

**THE MID-PACIFIC PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING – NOTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009 5:00-5:45 PM**

MPI Elementary 'Ohana Board

President	Venice Hochman
Vice-President	Susan Donlon
Co-Secretaries	Nicole Chung Sharon Tamashiro
Treasurer	Daphne Yoshikawa

Attendees: Edna Hussey, Venice Hochman, Sharon Tamashiro, Daphne Yoshikawa, Karen Kawamura, Lynne Rosevear, John Rosevear, Cindy Kaita, Eri Ackman, Scott Chai, Kim Sonson, Jackie Hitomi, Lori Yee, Teri Young, and Peter Hochman.

I. Introductions

II. **Previous Meeting Notes** – posted to website.

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Daphne Yoshikawa. Minor adjustments (total \$1.01) made to 'Ohana Fund budget. No receipts received yet for Grandparents Day expenses.

IV. **Principal's Report** – Edna Hussey

WASC Accreditation – MPI received ten commendations in the following areas: 1) Preschool & Elementary school; 2) Technology; 3) School of Arts; 4) Board's vision; 5) Facilities & Maintenance; 6) Master Plan; 7) Schools of the Future participation; 8) Faculty excellence in teaching; 9) Students are respectful and positive; and 10) Parents (PCA, 'Ohana & Alumni) show unwavering support.

There were also six recommendations: 1) Coordinating curriculum development from preschool through 12th grade; 2) Administration to work on open communication, professionalism, ethics; 3) Update Strategic Plan and coordinate all plans; 4) Curriculum alignment from preschool through 12th grade; 5) Review Safety Plan and 6) Develop standardized process for evaluation of faculty.

Hoping to receive a 6-year accreditation. A decision is expected at the end of May.

V. **PCA Report** –

PCA President Eri Ackman introduced herself. The PCA is trying to generate the same level of parental support/enthusiasm as the middle school level as we have at the elementary school level. All parents are invited to attend the PCA meetings. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 am coffee talk with Principal Schaffer followed by PCA meeting at 8 am.

VI. **WASC Report** – Venice Hochman.

As part of a last minute request by the WASC surveyors, Venice, Eri Ackman, Kim Soares and other parents met with the WASC visiting team. The surveyors were receptive to hear the parents' opinions and were impressed by the parents' commitment.

VII. **Tongue Fu Parent Workshop** – Held April 8 from 6pm with motivational speaker Gwen Fujie.

VIII. **Mark Hines** – MPI technology expert will speak on Tuesday, April 21, 5:30-6:30pm. Invitations sent out in Friday packets. Childcare provided. RSVPs requested.

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- IX. **May Day – Venice**
Saturday costume-making workshops have started with Mrs. Koshi.
- X. **Field Day – May 28**
Daphne Yoshikawa and Susan Donlon will co-chair the event. They've reviewed last year's event with Nathan Gudoy and met with Pam Jenkins. Games are planned. Will send out flyer requesting parent volunteers from all grade levels to man stations, prep/serve food, set-up and clean-up. Parents/siblings welcome; RSVPs will be requested.
- XI. **5th Grade Leave Taking – May 27**
Potluck lunch with 5th graders and their families. 'Ohana assistance not needed. Received monetary donations to be used toward a school gift from the 5th graders. Edna will consult with faculty on suggestions for gift.
- XII. **Other speakers**
Planned for 5th and 6th grade parents to meet to discuss transition to middle school. However, the 6th grade teachers and Dr. Priester are already planning a similar meeting for May. More info to come.
- XIII. **Other comments/concerns/questions**
Will need to elect next year's 'Ohana Board.
- XIV. **Next 'Ohana Meeting:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 5-6 pm, Wilcox Dining Hall.