

Meeting Information

Event name	LAP meeting August 20, 2024 4:30PM
Time	Aug 20, 2024, 04:19 PM - 05:35 PM (HST)
Participants	@Janice English Susan Maddox, David Gibson, Midge Jambor, Doreen Williams, Phyllis Kanekuni, Naui Murphy, Sherri Takamoto, Kalae Kawamura, Ellie Phillips, Pat Rice, Andrew O'Dell.

Quick recap

The team discussed upcoming parent elections, school safety measures, and the implementation of thematic units in the 7th grade ELA class. They also highlighted the success of recent events, the introduction of new staff members, and the establishment of the Wellness Center. Lastly, they discussed the need for better communication between the LAP and board, the formation of a professional learning coalition, and the setting up of meeting schedules for the year 2024.

Next steps

- Janice to send out parent representative nomination forms in the Wednesday envelope.
- Ellie to lead family engagement subcommittee discussions on May Day venue options.
- Kalae to assist with preparing the parent representative nomination form if needed.
- Family engagement subcommittee to continue discussions on May Day logistics and venue options.
- LAPmembers to attend next full meeting on September 17, 2024.
- Subcommittees (family engagement and development) to meet on October 15, 2024.
- LAP members to attend full meeting on November 19, 2024.

Summaries

Parent Elections, Attendance, and New School Year

In the meeting facilitated by the LAP chair, personal updates were shared, and attendance was checked for quorum. The first order of business was the reminder of parent elections.

Improving Communication and Updates

The Executive Director of Ho'okako'o David Gibson highlighted the need for improved communication between the LAP and the board, suggesting regular reports or LAP representatives attending board meetings.

The Principia Janice English, welcomed everyone back for the new year, sharing an update on the school's enrollment, budget, and after-school programming. She also announced personnel changes, including Mr. Winderbaum's new role as MEP coordinator, and confirmed that Pat Rice would continue with grant writing and data management during this transition year. The meeting also touched on the ongoing recruitment of board members, with a goal of having two members from each school community.

School Safety, Student Outcomes, and Faculty Development

Janice detailed the school's safety measures, including regular drills, threat assessment training, and the adoption of the CSAG tool next year. She also clarified the purpose of the self-contained classroom and the ongoing efforts to improve student outcomes through the formation of a professional learning coalition

and the use of the DuFour model. Lastly, she emphasized the need for faculty development and mentioned the school's work on newly adopted curricula for math and science, as well as the upcoming annual open house and Title I carryover.

Upcoming Events and School Updates

Janice discussed the success of the recent Food Truck Fridays event and announced the upcoming ones on September 20th and October 25th. She also highlighted the Paniolo Parade event. Janice also emphasized the need for family engagement and the formation of a committee to organize the event. Elle shared her positive experiences from the start of the school and offered to donate materials for the upcoming Friday food truck night.

Grade level Reports

Ms. Takamoto reported that the 6th grade class had a smooth opening and was looking forward to their annual field trip to Parker Ranch.

7th grade Implementing Thematic Units in ELA Class

Ms. Williams discussed the implementation of thematic units in her 7th grade ELA class, centered around Hawaiian culture. She detailed how the students created maps of the Hawaiian Islands in Social Studies. Ms. Williams also mentioned that the science teacher would lead a field trip to identify Hawaiian plants. She shared that the previous year's thematic approach resulted in increased reading and writing proficiency. Additionally, she mentioned that period 6 classes includes remedial and enrichment courses, such as tennis and English language learners.

The Administrators, Janice and Pat A. outlined the upcoming school activities and initiatives. She introduced new staff members, highlighted the need for more substitutes, and discussed the establishment of the Wellness Center. Athletics, after-school programs, and a robotics team for 8th grade were also mentioned.

8th grade: Ms. Murphy shared that the school would be using a new science curriculum, OpenSci Ed, and that intervention programs for math and reading would continue as well as extension opportunities for Fitness Fun and STEAM.

LAP members expressed her appreciation for the mentoring program, confirmed a \$50,000 grant for the school year, and praised the volunteers' contributions to the educational experience.

Nominating Representatives and Planning Meetings

Pat R discussed the need to nominate representatives for the LAP and confirmed that Elle would continue to be a parent rep the meetings. They also revisited the idea of finding a larger venue for the May Day event to accommodate more families.

A decision was made to hold a full meeting in September and sub committee meeting in October. The specific dates for these meetings are on the agenda.