Teacher Appreciation line of 2018-2019 budget.)

-PSSA reward: Going to order popsicles from cafeteria for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades. Need someone to handle the ordering and handing out of them. (Kate Hertzog can provide info on how to order.)

*Jen touching base and helping Kate.

-Working on blurbs for each event to relay all the volunteer opportunities that are available. There will be a call for ALL committee and event chairs. This will help anyone interested in filling any position a space to speak up, maybe the chair that's been doing it for years would like to move on and this would provide a way to mentor them for a smooth transition. More info at the May meeting.

-Mr. Davidson asking for a pool for Field Day. \$27.29. He will store and use year after year.

*Michelle Scullin - still looking for ideas for the take home item, theme is hawaiian - blue and white lays may will be given out as well. May not have time before ordering to bring to members to vote for the token. Feel free to reach out to Michelle with any suggestions.

*George will inquire with Mr. Davidson and if he agrees with the use PTO will be happy to purchase.

Alexis Pasternak - Recognition

*6/4 will be the final meeting of the year in the cafeteria so please join us. Light refreshments will be provided. At this time the PTO will recognize and thank 5th grade parents that have chaired events and/or been on the Board in the past, as well as all volunteers. Pretty sure the outgoing parents are: Leila Bannister, Therese Menear, Patty Tripler, Daria Condo, Carmen Bilc, Missy Bochanski, Ruth Billebault, Jennifer Perthes, Steph Campbell, and Amy Kraiza. Alexis will reach out the them to confirm and invite. If anyone has been overlooked, please advise.

Helene Conroy-Smith- Budget Review

*25 teachers have submitted to the Teachers Resource Fund, approx \$1600 balance at this time.

*PTO will cover 100% of the 5th grade tshirts that will be worn for the 5th grade photo.

*BLAST - anticipate someone from the Blast at the next meeting looking for financial support. Great post prom event to give students a safe place to go after prom. Open to the community for a walk through, typically after 8 or 9PM. Prom is 5/31/19.

*Giant A+ - This year George will be donating these funds to cover the cost of the 5th grade unity party. These funds sit in the principal fund and may be used. Michele Baldino asked if we could possibly

set aside funds for the the following years 5th grade unity party. She will provide costs for the next meeting.

*Helene stated \$15 per family for the unity party is too much money. She stated there are additional funds that are available if need be.

*If the PTO knows that these funds can be used for specific events, think promoting the Glant A+ would be greatly beneficial.

Other Business

Bylaw Review - Allyson Rosseel

*Allyson - Stated the committee is working to make the bylaws more relevant, as the community changes revisions may be needed. Looking to add Website/Social Media/Publicity, review descriptions of board members and alike.

*Anticipate rolling out a red-lined version by 4/30. Members will have the opportunity to review/process. It is still not 100% clear how to review, an article at a time, may take more than one meeting, especially if members have questions.

*Encourage members to come to the next meeting to review red-lined document..

*Amy Kraiza stated committee is also trying to put in a clause about removing a chair with just cause. Not all committee members are in agreement on how to handle.

Nominations - Kate Laepple Hertzog

*Accepting nominations until 4/10. Over 40 individuals have been nominated, all positions have nominations. Kate will reach out to all nominated and confirm acceptance or not.

*5/5 and 5/6 will be dates for voting and at the 5/14 meeting the new board will be announced.

*New board will have the ability to job shadow until 7/1 when the new board take the reigns.

Standing Items

5th grade; -T-shirt contest (Patty Trippler)

-Legacy gift - Need to decide if it's going to be more than what was agreed to last May by membership, the framed picture. Parents were concerned earlier in the year that it wasn't going to be anything big. Do we use the Dining with a Cause funds (\$1041.35)? Do we run a DwaC specifically for the gift?

*This was voted and accepted last May to do without the legacy gift. The school has all that it needs. A framed photo of the rising 6th grade will be donated by the PTO and will also coordinate the process of getting it hung. Should there be a time that a rising 6th grade class wants to leave a gift then it fundraising and possibility of revisiting this item will be brought to members.

HRP; EOY popsicles for 1st - 4th (K & 5th do their own thing) - Kate Laepple Hertzog

IDC; Stephanie Smith

*Lunch aids in all schools are receiving training on how to better handle/speak to students.

*Will be given strategies to work on goals to work towards positive interaction.

*Additional topics were, gender identity, digital citizenship, wellness and safety, mental health

*HHS discussed expansion in the next few years to accommodate the growing population

*Basis Program - all should have received the email from Dr. Reusche

*Discussed Teasing vs Bullying - bullying is repetitive comments. Recommends over reporting on bullying, reporting to teacher then principal then Mr. Evans (Pupil Services)

*Yard Sticks and Power Of Our Words - Book resources.

