**February 21, 2024**

**Manoa Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

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| Nicole Stahl | Maggie Fox | Elena Alma |
| Lauren Washington Alleyne | Jenni Dziewit | Kristen Osborne |
| Kate Laepple Hertzog | Nicole Bumbaugh | Mrs. Gray |
| Liz Meischeid | Elizabeth Marshaleck | Mr. Fulton |
| Joe Mignone | Erin Canuso | Dr. Mosser |

* **Welcome and Introductions**
  + Congrats Mrs. Gray!
    - Nichole Bumbaugh: Before we get started, we want to congratulate Mrs. Gray on her Excellence in Teaching Award given by Franklin Mint Credit Union and the DCIU. We appreciate all that you do to support our students in and out of the classroom. You show up to all our events outside of school and this means so much to the students to see you at MLK day and dances, etc. Dr. Mosser added that they pick only 20 teachers from the county. The teacher and the school are awarded $1,000. Please keep your eye out for an interview with Mrs. Gray in the Delco Times. The PTO presented Mrs. Gray with flowers and a gift to acknowledge her accomplishment. We are lucky to have her here at Manoa!
* **Approval of Minutes: January Meeting**
  + Motion to approve: Joe Mignone
  + 2nd: Kate Hertzog
* **Faculty Reports:**
  + **Dr. Mosser:** Thank you to the PTO for the faculty room takeovers. The staff have enjoyed them, and we look forward to them each month. We also want to thank you for the events you put together on the weekends like the Someone Special Dance. I am currently working on Field Day which is scheduled to be the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities. We are very excited for the Variety Show! We have more kids and teacher participants this year! Congratulations to Mrs. Gray on her well-deserved award. She puts in so much effort inside and outside the classroom to hone in her craft.
  + **Mr. Fulton:** The kids heart challenge started this week. This will give awareness to heart disease and stroke. The kids get a kick out of the heart hero prizes. Every student gets to participate whether or not they fundraise. They can earn a bracelet just for creating an account.
  + **Mrs. Gray:** I’d like to piggyback off what Dr. Mosser said about the faculty room takeovers. They are such a sweet treat, this month literally with the delicious brownies. We appreciate the pretzels the PTO provided for the Valentine’s Parties. Thank you for all the family events you all put together outside of the school day. I brought my kids to the Someone Special Dance and they had a great time. Thank you.
* **Treasurer’s Report & Budget Approval** – Elena Alma
  + The Someone Special Dance or Family Dance Night is not typically a fundraising event, but we made $500. This is an event we just hope to break even so this was a nice surprise. The kids seemed to have a lot of fun. We made $1,000 for on the Super Bowl block pool.
* **Old Business:**
  + **Someone Special Dance –** Kim Carr
    - **Nicole Bumbaugh:** Kim could not be here tonight but sent me an update. The dance went well! Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, gift cards, and their time. We are thankful to everyone who could attend. The kids seemed to have a great time!
  + **Valentine’s Day Classroom Parties -** Nicole Bumbaugh
    - **The pretzels were a big hit, and the parties were great.** We ordered them from food services which insures they are on the safe food list. Lisa at food services made the whole process very easy. So far, we have not heard any complaints from kids or parents.
* **Updates:**
  + **Fundraising –** Nicole Bumbaugh forSarah Charlton
    - PJ Whelihan’s fundraiser we made $222. Freddy’s was $346. Our next fundraiser is at Nifty Fifty’s in Newtown Square on March 13th from 5pm – 9pm.
  + **IDC** – Kate Hertzog and Nicole Stahl
    - **Nicole Stahl**: The IDC is made up of representatives from all the district’s PTOs, Dr. Reusche, her cabinet, and members of the school board. We meet once a month to discuss topics that effect the district as a whole. March’s topic will be Technology use via school issued devices inside and outside the classroom. **We are asking for parent input and will send a google form for feedback.** Please complete the survey so that we can communicate your concerns and questions with the members. The tech department will attend this meeting. April’s topic will be transportation, specifically regarding concerns of early pick-ups for Middle and HS School. Often students are picked up and dropped off to school via busses before they are allowed entry into school. This has created some issues. May we will be discussing food services topics. Please reach out to us if you have any concerns that you would like us to address.
    - **If anyone is interested in serving on the IDC, please let me know.** My kids are in 5th grade, and they really like to have a rep from K-2 and one from 3-5. Kate’s daughter will be in 5th next year. Joe Mignone and Jenni Dziewit expressed interest.
  + **Yearbooks –** Melissa Carroll
    - They are still on sale until the beginning of April. The 5tyh grade t-shirts are being finalized this week for their class photo. This is Melissa’s last year at Manoa and Carrie Litz will be taking over the yearbook.
* **New Business:**
  + **Manoa Variety Show,** Friday, March 8 @ 7pm – Kate Hertzog
    - We have 50 acts with 112 kids this year!! We have a diversity of acts and more participants from teachers and kids. Our first rehearsal went well. This year we will be selling carnations in the lobby to try to offset some of the cost. **We need a parent of younger grade student to bring on board for next year.** Please reach out if you know of someone who would be interested!
  + **Nominations –** Nicole Bumbaugh for Melissa Carroll and Andrea Martin
    - **Nominations are next month.** We need to nominate all positions except Recognition Secretary. Melissa Carroll and Andrea Martin will be leading the nominating committee this year.
  + **Mustang Mile,** Saturday May 11 **–** Erin Canuso
    - We are just in the beginning phases of planning this year. We will do the Boosterthon fundraiser again, similar to last year. Students do NOT have to fundraise to participate but there are prizes for fundraising levels. We are brainstorming ideas for what to win. We are also looking to do the teacher challenges again. Teachers be on the lookout for communication regarding this soon.
* **Additional Items Discussed:**
  + **Grade Level Events/Projects:** Pre COVID there were teacher led grade level events at most grade levels. Some have come back but not for all grades and there was a question, if this will be something each grade will do again. Dr. Mosser said she would inquire about these since this predates her tenure at Manoa.
  + **5th Grade Graduation:** Details are still in the works, but the date is the same every year, on the last day of school.
* **Announcements**:
  + **This Week: Quizzo Night** @ the CREC, RESCHEDULED: FEBRUARY 23
    - We have 4 tickets available that we have posted to try to resell. If you are interested, please let us know.
  + **Next PTO Meeting**: Wednesday, March 20 @ 7pm
    - Dr. Mosser, Mr. Fulton and Mrs. Mazzella
    - **Special Guests**: Jen Saksa, Assistant Superintendent, and Representatives from the School Board.
  + **March Fundraising Event:** Nifty Fifty’s, Newtown Square: March 13, 5:00 – 9:00pm
  + **Family Bingo Night** will be held on Friday April 12th.