**Manoa PTO Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

*President: Kristen Osborne*

*Vice President: Erin Canuso*

*Treasurer: Kevin Moran*

*Recognition Secretary: Elizabeth Marshaleck*

*Corresponding Secretary: Katie Mummey*

*Recording Secretary: Maggie Fox*

*Kate Laepple Hertzog, Mandy Gunlefinger, Maggie Bieter, Nicole Bumbaugh, Courtney Liptock, Leah Hoffman, Jake Frayre, Elena Alma, Erin Sarson, Joe Mignone, Liz Meischeid, Dr. Adelizzi, Miss Pechin*

**Faculty Updates**

* **Dr. Adelizzi:**
  + Winterfest was amazing!
  + Composting started this week during lunch. The kids picked up on composting quickly.
  + PSSM: In early December, 4th and 5th grade students took the PSSM, a scale measuring how strongly the children feel connected to their school. The school had our highest score in 5 years. Thank you for creating this school community!
  + We will have our Equity team look into data to see what areas can improve and continue to make students feel like Manoa is a safe space
  + We will be featuring Mustang Studios and MLK Jr. Day of Service at the School Board Meeting this month.
* **Miss Pechin:**
  + Thank you for our winter break breakfast. We are so grateful for faculty room takeovers.
  + Mr. Feldgus and Mrs. Satterfield are doing The Reading Olympics. We used “Book Taco” in the past to prepare students and we are wondering if the PTO can help sponsor. *PTO agrees to sponsor.*

**Budget**:

* **Kevin Moran:** 
  + We have had many successful fundraisers. Family Bingo Night is coming up. We are encouraging people to attend.
  + Membership dues are still coming in
  + Purchase spirit wear!
  + We are currently brainstorming a $5,000-10,000 fundraising campaign so stay tuned!

**November Meeting Minutes Approval:**

* Motion to approve: Leah Hoffman, Second: Elena Alma

**Bookfair:**

* **Maggie Fox for Maggie Esteves**
  + This year’s Book Fair sold $18,928.48, which is slightly more than last year’s fair
  + We are so grateful to Ms. Hernandez and the library staff for helping with all aspects of the fair; and to our dedicated parent volunteers who helped with decorations, setup, breakdown, and helping kids to shop
  + Profits will soon be distributed as scholastic dollars among teachers and support staff to use to purchase items for their students and classrooms.
* **Kristen Osborne:** 
  + Scholastic dollars are more profitable than just giving cash
  + An amount will be allocated per faculty member to shop the catalogue
  + Books and other classroom items will be available for them to purchase with scholastic dollars
  + The profits go right into the teacher’s hands.

**Winterfest**

* **Mandy Gunlefinger** 
  + Thanks to everyone who helped
  + We raised $3500
  + In the future, the event should be on a Saturday
* *Elizabeth presented Manoa blanket to Mandy*

**Disney on Ice**

* **Kristen Osborne**
  + We offered two blocks of tickets
  + Sales were significantly less than last year
  + We had a few hiccoughs but we made a $390 profit
  + Considering other ideas for next year such as The Harlem GlobeTrotters

**IDC**

* **Joe Mignone:**
  + In December we met with the high school guidance department
  + Issues discussed included block scheduling, current courses, adding new courses to the current curriculum, different programs available through the DCIU, and technical programs offered
  + 8th graders are able to choose their coursework for high school starting in January
  + The curriculum goes through a 6 year cycle for each subject area
  + ELA was reviewed last year and that’s why we pivoted to Wit and Wisdom from Benchmark
  + This year Science will be reviewed
  + Two years are needed to see if the program is working
  + Tools such as Assessments, Benchmarks, and parent feedback all help to see what they need to change
  + A study was conducted on Wit & Wisdom with 4 groups (Group 1- knowledge of baseball and low reading scores Group 2- knowledge of baseball and high reading scores Group 3- No knowledge of baseball and high reading Group 4- no knowledge of baseball and low reading scores). It was determined that children with low reading scores did better than children with high reading scores if they knew the context

