



DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
GUAM DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL BLDG 100
PSC 490 BOX 7655
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School Board Official Minutes
November 13, 2007 6:00 – 7:30pm
Guam High School Library

School Board Members Present

None

School Board Members Absent

Michael A. Dezellem
Ruth Pettit
Sylvia Taylor
Elmer F. Taylor
Johnny S. Lizama

Non-voting Members Present

Sue Burdick (for Mr. Diekmann)

Non-voting Members Absent

Mr. Diekmann TDY/TAD
Ms. Barbara Askey
Clarissa Hautea-Rosario

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm by Dr. Burdick, as the School Board members were not present. The meeting was unofficial because there was no quorum.

The School Board quorum was not present to approve the minutes for the October 2007 meeting.

Principals' Reports

Dr. Rita Williams, Principal, Guam High School (GHS)

1. College Night was held Nov 1, 2007 in the GHS gymnasium. 20 colleges represented as well as the Navy and Air Force Academies, local recruiters from Navy, Army and Marines; Representatives from Mariacy Beauty Academy and Marianas Training Center to discuss certification programs such as Cosmetology, Nursing Assistants, Pharmacy Technician, etc. We received tremendous community support from faculty and community members and the counselors are making plans for next year's college night to be bigger and better. Next year we will work harder to increase student attendance.
2. Japanese Performance: Fifty Guam High Japanese students will be performing in the Japanese Language Song and Dance Festival that will take place at the Center Court of the Agana Shopping Center on Saturday, November 17. The performance competition will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Students from GHS, GCC, UOG, SSSHS, GW, JFK, ND, FD, SHS, and St. John's will take part in this event. The contact for this event is Ms. Kiyomi Crytser.
3. PANTS: The Guam High School Drama classes are presenting their first performance of the year entitled PANTS: Panther Theatre Sports. This show, done in improvisational style as in Who's Line Is It Anyway? And Thank God You're Here! was prepared during 1st quarter. There are 6 teams, each made up of 4-5 actors. Actors will get up on stage, have a prompt given to them, and then perform a scene based on that prompt. The challenge is to keep the story going, have a great beginning, middle, and end, and have

- clear and distinct characters, WHILE being funny! Next show time is November 19 during seminar (7 45 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.) The contact for this event is Ms. Nel Fernandez.
4. Last week, GHS kicked off our new program on “Ethical Decision Making”. The program focuses on teaching students to make the right choices, by focusing on a character trait everyone month. This month’s character trait is “Respect”; Mr. Hollister and Mrs. Stanford along with two students appeared on CCTV last week to discuss Respect. Follow-up activities will take place during seminar; plans are being made to spotlight students who are caught displaying the character trait in school.
 5. Parent conferences on Friday, November 16th; Teachers will be available in classrooms from 1000 – 1300 and from 1300 – 1800; Lunch 1300 – 1400); Report cards make be picked up at school; A paper copy will be sent home by students; Also grades are posted on the Panther Point.
 6. Booster Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 in the GHS Information Center.
 7. Two teachers and two GHS students are attending the Student to Student Conference in Tokyo this week. The program, sponsored by the MCEC, focuses student transition.
 8. Hosted Far East Volleyball Tournament, November 5-10. 19 teams from across the Pacific participated. Students stayed at the PIC Hotel, without incident. Great experience in team building, sportsmanship, competition. 5 of the Guam schools placed in the Top 8.
 9. Guam Cheerleaders traveled to Seoul Korea for the Far East Tennis Clinic and Competitions; GHS received the following honors
 - a. First place Top Gun Technical stunts
 - b. 3rd all around in NCA Cheer competition'
 - c. Earned the Spirit stick several times through out the week
 - d. Team safety in stunts Award
 - e. Superior ribbons each day on Evaluation of Cheers and Chants.
 - f. A bid to the National High School competition
 - g. Tara Unsiog was selected second year in a row for All American Cheerleader. Tara has been asked to perform at the following Aloha Bowl and Pro Bowl
 10. GHS Cross Country Team traveled to Okinawa for the Far East Cross Country. Competitions Results:
 - a. GHS Boys Team placed 5th
 - b. GHS Girls Team Placed 3rd
 11. GHS Tennis Team traveled to Okinawa, for the Far East Tennis Tournament
 - a. GHS placed 7th in the tournament
 - b. Sara Barrera will be playing tomorrow for 3rd/4th place in Girls' Singles
 - c. Steven Barrera landed in the elite eight Boys Singles.
 - d. GHS
 12. Saturday, we lost a heart breaker to FD 13-12 in the playoffs games. We do plan to write a letter of protest for three calls
 13. On Friday, November 16th we play SANCHEZ for the #3 spot in the league.
 14. Second Quarter Sports have started:
 - a. Boys Soccer
 - b. Baseball
 - c. Wrestling
 - d. Girls Basketball

