

Lanikai Elementary PCS

Minutes of Board Meeting, January 22, 2014

Board Members present:

Todd Cullison, President
Phil Whitesell, Vice-President
Judy Pao, Secretary
Tim Dietrich
Espie Chapman
Eun Strawser
Liam Gimon
Ed Noh - School Director (ex-officio, non-voting)
Macy Carroll - Student Council Vice-President (ex-officio, non-voting)

School & Community members present:

Cj Baehr
Marnie Ackerman - LSO President
Dee Carroll

Call to Order : Meeting was called to order by Todd Cullison.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2013

As too few members recalled having read or approved the minutes, it was agreed that the November minutes will be emailed again for approval and will be posted when all members have responded.

2. Community input - none

3. Student Council Report: Macy Carroll, SC Vice President

- A November food drive collected 954 canned or non-perishable food items for St. Anthony's Food Pantry. Ms Ramos' kindergarten class collected the most at 192 items.
- On December 13th, a Holiday Fundraising Disco Dance raised \$750.00 for the Philippine Relief effort. On the 21st, Mrs. Pao took Student Council members and some of her 4th grade students and their families to Hilo Hattie's, where the Council's donation was matched for a total of \$1500. In addition, Hawaii Five-O actor Taylor Wily posed for pictures for \$10 each and Hilo Hattie's matched those donations, as well. The event was reported in Midweek.
- Upcoming events:
 - Valentine Day Carnation Sale Fundraiser proceeds will be used for a school-related project like more drinking fountains or help with cafe upgrades.
 - Pennies for Patients Fundraiser for Leukemia patients in Hawaii will run from March 3 to 14.

4. Lanikai School Ohana Report: Marnie Ackerman

- The LSO is working with Ms. Kristi to develop a logo store with items such as hats, T-shirts, and tote bags featuring the classic school logo as well as the special edition 50th Anniversary logo. Details coming soon.
- Kat Young stepped down as LSO Treasurer. The LSO is currently seeking a replacement.
- LSO is collecting victim statements from former PTSA officers and Lanikai parents to submit to the First Circuit Court. Mrs. Ackerman will include a lengthy letter on behalf of the LSO outlining the impact of the thefts on morale, reputation, ability to secure

additional funding, and the lasting impact on students. She communicated the importance of a strong Lanikai showing via letters and physical presence at the sentencing in June, 2014. Members discussed the process to-date in preparation for the trial and reviewed a first draft of a letter to Judge Wilson. After discussion of edits and signatures, members decided that the signature of Mr. Cullison, Board President, is sufficient and names of all other members will be listed.

- Use of School Logo by LSO: Mrs. Ackrman explained the LSO procedure involved in vetting and selecting passive fundraising opportunities with for-profit companies and the subsequent use of school logos on promotional materials. The LSO will discuss developing a separate LSO logo for such purposes. LSO will continue to update the Governing Board on agreements involving outside companies.

5. Development Committee: Kristin Cleveland, Chair

Mrs. Cleveland was not in attendance but submitted notes:

- Auction - This effort is coming together with a large-ticket push starting this weekend. The committee is on track with donations to date; organizationally, we are somewhat behind in view of the continuing difficulty of recruiting sufficient volunteer resources, which threatens long-term sustainability of the auction. The liquor license has been applied for and, based on conversations with the licensing official, no problems are anticipated.
- Mrs. Cleveland recommended the Development Committee consider recommending that the board abolish this committee as it is tenuous without sufficient administrative resources, which are currently dedicated to other important tasks. The committee will reconvene once the administration has had time to consider this issue.
- 50th Anniversary Committee - Mrs. Cleveland noted that she has served as interim chair of the Anniversary Committee. She pointed out that most members appear to prefer not to meet as a group, and so the committee has been left to organization by individual activity chairs. The May Day celebratory event and the logo subcommittees appear to be moving along. She is not sure what the activities of other committees (outreach and history) are.

