

**THE MID-PACIFIC PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING - NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

MPI Elementary 'Ohana Board

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| President | Venice Hochman |
| Vice-President | Susan Donlon |
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| Treasurer | Daphne Yoshikawa |

Notes for January 14, 2009 Meeting

Attendees: Edna Hussey, Venice Hochman, Susan Donlon, Sharon Tamashiro, Daphne Yoshikawa, Cindy Kaita, Kim Soares, Kim Sonson, Teri Young, Cindy Hoddick, Kelley Hitomi, Leslie Gleim.

- I. Introductions
- II. Review Meeting Notes – November notes posted on MPI website.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Daphne Yoshikawa. 'Ohana Fund has balance of approximately \$11,000 as of Dec. 17, 2008. It was decided no 'Ohana fee increase necessary for next school year.
- IV. Principal's Report – Edna Hussey
 - A. Staff is revising the performance continua for reading, writing and inquiry; to be completed for use next school year.
 - B. Will begin assessments of applicants to MPI over the next several Saturdays. There is an increase in the number of applicants to MPI this year.
 - C. The new parent intranet requiring password access has been implemented.
 - D. Fifth & sixth grade teachers have been meeting to work on curriculum continuity and a smoother transition for the students.
 - E. Third & fourth grade camp was postponed due to inclement weather. New date: Jan 26-27.
 - F. Good turnout for girls' basketball game on Jan 13. Encouraging attendance at boys' game on Jan 27 against Punahou. Just as the girls team did, the boys team will have lunch & a scrimmage with the elementary students the week before the game. Comment made requesting more visits by the cheerleaders to the elementary school.
- V. PCA Report – Kim Soares
 - A. Athletic Director Jo Ito spoke about the M Club silent auction fundraiser. M Club sponsors many additional athletic activities at no extra cost. Comment made requesting more advanced notice regarding sports seasons. Check Athletic Dept. website for information.
 - B. Joe Rice, President to speak at next PCA meeting: Tues., Jan 20, 5:30, Scudder Dining Hall.
- VI. Christmas Program Report – Cindy Kaita for Nicole Chung.

Expressed thanks to parents who donated refreshments and helped at refreshment table. There were not a lot of leftovers; leftovers went to IHS. No money was spent on refreshments. Request to rollover budgeted money for use at next year's Christmas program. Notation will be made for consideration.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Grandparents Day – Friday, March 6, Grades 3 & 4.

Event includes breakfast, classroom visits and a short program in Bakken. Approximately 10 parent volunteers needed to assist with greet/sign in, direct guests and serve food. Breakfast to be provided by Sodexo. 'Ohana to share in cost of breakfast with \$800 budgeted. Kim Sonson to chair event.
 - B. Hoolaulea – Friday, March 13
Venice will check with Bill Wheeler regarding need for volunteers and wish list.

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- C. Librarian to speak – Wednesday, February 11, 5:30-6:00 pm
Marcia Kemble, Director, Library & Media will discuss MPI resources (links and search engines) which parents and students can access. Event to be held after brief 'Ohana meeting and will be publicized via intranet. Will request RSVPs. Refreshments to be served using Parents as Partners budget. Kim Soares to chair event.
 - D. Other speakers – Parents as Partners
Suggestions for possible speakers: Mark Hines – technology; Dr. Priester – transition from elementary to middle school; HPD Chris Duque – internet predators.
 - E. May Day – Friday, May 1, Kindergarten
Chairperson needed to coordinate refreshments, decorating gym. Venice will check with Mrs. Koshi regarding needs for event.
 - F. Teacher Appreciation Day – Grades 1 & 2
Edna will let us know date. Also plan for a breakfast for teachers on no-school staff preparation day.
 - G. Field Day – Thursday, May 28, Grades 1 & 2
Chairperson needed; will ask Nathan Gudoy to repeat as chair.
 - H. M Club Gala – Friday, February 13
Major fundraising event for the athletic department. Seeking donations for silent auction.
 - I. 'Ohana Banner – will check with Nicole on status.
 - J. Other comments/concerns/questions
 - i. Thank you from Edna & staff for the Christmas gifts!
 - ii. Parents expressing concern that their children are not prepared for the amount of homework given in 6th grade. Discussed 5th to 6th grade transition and homework.
- VIII. Next 'Ohana Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 5:00–5:30pm, Wilcox Dining Hall.
Following meeting, guest speaker Marcia Kemble, Director, Library & Media, 5:30-6:00pm.