Ms. Cherrye Hall, Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)

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| As of 9 November 2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment 881 Students • 100% PPD Completed for Faculty and Staff • Lost 1 teacher on 2 November (Pre-K – Wilson) • Losing 2 teachers in November (Pre-K – James & 1st Grade Malphrus) • 99% AT Level 1 Awareness Training Completed |
| SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008 | |

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| 15 Oct - Mon | 1230 Awards Ceremony for 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Hispanic Heritage Month Dolphin Theater |
| 18-19 Oct | Science Monitoring Observations by Headquarter Team ➤ Team will observe as many classrooms as possible at the time Science is scheduled |
| 22-26 Oct | Red Ribbon Week • All day Red Ribbon Week activities “Banner Raising” Atrium and Dolphin Theater on 22 Oct - Colonel Cutting • Guest speakers Atrium and Dolphin Theater |
| 23 Oct - Tues | RRW Guest speakers Dolphin Theater • Guam 4H, Faith Brown, June Jordan, Paul Long (3 AM sessions) • Captain Mark Taylor, Mental Health Psychologist and (ADAPT) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Officer (3 PM sessions) |
| 24 Oct – Wed | HR Specialist Terry Guerrero visit to AES 0800-1045 AF Color Guard training with Student Council members 1430-1530 AES/AMS evacuation drill briefing with parents at AMS 1800 (25 attendees) RRW Guest speakers Dolphin Theater • Dr Dale Volquartsen, AAFB Medical Clinic (3 AM sessions) • Col Joaquin Reyes and Capt Paul Suba, Guam Police Department (3 PM sessions) |
| 26 Oct – Fri | No school for students - PDI Stars at Guam High School |
| 29 Oct – Mon | Principal’s Mtg @ DSO at 0800 PTO executive board Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome |
| 31 Oct – Wed | 2 nd Grade Character Day 0900-1000 Atrium and Dolphin Theater |
| 1 Nov – Thurs | End of 1 st Quarter – 45 Days Classroom Instruction |
| 2 Nov – Fri | No School for Students – Teacher Progress Reports Workday |
| 5 Nov – Mon | Begin Second Quarter PTO executive board Fire Drill Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome |
| 5-9 Nov | Asbestos Inspection Team |
| 5-8 Nov | Hearing and vision Health Screenings |
| 7-16 Nov – Thurs | PTO Book Fair Blizzard 0900-1500 Atrium • 8 November will be Family Night (Polar PJ Night). PTO is looking for volunteers to be character readers. |
| 12 Nov – Mon | Federal Holiday – Veteran’s Day – No School |
| 21 Nov – Wed | Patriotic music performance 0730-1100 (Diamore/Flores) |
| 22 Nov – Thu | Federal Holiday - THANKSGIVING |
| 23 Nov - Fri | Recess day – No school for students |
| 12 Dec – Wed | PACAF Band of the Pacific – perform in Dolphin Theater at 0900 – more info to come |

Mr. William Hall, Principal, Andersen Middle School (AMS)

1. AVID College Fair has been ongoing at Andersen Middle School the past week.
2. AVID has been established in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Andersen Middle School.
3. Currently we have 42 students in the AVID Program at AMS.
4. Peer Mediation is now underway with Mrs. Jao (School Counselor).
5. Mrs. Jao has started six year Career/Goal Planning with AMS Students
6. Andersen Middle School staff has scored our Pre-Algebra and Pre-Writing Assessment. (School Improvement)
7. Gina Andersen (AMS school nurse) has started our yearly health screening.

