

Le Jardin Academy, PFA
General Meeting
December 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Noriko Tamamoto at 8:05 a.m.
Board members were introduced.

Board Attendance: Donna Ambrose, Gailynn Williamson, Karen Larsen, Norma Mew, Cynthia Manley, Noriko Tamamoto, Mary Robb.

General Attendance: Ann Medeiros, Laura Black, Andrea Fujii, Ray Fujii, Dawn Bridgman, Shanna Sawyer, Michael Steiner, Lise Miller, Susan Szabo, David Larsen, Donna Otto, Kathy Argo

Treasurers Report:

The budget was distributed by Donna Ambrose and she recapped the various line items for the attendees. The Buzz Book had a large printing expenditure; Escrip has \$4,000 to date; PFA dues while low are a good source of our income. Various fundraisers were discussed and Donna informed everyone that the fundraising for the most part is for scholarships and faculty development.

Mary Robb made a motion to approve the amended budget, seconded by Jennifer Duncan. Budget was approved.

Golf Committee:

Cynthia Manley and Michael Steiner announced the tournament will be at Mid Pac on May 5, 2008 with a 12:00 start time.

Soiree:

Norma Mew informed the group that the date is 2/9/08. Donations and table reservations are ongoing.

Escrip:

Lize Miller is chairperson and this method of fundraising is to receive a stronger push at our school. More information about the program will be issued and it was noted that the escrip web site provides the ability to sign up or renew quickly.

Family Fun Run:

Kathy Erwin and Donna Otto are chairing this event on January 29th. Volunteers are needed.

Headmaster's Report:

Traffic will be challenging from 12/11 -1/9. Only right turns will be allowed at point of exit. High school will have a later start time to accommodate traffic. An escorted child to the loop for faster pick up was discussed and more discussion will be needed. Construction is on rain hold. Road work can be done. Litigation on the roof has been resolved. The upper playground will be opened soon. Kindergarten will have a barrier for protection. The emergency phone system is working very well. There is a change for the Athletic Director position and Reed Oslao is now the interim Athletic Director.

Junior School, Francoise Akina:

PYP (Primary Year Program) education program and additional training will be in February. Training is also scheduled for Protect Your Planet.

The on campus recycling program is going strong. A parent workshop is planned for January. The Family Promise Program has a domestic item charity drive for people just getting back into homes.

Summer School: They are working on determining classes. LJS staff trained in I.B. training can be instructors. An assistant will be added for summer school.

Lower School, Kaori Brown:

We are a candidate school and have been assigned a supervisor from Canada. She visited our school on 11/8 & 9 and her resulting report indicated we are well on our way.

The Holiday concert on 12/19/07 will be moved to Ko'olau for size. There will be morning and evening concerts. January 15 at 6:00 there will be a PYP, Primary Year Program, workshop with teachers and parents.

Middle School/High School-Vicki McNeil:

Middle school has a new 6th grade section of 22 kids. There will be standardized testing this fall. The 6th graders had their first dance. Winter Concert will be a high school/middle school combination. December 20th is dismissal of students unless they are doing a make up exam. Next week start time will be 8:30 am.

High School: Advisory being graded now. PSAT is earlier in the semester. Homecoming was festive and well attended.

WASC/IBP-Lori Shigehara and James Funasaki

We should receive authorization for WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) in 2009. Parents will be recruited to be part of group and to make recommendations.

High School: Gailynn Williamson presented the BBQ plans for 12/18 where the alumnus returns to discuss college experiences with the high school kids in a panel format.

Questions:

General Meetings are scheduled twice a year. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Larsen, Secretary