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
October 9, 2007 6:00 – 7:30pm
Guam High School Library

School Board Members Present

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

School Board Members Absent

None

Non-voting Members Present

Mr. Diekmann
Ms. Barbara Askey

The meeting was called to order at 18:00.

The School Board approved the minutes for the September 2007 meeting.

Principals' Reports

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

- Ribbon cutting Ceremony was a huge success.
- School Pictures on October 15-16;
- Senior pictures October
- Parents can access Progress reports are posted on the Panther Point.
- PSAT Testing on October 17 for all 10th and 11th graders; $13 for ninth graders
- Spirit Week October 15-19; Homecoming dance: Friday Oct 19 in the cafeteria; Homecoming game: Saturday Oct 20; Blue Jacket Field 7PM
- Science Monitoring; Oct 16-17; Team consisting of 5 members (3 headquarters; 2 Pacific) purpose: to gather information system wide about DoDEA science program. Observe in science classrooms; interview science teachers and students.
- Far East Journalism Conference Oct 22-24;
- Hosting Far East Football Semifinals on Nov 3; and Far East Volleyball Tournament for Large Schools November 5-10;
- September 28th ; SIP day was a huge success; 7 students present; 1 parent
- GHS Booster Club is organized and functioning;

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

As of 9 October 2007
- Enrollment 880 Students
- 98% PPD Completed for Faculty and Staff
- Losing 2 teachers in November (Pre-K – James & 1st Grade Malphrus)

9-11 Oct
- Lost 1 SPED Aide - Willis

	9-11 Oct Fire Prevention Week – "Practice Your Escape Plan" • Meet Sparky (grades K-2 only) • Doll House Trainers – B-16 • Scotty House (Burn House Trailer) (Front Parking Lot) No water games this year on Friday (Fire department manning – water games with Fun and Fitness Week)
9-12 Oct	School Fall Photo Week
	Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome
15 Oct – Mon	0900 Awards ceremony for Hispanic Heritage Month Dolphin Theater o Kangaroo Club Starts with Ms. Cartagena for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students @ 1430-1530 in the Gym o Ukulele Club starts with Mr. Moreland for 5th Grade Students @ 1420-1520 in Room B-11 o Chess Club starts with Mr. Martinez for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students @ 1420-1520 in Room C-5
16 Oct – Tues	No Notice Fire Drill
17 Oct – Wed	Student Council meets every Wednesday @ 1420-1520 in Room B-7
18 Oct – Thurs	Book Club Café starts for 5th graders Room B-8 1430-1530 with Mrs. Sudo
18-19 Oct	Science Monitoring Observations by Headquarter Team ➢ Team will observe as many classrooms as possible at the time Science is scheduled ➢ Remember that we teach to Standards-monitoring looks for this connection
22 Oct – Mon	Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome
22-26 Oct	Red Ribbon Week • All day Red Ribbon Week activities "Banner Raising" Atrium and Dolphin Theater on 22 Oct • Guest speakers Atrium and Dolphin Theater
26 Oct – Fri	36th Wing Hail & Farewell
29 Oct – Mon	Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome
1 Nov – Thurs	End of 1st Quarter – 45 Days Classroom Instruction
2 Nov – Fri	No School for Students – Teacher Progress Reports Workday Begin Second Quarter
5 Nov – Mon	Fire Drill Open Forum w/Administrators @ 1430-1530 – Parents are welcome

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

- AMS PTSO Officers 2007/2008
- President – Karrie Irwin
- Treasurer – Kary Allen
- Vice President – Open
- Secretary – Open
    - Volunteers:
        - Account Volunteer - Sharon Pomeroy
        - Food Volunteer – Curtis Savoy
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at AES/AMS on 14, 15, 16, November – School will be dismissed at 1045 Hours. No lunch will be served on those days.
- PSAT at AMS is 17 Oct – Cost is $13.00. Mrs. Jao, school counselor is the POC.
- AES/AMS is working closely with the base, Col. Mark Talley as we prepare for this year's school evacuation (Bomb Threat) exercise. Students and Staff are being prepared at this time. Information will be provided to parents via the school newsletter. The safe

haven for AMS students will be the Old Base Gym. Parents or the emergency contact (Form 600) will be required to have their ID Card.

- Parent Open Forum(s) continue each Monday from 1530 t0 1630 hours – no appointment is necessary.
- Jennifer Smith, Attendance Clerk at AMS was recently hired – at the present time we are telephoning home daily for each student that is absent from AMS.
- Progress Reports for first quarter went home with students last Thursday (04 October).
- Our girl's basketball team is doing very well at this time (Currently 6 and 1). Thursday will have a big game with Santa Barbara at AMS at 1700 hours. We hope all can plan to attend and support our Lady Dragons.
- Health Services – Information will be provided to parents in this week's school newsletter regarding Health Services at AMS. We have had problems with students bringing meds to self medicate, prescription drugs, and coming to school sick.
- 10. School Pictures were taken at Andersen Middle School on 02 and 03 October, hopefully they will be bake soon.
- Exercise TOPOFF (through Gov Guam and Homeland Security) will run continually (24/7) at Andersen Air Force Base from 15 to 21 Oct – gate closures may occur. Should not impact the either of the Andersen schools.