8. Red Ribbon Awards for AMS students will be presented as part of American Education Week. Grand Prize winner is Ruth Key – All students work will be feature in the school calendar that is being prepared (Should be ready by Christmas Break).
9. 08 School wide assembly with Rios Middle School – Their Student's presented Jump Rope Routines. Brian Dodge (Skip Jack Coach) present video's a routine from USA Jump Rope Association. (American Education Week).
10. Col Mark Talley (36 MSG) will be acting Principal will be acting Principal on 13 November (American Education Week).
11. Parent Conferences at Andersen Middle School will be 14, 15, 16, November. Student Lead Conferences is the format we use At Andersen Middle School, this is part of the Middle School Concept. We have used this format for the past three school years.
12. All Students' in each Advisory period prepared an i-Safe poster (Internet Safety). Winning class will be provided Pizza for lunch. (American Education Week)
13. Boys and girls volleyball has started (Second Quarter). Mr. Arnot is the boys coach and Mrs. Allen is the girls coach.
14. Fall Out funds – AMS was able to purchase new volleyball uniforms and new girls basketball uniforms for this school year.
15. Also with fall out funds we were able to acquire more printers, InFocus machines and Smart Boards.
16. Additionally, we received a new Kiln for the Art Room with fallout funding.
17. With the assistance of Maria Elena Perez (AT at AES and AMS), the schools lap-tops are wireless throughout most of the building.
18. Maria Elena Perez is in the process of getting the school Closed Circuit Television operational once again. We had this throughout the school when Mr. Ainbinder the DSO AT was a Computer Science teacher at AMS when our CCTV was operational.
19. AMS has started Reading Pals with AES – selected middle school students read to and with elementary students.
20. Clarissa Hautea-Rosario is finalizing our "adopt a grade" program at AMS.
21. Present Enrollment at Andersen Middle school is 280.

Mr. Stan Chop, Principal, McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS)

1. Our Third grade FLES teacher, Ms. Holcomb has arrived, as well as our middle school Spanish teacher, Mr. O'Conner.
2. 13-15 November Fall Book Fair is being held by the PTO
3. 14-16 November Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held.
4. 6 Dec MWR Col Popcorn entertainer will visit McCool for two performances.
5. 12 Dec The MEMS Band and Chorus will hold concerts at 1:15 in the afternoon and in the evening at 7:00.

Superintendent's Report: Sue Burdick for Mr. Michael Diekmann

1. Vacancies: a) Special Education position LI/EI at McCool;
b) Nurse at Guam High School; c) computer science (.5) at GHS
2. Enrollments continue to fluctuate around 2,490 students; otherwise we have no appreciable change in enrollment.
3. A complete computer refresh occurred with year-end reprogrammed funds. We were able to purchase 440 computers for the district. We are working with Navy to redistribute old computers to GPSS and CNMI schools.
4. A new foreign language adoption is in progress. All middle and high school foreign language teachers will participate in training after Thanksgiving break.
5. The Elementary Math Cadre will attend training in late November on the constructivist (inquiry) approach to teaching math.
6. A writing course to support our SIP strategy 6 +1 Trait of Writing is being offered at AES; 100% of the intermediate teachers (4th and 5th grade) signed up for the course.

After Christmas the course will be open to primary teachers. The course will eventually be offered at the secondary levels.

7. A DoDEA initiative for counselors is planned. Elementary counselors will attend training in Japan in late November. DoDEA has started a new high school counselor initiative. Representative from all over DoDEA will be involved in a world-wide counselor conference. Rolyn Baldevia will represent high school counselors in this initiative.

