

Kamehameha Schools – Kapalama Middle School

Na Opio and Japanese Club Trip Meeting

May 22, 2009

8:00 am

Kalama DH

I. Pule by Mia

II. Why we are here – Pua Kaai

- a. Kamehameha as a school has decided to cancel both trips.
- b. Here to discuss plans to go forward
- c. Bob is in Japan on his way back, Gail been working with Midori and Mia to begin to address items that need to be taken care of
- d. Pua will be composing a letter to be distributed to Japan contacts per protocol
- e. Introductions of administrative team in attendance

III. Original Purpose

- Purpose has changed, landscape has changed.
- High school has groups traveling – China group traveling is not a KS sanctioned activity—tour group

Three schools said don't come, Tokyo Disneyland said don't come – yesterday said to come.

In news per Midori sensei, Canada, Mexico, US visitors not encouraged to come to Japan.

\*Can still choose to go as a tour/recreation group, but it will then not be a school-sanctioned trip.

IV. Health & Safety

- Administrative kuleana is health & safety of children
- Temperature will be attained via body scan; anyone not having a normal temp will be quarantined – concern if any child is quarantined

Japan's rules different from US

Na Opio does not have a native speaker traveling with the group should an emergency arise, language/communication concern

## II. Financial Implications

Checking with Bob on what refunds will be available

- Gail Vannatta with Mia Porreca and Midori Burton will follow up with parents when they have the accurate information to share

Na Opio Uniform

- Has been ordered and paid for; will pass on to families
- T-shirts/jackets have not been ordered

Q & A

Will fundraising money be able to follow them to high school? Money will go into the general fund per policy. When it is clear what the status of the funds are in the 2 trip accounts, Mia and Midori will decide with their respective contingents of parents how/what might be done to provide an appropriate activity for the students.

Pua Ka'ai will have a discussion with her superiors when time allows to clarify if there might be any way that the money could follow their child. Gail's implored that we need to follow policy that protects the institution.

If another trip comes up next year, could you transfer funds?

Parent shared that this situation is beyond child's control.

Pua Ka'ai added that the situation beyond all of our control, and is a health & safety issue.

Mia very clear about the purpose of fundraising.

Checks for jackets/t-shirts were turned in last week, Mia still has the checks. Will work to clear those accounts.

Over the past few weeks, we as a school struggled with making this trip possible given the landscape changing. Mia voiced appreciation for the leadership that assisted with decision making.

Pua Ka'ai emphasized that we are a community of learners and though it may be difficult to refrain from sharing your disappointment, it behooves us all, for the sake of the children, to understand this situation and go forward with a positive

attitude. This has not been an easy decision in the midst of the end of the school year, much time and effort went into considering this decision.

Not everyone was at the meeting – not necessary to follow up with them. Minutes will be sent to them by Mia to NSO and by Midori to her Japanese language students.

Met with Dr. Maile – school physician – throughout the whole process and were sure to get her mana’o as well.

Q. - Cancellation fees will be paid out of the general fund? We need guidance on answering this one. Gail will follow up.

Q. - How can we get children together for closure? Is there some way we could plan to bring closure to for them? Gail has been working with Midori – Natsunoya Tea House. For the NSO, since time was already set aside, could an activity be planned around their planned time to be away?

Suggestions to explore possibility of neighbor island trip or hotel experience.

(Parent comment) Has friends in Japan. They said it 's very eerie – many concerts, large group events are being cancelled. Japanese thinking is “what is good for everybody mentality”. Kobe and Yokohama biggest out-break where we are going.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.