**Art room Parent Volunteers**

* **Kristen Osborne:** 
  + Jamie Miller will handle signup genius
  + February and March will open up soon, April/May/June will be published together
  + There is lots of opportunity to help Mrs. Drury prep while being part of your child’s day
  + A flyer was sent home with your child on their art day with items needed for art class
  + Mrs. Drury will be with us through end of the year

**Fundraising**:

* **Maggie Fox for Sarah Charlton** 
  + The Honeygrow Fundraiser made about $75
  + Our next fundraiser will be at Freddy’s on 2/26 from 4-8 pm

**Spirit Wear:**

* **Liz Meischeid**
  + We are stocked up on personal inventory so things are available right away!

**Scholarship**

* **Kate Laepple Hertzog**
  + We have made a scholarship application to give to graduating seniors who attended Manoa
  + We are working with the High School Counseling Office to send potential recipients for review
  + We will advertise to Manoa Alumni graduating seniors starting in March
  + The scholarship will be $500
  + We will have a committee of people who will review applications

**Haverford Education Foundation**

* **Kristen Osborne:** 
  + The Haverford Education Foundation will be pausing on the Twilight Run for the board’s 20th anniversary
  + They will continue to provide valuable education opportunities to meet the needs of the schools
  + Mrs. Gray is now a part of the board
  + We will be giving them $250 donation

**Yearbook**

* **Leah Hoffman:** 
  + We are currently collecting baby photos for fifth graders
  + The yearbook price will go up to $25 on February 1
  + The price is currently $18

**MLK Day of Service**

* **Maggie Bieter:**
  + There will be a drive up donation from 10:00-12:00 where people from Manoa and the community can bring items
  + We are collecting diapers and wipes for Fostering Hope, boxed mac & cheese and canned soup for Hope food bank, and Capri Suns, Gatorades, water bottles, and juice boxes for Grands Stepping Up
  + We will have hands on stations where all ages of kids can partake
  + Each child can go to stations with a checklist and get a sticker for each station they do. Information is given on all organizations in case parents want to do more

**Family Bingo Night:** *Friday 1/24*

* **Leah Hoffman**
  + Sports themed - Tables will look like different Philadelphia sports teams
  + We have collected $357 so far
  + Student council will be calling numbers
  + Volunteers are needed
  + Adults playing bingo can win a Bogg Bag

**Family Dance** **Night:** *Friday 2/7*

* **Leah Hoffman**
  + Disco themed
  + 5th graders will get together for a pizza party at 6:00 pm with a suggested donation of $5
  + DJ is coming at 6:30
  + Doors open to everyone at 7pm
  + Volunteers are needed to help keep kids in school; no going in and out, the playground will be closed
  + Gift cards are needed
  + ***This is a family event, not a drop off event***
  + Food will be available for purchase

**Valentines Day Parties**

* **Nicole Bumbaugh**
  + Winter parties were a success
  + Valentines parties will be held 2/14
    - AM kindergarten will be a different day due to half day
  + Homeroom parents should reach out soon to their teachers

**Variety Show**:

* **Kate Laepple Hertzog:** 
  + Signup genius went live today with 9 kids signed up already
  + Signups will close 1/24
  + Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Zitkevitz are making a teacher act happen
  + Mr. Herriot will make a finale
  + 5th grade MC’s are needed
    - They can perform too but don’t have to
  + Open to all sorts of performances- examples: jokes, basketball, tumbling, karate
  + The theme is *“Manoa’s Got Talent”*
  + Last year we made money by selling carnations
  + Each student may be in 1 act and the finale

**Adult Quizzo Night**

* **Liz Meischeid & Courtney Liptock**
  + Last year sold out
  + Considering St. luke’s church in Broomall can hold 125 guests, 12 tables of 10
  + MC are available but we are looking at other cost efficient options
  + Courtney Liptock offered to MC or have a friend do it
  + Leah Hoffman offered tablecloths that can be used

**Manoa Madness**

* **Kristen Osborne:**
  + This is an event in the works
  + It will be a basketball co-ed event Thurs 3/20 in the high school gym
  + Details to follow
  + Opinions, suggestions, hands on help are welcome