OLD BUSINESS

Barbara Askey was absent and not able to provide a report on the crosswalk status for the students who live in USNH housing and have to cross the street to get to GHS.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lunch prices: A note was sent home to parents explaining about the increase in the lunch prices.
2. Demonstration of Sharepoint by Marti: There will be a new look to the district website soon. Marti is updating the Guam District Website and ensuring that more information is available on the site by using Sharepoint. The School Board meeting minutes will soon be available on the website, as well as information from transportation. There will also be a password protected employee site. This will be made available as soon as possible.
3. GHS would like to showcase its Pantherpoint at a School Board meeting.
4. Connectivity is still a problem when it comes to reports from Student Information System. (SIS) The problem, however, is not at the school; it is with the infrastructure in Guam once the information leaves the school. Okinawa is working on a solution that would have reports to run for the entire school within five minutes. They are hoping to have this available by the end of next quarter. Guam has asked for a sequel server just to run reports.
5. There was a question raised about student drop off at McCool. The military went through great lengths to revise the procedure for safety reasons. It is time-consuming for parents to drop off students, but it is a safety issue. Some parents are dropping students off on the street and making them walk across the street to get on campus, which is dangerous considering the traffic on the street. Lt. Jacobs, head of security, said that he has no jurisdiction on the street; it is under the jurisdiction of the local Guam Police Department. (GPD) The new McCool campus will have a bus drop off in the back, where there is no traffic. The drop off for students driven by parents will be a loop in the front of the school, which will be adjacent to a parking lot. This will make it easier for parents who need to park to go into the school. Until the new school opens, we need to continue to be vigilant.
6. Amy Anderson from Student Transportation addressed issues that came up at the last meeting. One question asked was could parents ride buses because of the discipline problems. The answer was that they could not because it is against regulations, the buses are nearly full with students, and it was a liability for parents to ride. She and Mr. Boardman, however, have been rotating riding on buses, especially the one leaving the youth center, which has been reported as having rowdy students. When they are on the bus, there are no problems. If the military Command presented an "official" program that would require parents to ride the school buses, we would review the program.
7. Bus drivers need to make reports to the school administrators so that they can address the discipline issues. If bus drivers are not making reports as required, the only way we know that a problem exists is if parents call to report misbehavior. We will follow up with the bus contractor if we learn that the drivers are properly reporting misconduct. All bus misconduct is to be reported by the bus drivers. Riding the bus is a privilege; students will be suspended from riding the bus for behavioral infractions.
8. The buses have been arranged for the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) schedules at the elementary and middle schools. There is no school for students on PTC day at GHS.
9. Students need to be registered for their buses and can't switch routes.

OPEN FORUM:

1. One parent agreed that the traffic at McCool on the street is dangerous. She stated that through connections she has been assured that GPD will be at the school to monitor the situation.
 2. There was a question about opting out of the uniform requirement. Dr. Burdick said that there was a form available on the web site that needed to be completed, discussed with the principal, and then forwarded to the superintendent if a parent wanted a uniform waiver. The waiver form includes guidance on what is acceptable: religious reasons, health impairments, handicapping situations, etc. The parent asked if PCS would be a legitimate reason; Dr. Burdick said that it would not be. The reason for the January 7, 2008 implementation was to ensure that uniforms were available and avoid the big PCS move that takes place in December. The parent supported the implementation of the uniforms and stated that her children would comply.
 3. There was a concern about a book that was available in the high school library that a student's parents found to be unsuitable for a high school library. They asked who was screening the books and why did the librarian allow their daughter to check out the book when it was clearly an "adult" book. Dr. Burdick informed the parents that there was a procedure in place for book disputes. A committee would be formed to address the issue. She told the parents to write a letter to the principal stating their objections to the book. As specified by the regulation, a committee would be selected to address the concerns and decide on whether or not the book should remain in the library or be set aside to be made available to adult readers. It was explained that often the librarian does not select books title by title, but makes a selection of a set of books based on the library's needs using a "jobber". The librarian may have been looking for books written by African-American authors to augment her collection and the book was one that was included in the set.
 4. The committee would take a balanced/fair look at the situation and render a decision. If the parents don't agree with the decision, they can appeal to Mr. Diekmann.
 5. A McCool parent had a question about the consistency of the uniforms. Would there be restrictions on socks, shoes, and jewelry? Dr. Burdick said that the new uniform policy did not prohibit jewelry, hair accessories, socks or shoes. Students must abide with reasonable safety concerns in wearing accessories and shoes. Mr. Scantlan of AES noted that clothing could not be gang-related.
 6. The parent also asked if there was tutoring available at McCool for struggling students. Mr. Chop stated that there was no tutoring available after school, but that there were special classes for students struggling with math, which is the subject the parent was concerned about.
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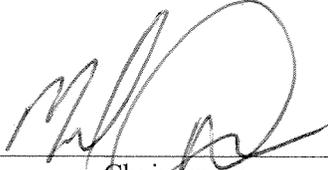
PTO

- No PTO News

The next meeting will be held on December 11, at 6:00 PM at the new Guam High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Date Signed


Chairperson