

Manoa PTO Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 22nd 7PM

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting Called to order 7:00

Approval of November Minutes

Dr. Ramondos- Principal Report

- Great Day of Service such an amazing memory. Wonderful event for the entire community and made the world news.
- Cradles to Crayons is February 3rd.
- 2-14 to 2-21 is Kindness week.
- Student council will present at the school board meeting 3-19.
- Thank you to PTO for the Assembly.

Faculty Report – Julie Cirillo, 2nd Grade Teacher

- Thank you from teachers to PTO for the lunch the day back from break.
- Thank you for the book fair Scholastic Money to use towards books for the classroom.

New Business

Blast – Carol Beuhler

- The BLAST is the after-prom party for all seniors, and is free for the students to attend.
- It's 5-29 and from 11pm-5am
- Looking for help and volunteers, its open to all seniors even those who don't attend the prom.
- Costs about \$18,000 to run and the money goes towards raffle prizes and big ticket prizes for the students.
- Manoa Donated \$500 from budget that was voted on.

Budget – Helene Conroy-Smith

- We are remaining in budget, 20 teachers and homeroom parents put in requests.
- Good idea to group with someone else to do a large purchase, you don't have to put the money up, we can use the PTO Card just ask.

- Fundraisers – Learning Express \$19.00 raised and Box Tops just received a check for \$1392.00

PTO Insurance – Helene Conroy-Smith

- Switched Insurance companies saved about ½ cost, still fully covered.

IDC – Janice Convery, Stephanie Smith

- A new position opened called Volunteer Parent Group. This will be a volunteer position at each school. Will help with communication.
- They have money in grants available to start new clubs.
- Strategic Planning emails have been sent out be sure to fill them out.

Kindness Week – Books for the teachers – Requested by K Wilson

- The PTO was asked to cover the cost of the books for the teachers to use, requesting 2 books per teacher at a cost of \$360.
- Will use the same book and alter activities year after year.
- Voted on approval of books and approved unanimously.
- Jen Leisner asked if they looked into Scholastic, they have they aren't available there.
- Also, asked if teachers have made a large request in the past and they have asked the PTO to help pay for items.

Publishing – Renee Lawler / Heather Chickery

- This usually involves 2nd and 4th grade.
- Lisa Jesse has done an amazing job with publishing and is passing it on.
- Renee and Heather meet with the 4th grade parents and are looking to do a poetry book. This is something they are already doing in the classroom.
- Looking for 2 Fourth grade parents to head this,
- Hoping to have one large 4th grade poetry book and have them published possibly through the district. Will also have a cover contest and they can illustrate the poems
- Debbie Politano brought up how 5th grade does the same thing now except just with their LA class.
- It was asked what is happening with 2nd grade and they have not met with them yet.

Someone Special Dance – Kim Carr / Nicole Bumbaugh

- Nicole said they want to improve from last year and hire a better DJ to keep the kids entertained, have more food and crafts.
- Asked for \$250 increase in budget, it was voted on and approved unanimously.

Volunteers Needed - Bingo/ Publishing

- Was already discussed this at the committee chair meeting, chair found for bingo, still looking for publishing.

E-Waste – Renee Lawler

- Paid per weight for electronic items – we can donate the money to an organization
- She will get dates together and hopefully find someone to chair it

Review

Assembly - Super Scientific Circus performed “The Science of Magic”, Betsy Pandian

- The kids and teachers really enjoyed it.
- Kids loved it all came home talking about it.

Book Fair –Alexis Pasternak / Jen Leisner

- We reached our goal, \$18,000 in SCHOLASTIC Money was raised with over \$10,000 in SCHOLLASIC money going to the teachers and \$5,000 to the library.
- This is SCHOLASTIC Money not CASH, the PTO does not receive money from the Book Fair.
- Thank you to the volunteers.
- 4th Grade won the coin challenge and will get water ice at lunch this week.
- Teachers are asked to complete wish lists by 2-1.

Disney on Ice – Helene Conroy-Smith

- 123 tickets out of 125 sold.
- The seats were great and very close
- Online sales are being requested for next year, there will be an additional \$2.50 charge for this.

Holiday Fair – Sat. December 14 th – Megan Garrett/Heather Chickery

- \$1,800 was raised, the day was a huge success.
- Need more volunteers.

MLK Day of Service @ Kids Against Hunger – Megan Garrett / Lisa Jesse/Melissa Carroll

- Such an amazing day! Loved how families could go together and how it got us out on a weekend and taking time out of our schedules to help those in need.
- Loved how hands on it was for the children
- We will reach out again to set it up for next year.

- They always need help – packthebackpack.org

Skatium get Together – Kate Stickel

- 365 paid skaters, maybe spread out over 2 days next year.

Young Writers Day / Young Writers Day Luncheon – Vaishali Vora /Stephanie Murray /Jenni

Dziewit / Renee Lawler and Michelle Scullin

- successful day and great feedback from students and teachers.

Preview

Family Reading Night – Jan 24th – Betsy Berkey and Debbie Politano

- from 7-8 book, themed activities
- will be collecting books for schools in Philadelphia.

Someone Special Dance – Feb 7th

Valentine's Day Parties – Feb. 14th

Early Dismissal – Feb. 14th

No School – Feb. 17th

Student Council – will be our guests at the Feb Meeting

Announcements:

PTO Meeting – February 19th 7PM – Library

Debbie Politano brought up 5th Grade Unity Day and asked about the activity budget of \$350. PTO used Giant rewards for this last year. Will be further discussed.

Variety Show is April 24th Renee is still waiting on permits. They will need 3 additional dates they will send to Renee.

Adjourned 8:04

Sign in Sheet
Chair Meeting 1-22-20

1. Megan Garrett
2. Renee Lawler
3. Heather Chickery
4. Helene Conroy Smith
5. Nicole Bumbaugh
6. Debbie Politano
7. Melissa Carroll
8. Jen Leisner
9. Leah Hoffman
10. Wendy Ionadi
11. Betsy Pandian
12. Stephanie Murray
13. Courtney Kelly
14. Allyson Rosseel
15. Stephanie Smith
16. Lisa Jesse
17. Alexis Pasternack
18. Liz McClean

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9. Stephanie Smith
10. Lisa Jesse
11. Patti Callahan
12. Jen Ward
13. Jenni Dziewit
14. Nicole Stahl
15. Stephanie Murray
16. Debbie Politano
17. Melissa Carroll
18. Jen Leisner