

MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
'OHANA MEETING – NOTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009 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, Sharon Tamashiro, Daphne Yoshikawa, Karen Kawamura, Andrea Stobenau, Eri Ackman, Colleen Otsuka, Rie Sohn, Jill Lee, Yuko Berg, Kelley Hitomi and Dina Kojima.

I. Introductions

II. Treasurer's Report – Daphne Yoshikawa

- 'Ohana budget based on PTO dues not finalized yet.
- Receipts for Welcome BBQ and Nike Fun Run not received yet. Nike Fun Run went over \$200 budget; extra funds will be taken from surplus.

III. Principal's Report – Edna Hussey

- **Professional Development Day** – MPI teachers from PS-12 met to talk about implementing the school vision. A productive day of discussion, exchanging ideas and developing new teaching strategies for the classroom.
- **Schools of the Future** - Edna was among a group of teams from Hawaii schools who visited High Tech High School in San Diego to learn strategies for developing projects relevant to real world learning. A summary of findings will be presented.

Edna has written about both Professional Development Day and Schools of the Future on the website.

IV. PCA Report – Eri Ackman

- **PCA Student Directory** for PS-12 completed by two parent volunteers. Available online.
- **Latin Dance Party "Salsa Under the Stars"** – Date to be determined (Jan. or Feb.). Will be held in elementary school courtyard and include live band with Rolando Sanchez, Mexican/Spanish-themed food and salsa dance lesson. All elementary families invited along with middle and high school Spanish classes and clubs. Expect approx. 800 attendees. Budget for band, food, facilities (field fee), etc. not finalized yet. PCA is providing \$2000 and requesting 'Ohana support.
- **Middle School Welcome Potluck** - successful event.
- **High School Welcome Event** – Oct. 18.
- **Gift Cards Fundraiser** – PCA's major fundraiser; PCA does not collect fees from students. Order forms mailed out; deadline Nov. 6. Parent volunteers needed to help with packet collation; contact Gina Overton.

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- **Guest Speaker Tony Wagner** - Nov. 3 from 6:30-8pm, Bakken Auditorium. Author of *The Global Achievement Gap*. Sponsored by HAIS. Open to all HAIS parents. Flyer sent out. Register by Oct. 21. Dr. Wagner will be spending the entire day on MPI campus.
- **MPSA's Into the Woods** – A special performance for elementary students will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2pm. Students who wear costumes will be admitted free.
- **MPSA Fall Dance Concert** – Nov 12-14 at Windward Community College. Fundraiser for dance program.

V. **Middle School Ohana Report** – Terri Kalama

This is a newly formed “grass roots” group of middle school parents serving as liaison between the school and parents. Recent events include the welcome potluck and Nike Fun Run. Upcoming event is 7th & 8th grade AUW Bake Sale daily during lunch Oct 26-30. Elementary students will be given opportunity to shop at bake sale. Next MSO meeting: Oct. 30.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. **Nike Fun Run** – Well-attended by MPI families and lots of fun. Approx. 80 people used the two buses. Buses were well-worth it for the convenience. MPI placed 3rd for funds raised. Plan to join forces with the Middle School Ohana next year.
- B. **Spooktivity** – Akiko Marutani and Tammy Ishibashi co-chairs. Flyers sent out. 1st and 2nd grade parents working with teachers on dining room decorations. Had a painting session for Trick-or-Treat Street boxes. Bill Wheeler with Holomua is assisting as well. It is up to the individual teachers whether their students can come to school in costume or change later.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **Admissions Open House** – Nov. 7 from 8-11am. List of parent volunteers will be sent to Ella Browning.
- B. **Christmas Gift Giving**– Venice will send flyer to room parents regarding faculty & staff gifts.

VIII. **Other comments/concerns/questions**

- **Christmas Program** – Dec. 3 at 6pm. 'Ohana will provide refreshments.

IX. **Next 'Ohana Meeting:** Wednesday, November 18 at 5pm in Wilcox Dining Room.

NOTE: Next meeting is moved to the 3rd Wednesday due to Veteran's Day holiday.