

PALAMA SETTLEMENT
KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING
February 14, 1958

Present: Mrs. Cayaban, chairman; Mr. Ehlers, Mrs. Sabala, Mrs. John S.O. Wong, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Francis Tamura

Meeting was held in Mr. Ehlers' office at 10:30 A.M.

Chairman's Report:

Mrs. Cayaban briefly went over the last report of the Advisory meeting.

Principal's Report:

Open House of the newly renovated Kindergarten & Pre-school on January 31, 1958 from 3:00 - 5:30 P.M. was a tremendous success! About 350 friends, parents, visitors and guests came to view the place. Favorable comments of colors and physical plant were heard. The kindergarten parents donated home-baked cakes and cookies for refreshments. Mrs. John S.O. Wong and Mrs. James Young were co-chairman for refreshments. Parents and staff were hostess.

Enrollment:

Our enrollment has dropped in comparison to last year's enrollment. We have had seven (7) drops due to illness of children and mothers not working. We have spent considerable amount of money for publicity in newspapers. We now have 70 pupils. Last January we had 74. We are slowly increasing our enrollment due to the publicity that we have given the school. The Palama-Kalihi community is now aware that we have a kindergarten in the Palama Settlement. We hope to continue to grow until we fill all six class rooms in our new location.

Earlier Hours & Younger Children:

Many request for opening at 7:00 A.M. instead of 7:30 A.M. from Federal Workers and hospital have come in. This was presented to the committee. It was agreed that we open at 7:00 A.M. effective March 1958. Staff will work staggered hours once a week. Mr. Tamura suggested hiring a university student for an hour in the morning in place of staff. This would not work out during examination week and placement of new person would be too disturbing to the children. The pre-school budget to hire extra person now is not available.

We are now accepting $2\frac{1}{2}$ year olds due to the large number of requests. The committee has accepted this request. Mrs. Sabala feels strongly in favor of accepting $2\frac{1}{2}$ year old, opening at an earlier hour and that the Palama Settlement Kindergarten & Pre-school be of service to all working mothers. More and more, mothers find it necessary to go to work due to economic pressures. There must be a place for their children and the Palama Settlement Kindergarten & Pre-school can be of service to them.

Open 12 month:

A request to open 12 months a year from several parents is being considered. Survey of this request will not go in effect until we have reached our maximum enrollment and the needs are met.

Salary Increase:

The Kindergarten & Pre-school staff were given a salary increase this year.

Spring Concert:

Mr. Ehlers encouraged the Pre-school committee to support the sale of tickets for the Spring Concert given by the Music Department. This is a total wide Palama Settlement project. Money raised will go to each depart-

ment. Music Department will receive the amount that is allocated in their budget. However, the other department's share is not included in their budget, therefore, it can be spent for whatever equipment is needed.

Free Publicity:

Mrs. Walker felt that we should try to get free publicity by means of radio, T.V., newspaper contacts. Mr. Ehlers was able to get free publicity in the Ship Yard's paper announcing our new opening hours effective in March. We will also put a paid ad in the Star Bulletin and the Advertiser announcing our new opening hours.

Publicity Chairman:

Mrs. John S.O. Wong has accepted the position of Publicity Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Mrs. R. Sabala

Recorder