**Manoa PTO: April 2023 Meeting Agenda**

* Attendees:

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| Joe Mignone | Tobie Stallings | Heather Chickery |
| Renee Lawler | Kristen Osborne | Julie Cirillo |
| Nicole Stahl | Jenni Dziewit | Dr. Renee Mosser |
| Tracey Serafin | Manal Alsowayan | Nicole Bumbaugh |
| Kate Laepple Hertzog | Olajumoke Fadugba | Leah Hoffman |
| Betsey Pandian | Femi Babalola | Erin Canuso |
| MD Akram | Andrea Martin | Elizabeth Marshaleck |

* Welcome and Introductions
* Approval of Minutes: April 2023 PTO Meeting
  + 1st: Renee Lawler
  + 2nd: Tobie Stallings
* Faculty Reports:
  + Dr. Mosser: I want to applaud the Variety Show participants. The students are so talented. Thank you for Teacher Appreciation week and making the staff feel so special. The Mustang Mile was so. Wonderful! I love. seeing all the. Support. For our students with. The fundraising. Second session of clubs are going well. The students LOVE them. We appreciate the effort Manal puts into making clubs. Successful. Grade. Level picnics are coming up, field trips are underway, and another assembly is coming up. Thankyou Betsey! Thank you for all the support with Field Day. It’s going to be great with something to cater to all interests not just sports. A. quick reminder for our 5th Grade parents, the district is requiring a residency verification for all incoming 6th graders. Every 5th grader. currently enrolled must verify their residency. This is district wide. The last day of school is June 16th. To conclude the year, I have some gifts for the PTO Board and others who are here every day! It’s a small token to show our appreciation for everything you do. Nicole Bumbaugh: We appreciate you as well. We really wanted to expand our teacher appreciation this year by doing something each month. You gave us the opportunity to do that, and we are very thankful for you.

* + Mrs. Cirillo: The Kindergarten team would like to thank the PTO for the Kindergarten music sessions. The kids love it! I asked if anyone had anything they’d like me to mention at the meeting and at least 10 teachers immediately responded to say thank you for teacher appreciation week. Mrs. Miller specifically wanted to thank you for the massage chairs. Thinking ahead to next year, we’d appreciate help purchasing field hockey sticks. We’d need about. 50 total and they haven’t been purchased in a while. We try to supply sticks for the kids. Nicole said they would discuss but to get a quote.
* Treasurer’s Report: Nicole Bumbaugh for Elena Alma
  + Right now, the budget is fluid because not all of The Mustang Mile is included, and we are paying for 5th grade graduation items. Budget needs to be updated once those items are finalized and it will change.
* Yearbook Update – Melissa Carroll
  + The yearbook is finalized and is 64 pages this year. Thank you to Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Kulsik for all their help. We will have some extra year books to be. Sold. The last week of. School. Since the yearbook is finalized, pictures are closed for the year.

**Old Business:**

* Publishing – 2nd Grade – Nicole Bumbaugh for Kiley Cappello
  + Students received their books. We will continue to work with this company next year. I have Mrs. Cirillo’s class book here if anyone would like to take a look. They turned out great. We made sure that every student received a book. Nicole Stahl suggested that a copy of. Each book be donated to the school library each year.
* Variety Show – Kate Hertzog
  + It was great! We had 83 participants this year. Thank you to all the volunteers. Especially, Kristen Osborne and Mandy Gunlefinger. We have a few ideas for next year. We will need to adjust the budget for next since everything was more expensive. It was a great show!
* Mustang Mile – Amy McClements/Erin Canuso
  + Amazing!! We had 260 registered students and fundraised $31,000+ from the community and families. The teachers were getting the kids excited about the race and the grade level prizes. It was fantastic. The feedback was just a question about why there was a soccer game going on in the middle of the field if we had a permit. We did have a permit and JR from facilities was handling it. He even confirmed our permit in real time as I was talking with the woman from the soccer club. She still refused to leave so we raced around them. The day was very smooth otherwise. The kids had a great time. I will get teachers the list of the “lunch bunch” winners for each grade.