6. Director's Report: Ed Noh

- **Family Wellness Event** - A big mahalo to Espie Chapman, Jerelyn Watanabe and Lindsey Lowe for launching the first annual Family Wellness Event on Friday, January 17. It was not only a great event to promote wellness for our students and family, but also a great outreach to our larger community.
- **MLK Jr. Parade:** Special thanks to Sarah Redican for helping organize our school's presence at the annual MLK Jr. Parade and helping promote and model justice for our students. Also thanks to Jerelyn Watanabe for helping with food at the park.
- **HSTA Negotiations:** Mr. Noh recognizes Todd Cullison, Phil Whitesell, and Tim Dietrich for representing the Governing Board during the HSTA supplemental contract negotiations. Special thanks also go to Darraghlynn Lee and Sarah Redican as they represent the teachers during this process. Many hours have been put into the process already and we are fortunate to have so many smart, caring, and professional people who are looking after the best interest of the students.
- **Flat Screen TVs:** Thanks to Charlie and Kat Young, The Courtyard by Marriott - Waikiki Beach has donated fifteen 32-inch flat-screen televisions. The new sets have been delivered to the classes and are already in use. We are excited to use the new technology

- as a presentation tool and for small group use.
- **Shade Cover:** A commitment has been made to the classroom (LC2) to purchase and construct a shade covering that replicates the JK cover. It is a 10 x 20 covering and will cost approximately \$160. The original design by a private vendor involved permanent fixtures on the building and the material alone placed the project at a price point that was beyond our current budget. Feedback about the new shade from the JK classroom has been positive as it is both functional and cost effective. Once the shade structure is erected, we will further evaluate the need for the classrooms facing the “A Building” (LC1 and LC3).
- **Cell Phone Use on Campus:** Driving while speaking or texting on a hand-held cell phone is illegal. It has been reported that many Lanikai families are seen either talking on their hand-held cell phone or texting while driving to or from school and while on school premises. This poses a serious safety risk for everyone and the behavior is not to be tolerated. A message to this effect will go in the next Lanikai Newsletter and it will also be addressed with the students. Mr. Noh will work with the Student Council to help get the message out to the whole school community and also to the JPOs (Junior Police Officers) to help with awareness.

7. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman

- December 10 - The school hosted an event for the Kailua Historical Society. About 100 community members attended. Key speakers were Dr. Paul Brennan and Cosette Harms.
- January 11 - The school will receive about \$150 from a recycling drive held on campus and sponsored by the Kokua Foundation and partners Schnitzer Steel, Interstate Batteries, T&N Computer Recycling, Penske, In Trade, Access Shredding, and Goodwill.
- January 17 - Mrs. Chapman, Jerelyn Watanabe, and Lindsey Lowe led the first (annual) Family Wellness Event. Special thanks to
 - Physician-parents providing services during Wellness Event: Dr. Eun Strawser, Dr. Matt Humphreys, Dr. Jolene Bachman, and Dr. Gregg Levine.
 - Military Partners, Kalaheo High School ROTC
 - Community Partners: Waimanalo Health Care, Unlucky HI, Kokua Hawaii Foundation/Plastic Free Hawaii, Oahu Spine and Rehab-Kailua, Honolulu Fire Department, HIC and KSK for prize donations, Pam Foster and Hawaii Heart, Kahumana Farms, One Love Cafe, Ms. Callie Lewis for pilates, Ms. Traci for yoga, Mr. David Ippen for tae kwon do, Ms. Lowe for her Zumba contact, the Hawaii Skin Cancer Coalition for free screenings, and the Honolulu Bike League for bikes and helmets for the Bike Rodeo.
- January 20 - Led by Sarah Redican, 30-35 Lanikai students, staff, and parents partnered with Voyager Charter School to walk in the MLK Parade
- January 30 - Honolulu Rotary will hand deliver dictionaries to all our third graders.
- February 7 - The Walking School Bus and Bike events will begin in the beach park.
- February 3 - Kahalu’u Lions will provide vision screenings. Students must be recommended.
- February 25 - Kahalu’u Lions will provide hearing screenings. Students must be recommended.

8. Vice President's Report: Phil Whitesell

The matter of the Circuit Court letter was handled under item 4, above.

9. Nominating Committee Report: Eun Strawser

Mr. John Hawkins, a member of the Kailua community, has been recruited for the Nominating Committee. Two candidates for board membership will be interviewed soon.

10. President's Report: Todd Cullison

- Use of Lanikai logo in partnership with for-profit vendors: Members discussed if and how the Lanikai School logo can appropriately be used by commercial partners in passive fundraising situations. Now that the LSO has its own logo, should that be used, even though it is so similar to the school logo? Should the LSO develop a different logo? Is this even an issue? Discussion ranged over a variety of issues but concluded with the agreement that the LSO is taking due care in screening vendors who wish to offer benefits to Lanikai School and in preserving the integrity of the school logo. More discussion on this issue may ensue.
- Update on Supplemental Contract Negotiations: Mr. Cullison remarked on the excellent discussions within the group. He feels all members are moving in the same direction on the 4-year contract (through SY 16-17). Next steps are ratification by the teachers, then by the board.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 PM, School Library

Submitted by Cj Baehr, Scribe