Review

Dining for a Cause (Town Tap - \$142.85) - Jane Boyle, Tara Brooks

*Jane: always a success with little effort. Looking to maybe expand the horizon of new establishment. Maybe do something in the fall like a parent meet-up on a Thursday.

Preview

Garden Day (4/28) - Wendy Black Dorn, Virginia Jennings - Cleaning out, mulching and planting for spring.

*Virginia - come spend as little or as much time as you want. This event is around Earth Day from 10-12:30PM. Will also be painting birdhouses. No mulching will be done as it takes a very long time to do.

Art Show & Concert (5/1) - Alexis Pasternak (for teachers Levin and Szal)

*These will take place on Wednesday, May 1st, 6-9PM at the school.

*Art Show - Look out for a sign up genius seeking help to hang artwork for Mrs. Levin. This is a very big undertaking. Clearances are NOT needed. Dates Levin wants help are April 25th, 26th, 29th, and 30th and the times those days are 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm. Dr. Ramoundos promptly stated that those dates would not work because the PSSAs will be occurring those dates and there can be no volunteers in the building until after 2pm. Need to discuss new dates/time with Levin.

*Concert - Ms. Szal is seeking the assistance of at least 5 parents (WITH CLEARANCES) to help backstage with 3rd graders with their recorders and stay on task. Please email her directly at eszal@haverfordsd.net if you would like to help.

Fun Fair (5/10) - Alexis Pasternak

*FF Committee is working together, please complete and return any feedback from the info pack by end of meeting. This is the second time we are asking people to complete this for feedback.

*Nothing set in stone, but looking to have no admittance fee, but rather purchase tickets. \$.50 each. Want event to have a community feel - everyone can come and choose how they want to spend their money. Several people felt strongly that not having wristbands was not a good idea and the student volunteers should not be expected to handle the tickets and that would be too much for them.

*There will be carnival games, dunk tank for 5th graders, rock or ninja wall, inflatable obstacle course, craft is tie-dying shirts (byob or purchase SpiritWear), photo booth, entertaining DJ, face painter, balloon artist, fire truck and police car (K9?), donut dangle, food ideas: pizza, soft pretzels, chips, water, soda/pop, Rita's, cotton candy, popcorn machine, teacher pie eating contest, and flowers for Mother's Day.

*Planning on not having a bake sale because Teacher Appreciation Luncheon has now been moved to end of month, May 31st (normally within a day or two of the FF). We don't want to ask people within several weeks of two events to donate baked goods. Several people did not agree with that idea and that parents and kids love the bake sales.

*Hoping to: roll out advertising in this Sunday's PTO Newsletter, begin sales April 28th and have a volunteer sign-up go out as well. Keep a lookout for more information.

Assembly (5/14) - Science Tellers - Jen for Betsy Pandian - Whole school. Tell an exciting story using science experiments. A little drama, a little science - something for everybody!

Track Meet (5/22) - Patty Tripler - all district 4th & 5th grades compete at the HMS.

* t-shirts ordered, will need a few volunteers for the day of. Will need a new chair since this is Patty's last year :(

SpiritWear - Renee Lawler for Anita Newby

*Look out for online ordering options coming soon. T-shirts are available to purchase for field day, either at the Art Show or order online from the PTO Website.

PARKING LOT - Jane Boyle raised the discussion of how dangerous the parking lot is, especially in the afternoons. Can the PTO help? Spring is here, lots of kids on the fields. Parents need to be mindful of others, don't park others in, park in legal spots. We don't want to have anyone involved in an accident. George is out there as well as other staff but George will re-evaluate and make some changes to make the parking lot safer. George stressed the PTO is not to get involved with the parking.

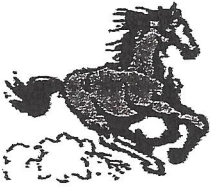
Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Announcements

~Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th @ 7pm in the Library. Guest Speaker: Stacey from HMS PTO

Minutes will be posted to the website; www.manoapto.org

Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting; manoaptohavertown@gmail.com



MANOA PTO MEETING - ATTENDANCE

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2019
(7:00pm)

PLEASE PRINT

- 1 Jen Leisner
- 2 Alexis Pasternak
- 3 Renee Hawder
- 4 Melinda Smo
- 5 Jane Boyle
- 6 Michelle Baldino
- 7 Sarah Harvey
- 8 Kate Laepple Hertzog
- 9 Barbara Taylor
- 10 Nicole Stamm
- 11 Nicole Bumbaugh
- 12 Amy Kraizd
- 13 Steph Smith
- 14 Shana Robaras
- 15 Hannah Gray
- 15 Wendy Landoeli
- 17 Michael Sallis
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