**New Business:**

* Assembly – Betsy Pandian
  + Burble Fizz Kaboom are coming. This was a recommendation from Lori DiPaul who will be taking over this role next year. They talk about the general principals of chemistry through humor and audience participation. There will be three performances which is how most assemblies will be going forward because of the size of the school.
* 5th Grade Graduation Update – Heather Chickery
  + Everything is moving along. We will meet again to put together the bags for the kids with their certificate, glasses, and yearbook. Unity Day is June 2nd at the middle school. They will be separated into three groups, mixing students from each school. They do activities, are given a tour by 7th and 8th graders. There will be a BBQ lunch, a craft, and a DJ for dance party. 5th Grade Picnic is coming up look for communication from teachers. Parents are invited to participate and volunteer. There will be a kickball game but no dunk tank like years passed. Kids will have shaved ice, soft pretzels. PTO is getting a DJ for the last hour or so. Signs are in! If you pre-ordered check your email. We do have extra if anyone wants to purchase, please email Manoapto@gmail.com. Email was sent last week with pick up instructions. I still have a good amount not picked up yet.
* District Track Meet – Stephanie Smith
  + 3:30pm start on May 22nd at the Middle/High School track. Small group of parents are meeting at the track at 2pmwith water and some snacks for the kids. They will set up the Manoa student seating area. Mr. Davidson specifically asked that we don’t get pretzels this year because kids were getting cramps last year. We have 177 4th and 5th students participating, which is great!
* Field Day:
  + Outside activities: Andrew and Kiley Cappello
  + Volunteers and PTO Activities: Nicole Bumbaugh
  + Field Day T-Shirts – Maggie Bieter
    - Nicole Bumbaugh on behalf of Andrew, Kiley, and Maggie:
    - Thank you to the volunteers! If you volunteered for a classroom activity, please do not sign up to run an outside activity as well. We are having each class a craft, mystery readers, pretzels, popsicles, yoga, inflatable obstacle course in addition to the tradition field day outside. We have a t-shirt for every child and staff. Volunteers for classroom activities will have a lanyard to identify them. We will have lunch for the volunteers as well. Rain date is the next day but please don’t rain because most people told me they were available Tuesday and not Wednesday.

**Announcements:**

* Art/Music Show: May 25th 6 – 8pm
  + Volunteers needed to hang artwork. Mr. Herriot sent an email regarding recorder performances for 3rd graders. There was a google form to complete if your child was participating. 5:45 musicians should arrive and 6pm doors open for art and music performance begins.
* IDC – Need Volunteers
  + Renee Lawler and Heather Chickery gave a brief description of IDC. A representative from each PTO in the district meet with district officials monthly. Jess Lazzaro has volunteered for next year, but we should have two volunteers. One person is required to attend each month, so it helps to have two people and a sub. Meetings are once a month from 7-9pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. The first meeting of the year, PTO Presidents attend. There are new chairs for the committee. It a great way to bring topics to light for the whole district and talk directly to Dr. Reusche. For example, we talked about how Power School is a great resource for parents in middle school. Another topic previously discussed was that Manoa was the only elementary school that had two guidance counselors and now they all have two. Topics are planned in August for Dr. Reusche to decide.
* Next PTO Meeting: September 2024!
* Starbucks Gift Card WINNER: MD Akram! Congratulations!

Special Recognition: Andrea Martin

5th Grade Graduating Parents:

* Angela Urso
* Heather Chickery
* Renee Lawler
* Stephanie Smith
* Tobie Stallings
* Ally Rosseel
* Elizabeth (Betsy) Pandian
  + Andrea presented each with a gift for years of volunteering! A book has been purchased and dedicated in their name for the school library. They are on display tonight if you want to take a look.

Retirees:

* Mary Kulsik - 18 years of service
* Judy O'Neil - 18 years of service
* Megan Romano - 30 years of service
  + Andrea announced that the PTO has purchased bricks for each retiree for the garden. Thank you for your years of hard work.

Babies Welcomed:

* Paige Ricci: Jane Grace Ricci
* Kara Wilson: Lyla Wilson
* Elizabeth Foster: Iris Emily Foster
* Kailey Carrigan: Case Carrigan
* Elizabeth Betancourt: Dole David Betancourt
* ShellyAnn Greenburg: Kai William Crooke
* Ashley D'Armiento: Sloane D'Armiento
  + Andrea announced a book has been purchased and dedicated to each of babies welcomed this year by faculty.

Additional Recognition/Welcome: Nicole Bumbaugh

* THANK YOU, Andrea Martin! Nicole presented Andrea with a gift from the PTO as her two-year term as Recognition Secretary is ending. We are so grateful for all your hard work. We want to welcome and congratulate Kristen Osborne who will be joining the board next year as Recognition Secretary! We are excited to have you!