

PALAMA SETTLEMENT
KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL
COMMITTEE MEETING

October 31, 1957

Present: Mrs. Cayaban, chairman; Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Gressit, Mrs. Sabala
Mr. Ehlers. Mrs. Young, w^{as} president of Palama Parent-Teacher group,
was introduced.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Sabala reported on the enrollment of 60 in September and 66 this month. A full-time assistant cook, Mrs. Mary Padilla has been added to the staff of 5 teachers including the principal, and 1 cook.

NEW SCHOOL

Mr. Ehlers reported briefly on the general building plans for the whole Settlement with emphasis on the new Kindergarten and Pre-School which will be in the old medical rooms of the main building.

The \$13,000 renovation project planned by Mr. Osipoff is now underway and, if things continue to go as well as they are now, the school will move in after Christmas.

ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

The need for additional teachers was discussed especially in relation to an anticipated increase in enrollment after completion of the new school. Mrs. Sabala plans to admit a maximum of 105 pupils.

She also reported that the teachers keep well up-to-date with educational trends. Each one belongs to the Association of Child Education and attends the monthly meetings. Palama pays the annual membership fee of \$2.00 per person.

PUBLICITY

Plans for publicizing the school are:

TV Programs - panel, etc.

Radio Broadcasts - it was suggested that announcements be tied in with Kini Popo's program, Jimmy Walker, Jerry Berknett, Don Chamberlain's show, etc.

Newspaper Articles - articles should be put in the Community Service column of the Advertiser and Star Bulletin, etc.

Mr. Ehlers and Mrs. Sabala will continue to explore all possibilities and opportunities.

The attractive new brochure of the school was circulated - very favorable comments were made by the committee members.

PTA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mrs. Sabala invited the committee members to the annual Christmas party and program which is always very enjoyable.

EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Sabala expressed an urgent desire to have a new desk with a lock in which she can keep confidential reports and other valuable papers.

The committee recommended that a desk be provided.

Mr. Ehlers announced that the Kam Lions' Club will donate the "Doll Corner" furnishings in the new school. Mahalo Nui Loa to the Kam Lions!

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

There was considerable discussion of the pre-employment and annual physical examination of agency workers after sample exam forms were circulated by the chairman.

The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board through Mr. Ehlers

that the Settlement require annual physical examination for each employee.
Mr. Ehlers said that the Board will look into the matter.

OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Sabala also reported on the following:

Hearing tests done - 2 found with auditory defects

TB skin testing - all negative

Vision testing was not done this year. However, the ^{blind} pupil who was in this school for 2 years was transferred to the Diamond Head School last year. They appreciate very much what Palama did for the child.

O.P. students at the University who become affiliated with the Palama School return to the U with a very good report of the set-up and functions of our school.

There is a need for musical director- teacher.

The meeting was adjourned with an expression of sincere appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Sabala for the very nice lunch served.

I.V. Cayaban
Recorder