

MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING – NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010, 5:00-6:00 PM

'Ohana Board Members

President	Venice Hochman
Vice-President	Susan Donlon
Secretary	Sharon Tamashiro
Treasurer	Daphne Yoshikawa

Attendees: Edna Hussey, Venice Hochman, Susan Donlon, Daphne Yoshikawa, Colleen Otsuka, Melissa Juliano, Florece Gacutan, Akiko Ono, Leslie Gleim, Eri Ackman, Jill Trowbridge, Kelley Hitomi, Jill Lee, Yuko Berg, Andrea Stobenau, and Michele Aucello.

I. Welcome & Introductions – Venice Hochman

Introduced Jo Ito, Director of Athletics for MPI, as our guest speaker. Mr. Ito presented about the MPI Athletics program. The Athletics Program's mission and goals are to support the goals and missions of MPI, provide a program that parents and participants can be proud of, utilize coaches that are good role models, promote the value of being active throughout your life, set high expectations (i.e., commitment, communication, etc.), provide an environment for the children to be successful in both winning and losing, encourage high family involvement, good sportsmanship and positive reinforcement of MPI.

Requirements to participate in Athletics – annual physical examination, medical insurance, and parent authorization. Parents also need to attend a mandatory parent's meeting.

The M-Club Gala will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010. This is the Athletics Program biggest fundraiser. They will be honoring Dottie Crowell and Lia Hunt at the event. Norm Chow will be the guest speaker. If you can attend, tables or individual seats can be purchased.

For information regarding Athletics (i.e., events calendar, news and updates) and to see the Athletics Store for merchandise, please check the MPI website.

II. Treasurer's Report – Daphne Yoshikawa

Daphne passed out the Treasurer's Financial Report. More expenses are coming as receipts for Spooktivity and the Christmas Parade have been turned in.

III. Principal's Report – Edna Hussey

Tuesday, 1/5/2010 – The entire MPI faculty met. It was very heartwarming to see the camaraderie and unity of the entire faculty. They listened to a speaker on project based learning. The middle school and high school were very receptive to this concept. They will be introducing one integrated class for MS in the summer (History of Hip Hop) and also another course during the school year.

February 12, 2010 – Professional Development Day. No school.

Principal Hussey requested Feedback on the continuum – Discussions were raised on the continuum (i.e., "N/A" items, continuum for different grade levels not in sync, larger marks on

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the continuum, concerns on how your child compares to other children, moving items around on the continuum).

IV. Old Business

1. Salsa Under the Stars

Eri Ackman wanted to thank everyone for their donations and for volunteering at the event.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the count was up to 680. It is anticipated that the guest count will reach the maximum of 800.

2. Christmas Program

Venice Hochman – The Christmas Program was a lot of fun. She would like to thank the MSO for donating their time with the refreshments. This gave the Elementary School parents the opportunity to enjoy the entire Christmas Program.

The MSO has events coming up where they would also like to request volunteers. Information will be sent out when available.

3. Manoa Parade

Andrea Stobenau – Good turnout. Expenses were \$90 (under budget)

V. New Business

1. Speaker next month re: health – Pam Jenkins

2. Grandparents Day, Friday, Feb 26

Program to be determined. More information will be sent to the room parents. Venice also has the list of volunteers.

3. Field Day – Thursday, May 27, 2010

Principal Hussey – Mentioned that they are looking at 5/27/2010 being a half day of school as many children go home after the event. More information on this and childcare will be provided.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5pm in Wilcox Dining Room