

**THE MID-PACIFIC PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING - NOTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2008 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

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Notes for March 12, 2008 'Ohana Meeting

Attendees: Judy Dang, Karen Kawamura, Paul Czubryt, Teri Young, Lynne Rosevear, Christie Mukai, Andrea Stoebenau, Michele Aucello, Daphne Yoshikawa, Nathan Gudoy, Leslie Gleim, Cindy Kaita, Dina Kojima, Pam Yoshihiro, Kim Soares, Nicole Chung

- I. Welcome parents – get a snack! Kim started meeting at 5:30pm.
- II. Notes from prior meeting are posted on-line –
Kim reviewed issues from previous meeting notes -
 - A. 5th grade parents asked about using some 'Ohana funds for end of year gift
 - A. Funds allocated for Leave-taking ceremony, flower leis
 - B. 5th grade gift – tables in cement area by 5th grade classrooms
 - B. On-line pictures protection
Pictures can not be "locked" on-line – there is a form that goes out at the beginning of each school year, each family can decide to not participate.
 - C. 'Ohana Meeting childcare – Kim to add a question to the 'Ohana sign-up sheet at the beginning-of-the-school-year – "would more Elementary parents attend 'Ohana meetings if there were childcare available?"
- III. Treasurer's Report – Teri Young
 - A. Kahalaopuna Funds – 'Ohana not sure what funds will be used for in association with the Opera yet – but will find out Mrs. Koshi's needs/wants and contribute. MPI Elementary is applying for grants to help fund the cost of the Opera
 - B. Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day – 'Ohana to name a Chair Person for this event
 - C. Hoolaulea – 3/14/08 - This year Hoolaulea organizers requested 'Ohana provide prizes for Elementary "prize table" from the funds allocated to Ho'olaule'a
- IV. Principals Report – Edna Hussey
 - A. Most common questions right now is about 'dates' for next school year:
 - A. First Day of School 8/11/08
 - B. Welcome BBQ 9/20/08
 - C. Spring Break 3/16/09 – 3/27/09
 - D. Christmas Program/Last School Day before Winter Break 12/19/09
 - B. George Foreman helped K-5 teachers recognize (in their Inquiry based curriculum) the need to give students more time to hypothesize, speculate, and come up with their own theories/explanations in response to their own questions. His presentation to the general public helped to recognize the progressive work being done in the preschool
 - C. Fire Drills – request for emergency back packs (one per room) that include emergency phone numbers, medical kit, flashlight, water, snacks.
 - D. Accreditation – Questions for a school wide parent survey will be put together by 12 Accreditation committees – Survey Monkey will be used to tabulate responses

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- V. Old Business
- A. Manoa Holiday Parade – Sat. 12/8/07 5:00pm –
Approximately 50 people walked, rode their bikes or got pulled in wagons and represented MPI. Mr. Louie provided shuttle service for families
Suggestions for next year included: coordinating singing Christmas Songs, try to get more MPI families involved
- VI. New Business
- A. Kahalaopuna Opera – 5/9 & 5/10/08 - Paul Czubryt –
- A. Screening meeting to be held 3/13/08 at 8:00am in Tech Lab
- B. 4 work days – need as many volunteers as possible – 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 and 5/3 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm
- C. All work needs to be completed by 5/7/08
- B. Pre & Elementary School 'Ohana board members - think about serving or nominating someone to serve on the 'Ohana board for next school year
- C. Fun Day – 5/29/08 (last day of school) – Elem baseball field
- D. Box Tops for Education – Lynne Rosevear
At the end of Feb 2008 we turned in an additional 1300 box tops – earning \$163.00- bringing the total for this school year to just below \$500.00!
Elementary students now attending Middle School have implemented exposure to the middle and high school students – we are hoping to make this a successful school wide program.
- VII. Questions / Comments / Concerns / Needs / Wants
- A. Pam Yoshihiro shared that collection from each classroom for Christmas Gifts went well; each Specialty Teacher & Staff got a \$125. gift certificate to Ala Moana, and there was even enough to get the 8 security guards a \$25. gift certificate. Classroom teachers each got a different amount, based on what their class collected.
- VIII. Next 'Ohana Meeting: Wed. 4/23/08 5:30pm, Wilcox Dining Room