

**Liholiho Laulima PTA
Board Planning Meeting
SY 2026-2027**

Liholiho Laulima Board Members for the 2026-2027 School Year

Principal	Dr. Alan Lee
President	Rachel Gillotti
Vice President Membership	Samantha Robler, Linden Miller
Vice President Fundraising	Noel Hirshen, Candace O'Neill, Scott Iwanaga, Chandelle Yi, Dinna Schiering
Treasurer	Nathaniel Chun
Secretary	Katie Dungan
Marketing/Communications	Lei Briggs
General Membership	Emma Snakenberg, Holly Williams-Hernandez, Jacki Kongphan
Special Activities	Myken Holden, Kaimana Kong, Noelle Naone, Dawn Wakukawa, Greg Au, Jenna Higashionna, Marisol Kawano, Michele Costales
Webmaster	Aaron Ohta, Leo Hourvitz

Date: Friday, July 24, 2026

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: Keauhou Place, 8th Floor Recreation Room

Attendees:

- **School Staff:** Dr. Lee
- **PTA Board Members:** Rachel, Noel, Chandelle, Linden, Jocelyn, Kaimana, Marisol, Dinna, Emma, Katie

School & PTA Partnership Planning

Current School Information & Goals

- Enrollment: 410 students
 - Lower enrollment may result in reduced funding and resources
- Academic & Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Goals
 - Continue closing the achievement gap
 - Approximately 70% of students are proficient in reading and math
 - The school is working on better methods to collect meaningful SEL data
- Centennial Momentum
 - Continue building on the excitement generated during the Centennial celebration
 - Each grade level participated in a Centennial project, and the hope is to continue this through the next year and beyond

Current PTA Information & Goals

- Number of current board members: 24
 - Note: All PTA Board Members are required to be current PTA Members.
[Liholiho Lualaba PTA Membership Sign Up](#)
- Previous general membership numbers:
 - 2023-2024 School Year: 43
 - 2024-2025 School Year: 67
 - 2025-2026 School Year: 55
- Goals:
 - Increase parents and family involvement
 - Increase volunteer participation for events
 - Ensure all communications between the school and PTA are collaborative and include all needed members
 - Continue providing transparency from PTA and school to families

Annual Calendar & Budget

Upcoming Events

- **Staff Breakfast**
 - **Thursday, July 30, 2026, 7:30 AM, Library**
 - [Teacher Appreciation Breakfast & Welcome Back Night Sign-up Form](#)
 - Volunteer Needs: Anyone available
 - Volunteer Activities: help greet staff, set up breakfast, and introduce the PTA board
- **Back to School Night**
 - **Thursday, July 30, 2026, 4pm – 6pm, Courtyard area near stairs towards cafeteria**
 - [Teacher Appreciation Breakfast & Welcome Back Night Sign-up Form](#)
 - Volunteer Needs: 3-4 volunteers for each 30-minute shift
 - Volunteer Activities: spin-the-wheel & prize handouts, membership recruitment, talking with families, selling hats and pre-packed goodie bags
- **Kindergarten Picnic**
 - **Possible Dates: August 27, 2026**
 - Volunteer Needs: TBD
- **All-School Picnic / Movie Night**
 - **Possible Dates: August 20, 2026, early September 2026**
 - Volunteer Needs: TBD
 - Tentative Activity: Fall Movie Night event

Future Events

- [Draft King Liholiho Elementary School Calendar of Events for 2026-2027 School Year](#)
 - Draft calendar includes important school dates, holidays, and potential PTA-related events and activities. **PTA events are in bold.**

Monthly PTA Board Meetings

- [Meeting Availability Sign-Up Form](#)
 - Board members to submit availability for this year's meetings

Budget

- [Draft Liholiho Lualima Budget Proposal & Fundraising Goals](#)
- Have teachers use the funding request form to request the allotted “Teacher/Classroom Needs” funds
- Project funds were added to assist with possible school project/update needs
- Funds were added for Warrior Run / Legacy Week. These funds may be offset by sponsors, depending on number of sponsors acquired
- Generate funds through fundraisers, sponsorships, and merchandise sales
- **Upcoming Fundraising Efforts**
 - Habitat Christmas Tree Fundraiser (8/1/26 – 10/26/26)
 - Regal Fundraising (Ticket Sales: 8/13/26 – 9/4/26; Pickup Date: 9/26/26)
 - Kona Ice Monthly Events (First Quarter Dates: 8/7/26, 9/7/26, 10/2/26)
 - Foodland Give Aloha Fundraiser (9/1/26 – 9/20/26)
- Fundraising Nights
 - Panda Express
 - California Pizza Kitchen
 - Dave & Buster's (New)
 - Sell \$10/\$20 cards - receive 50% of sales
 - Spirit nights (20% sales) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays. Explore daytime opportunities.

Committee Planning

- [Committee Sign-up Form](#)
- Each committee should identify chairs and co-chairs, and review the following:
 - Primary Goals
 - Major activities and events, including timeline and key milestones
 - Budget needs
 - Volunteer support needs

General Committees

General	Chair(s)
Hawaiian Culture	Kaimana
Teacher Appreciation	TBD
Marketing/Website	TBD
Fundraising/Community Sponsorship	TBD
Legacy Development	TBD

Event Committees

Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Trunk or Treat	October 23, 2026	Chandelle, Linden	
Kaimuki Holiday Parade	December 3, 2026	Noelle	
Holiday Cheer	December 2026 (Exact Date TBD)	TBD	May be combined with Craft Fair
Craft Fair	December 2026 (Exact Date TBD)	TBD	May be combined with Holiday Cheer
Warrior Run (Legacy Week)	February 2027 (Week of 2/8/27)	Noel, Dinna	

Warrior Run (Legacy Week)

- Week of February 8, 2027 to take place during King Liholiho's birthday week
- This event replaces the Turkey Trot
- Continue momentum started with Centennial Celebrations by developing a week of activities, events, and celebration
- The committee will discuss fundraising, sponsorship opportunities, and developing a vision for future years. Will also review possible school improvement projects.
- Possible partnerships/sponsorships through Keep It Kaimukī and Kaimukī Business Association.
- Possible theme for this year: "Keep it local"

Merchandise & Inventory

- Need to update inventory of on-hand materials for giveaways and merchandise
- Discussed the possibility of new items. Initial ideas include new shirts, mini cooler bags, and water bottles.
- Discussed the possibility of an online storefront.

School Facility Needs

Cafeteria Lights

- Lights need full replacements, which have been on hold due to availability of materials, scheduling concerns, and availability to complete the work.
- Locate receipts for purchase of cafeteria fans by PTA

Campus Trees

- Need assistance in maintenance of various trees (e.g., lauhala and 'ulu trees)
- Reach out to possible partners, including KCC and Trees for Kaimukī

Legislative Opportunities

- Coordinate with local representatives and legislators to get assistance with various school needs, including those noted above.

- Ideas discussed:
 - Have leadership students write letters to legislators
 - Field trip to the State Capitol
 - Related: utilize press releases to build awareness in the community
- PTA may be able to advocate directly for funding through donations and gifts to the school.

Action Items

	Task	Responsible	Notes / Links
☐	Complete PTA Membership	All board members	Liholiho Laulima PTA Membership Sign Up
☐	Submit Meeting Availability	All board members	Meeting Availability Sign-Up Form
☐	Sign up for committee(s)	All board members	Committee Sign-up Form
☒	Confirm Volunteers for Staff Breakfast	Back to School Committee	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast & Welcome Back Night Sign-up Form
☒	Confirm Volunteers for Back to School Night	Back to School Committee	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast & Welcome Back Night Sign-up Form