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

- We had a successful SIP training last Friday with our two main goals of writing and computation with understanding.
- On 17 October our 8th graders will be taking the PSAT.
- School pictures will be taken on 23-25 October. Exact schedule will be forthcoming.
- 26 October there will be no school due to PDI Stars
- 2 November is a teacher workday so that teachers can prepare report cards.
- On 14-16 November there is no school for kinder students as parent conferences will be held.
- On 14-16 November we will have half days for the other students. Conferences will be held in the afternoon. Sibling conferences will be held on the same day.
- We are diligently trying to keep folks from parking in our front lot so that preschool parents can park there.
- Student council officers were elected last week. Acceptance speeches were well done.
- The PTO had a very successful School Store opening. Next 15 Oct Pizza Hut will provide McCool PTO a percentage for pizzas ordered.
- Parents are asked to call the secretaries when their children are sick. The secretaries will call home if child is absent and we get no call.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Michael Diekmann

- Vacancies: We have a LI/EI position open at McCool and 2 teachers will be PCSing from AES in the near future.
- Enrollments continue to fluctuate around 2400 students; otherwise we have no appreciable change in enrollment.
- Uniform Update – The exchanges on base have stocked the uniform as well as vendors off base. Royal Bic's has sweaters and jackets available along with an inventory of over 1,000 pieces of uniform tops and bottoms.
- The 10 year Gala celebration was a great success. The event took place at the same site where the initial DoDEA job recruitment took place about 10 years earlier.
- We have received our staffing document for school year 2008-9 based on enrollment numbers from September 30, 2007. Our enrollments are down from last year. AMS has a

significant drop. Andersen Air Force Base officials do not have an answer for the drop in enrollment. The reduction in enrollment will impact staffing next school year.

- Students are not allowed to carry medications and prescription drugs on their person. Even aspirin is not allowed. This is a safety precaution.
- Some DoDEA schools have the ASACS program, a drug and alcohol counseling program for students. We are interested in pursuing this program as it has a positive impact on students.
- PDI STARS: our district staff development program will be held on October 26. All of you are invited to attend this event. We will send you a copy of the agenda.
- There are many ways to report absences. The Pacific Area Office is looking at the ways this reporting is done. In Europe they require a call to the Command, but the Pacific may not go that far in the notification process. We will wait to see what they come up with.
- The new CCTV program at Guam High School is a high quality program. The teachers and students are doing an excellent job with the program.
- We have a new partnership with MWR to enhance community activities for students. We will be helping by sending out flyers that focus on family and children interests. The Navy MWR will bring flyers to school for inclusion in the newsletters.
- We are planning a meeting with Captain Kellogg, the CO of the USNH to discuss a partnership for the use of our facilities to include the soccer field, track, and an aquatics class.

OLD BUSINESS

- A stop sign is in place near the intersection of the new Guam High School parking lot and the adjacent family housing area. The board also recommended that we add a crosswalk for the student traveling from the housing area to the school to increase safety.
- The Board members asked questions about the Guam High Panther Point. They wondered about the consistence of the data available there. Dr. Williams noted that teachers are required to notify parents of D's and F's, but some teachers provide feedback for all of their students. This program only indicates final grades, not items such a homework and specific test grades. When teachers email out grades, then parents can see specific test and homework scores. The school ET sends out the Panther Point access directions to parents.

NEW BUSINESS

- Food Services: Lunch prices continue to be a concern. Global Food Services contractor lost $16,000 last year and was $60,000 in the hole at one point last year. DoDEA must be revenue neutral with the school lunch program, as a result, the lunch prices will have to be raised as the baseline expenses for food and produce have increased. The USDA requires production records to support the school lunch cost and the nutritional valued that the students receive. We plan to send out a letter to parents in the near future explaining the need for a price increase. Very few of our families are eligible for free and reduced lunches as the COLA is figured into the base line salary. We have only one serving line at Guam High School. Guam High School administrators commented that the quality and quantity of food seemed to be better this year.
- The board recommended that we include the School Board minutes on DoDEA website. The SharePoint is currently under construction. We will remove the outdated minutes and soon be able to add the new minutes on SharePoint.

PTO

- No PTO News

Open Forum

- The Guam High cafeteria only has one lunch line, so some students do not have enough time to eat lunch. Dr. Williams explained that the line may slow down as a result of what is served on the menu and in cases where students do not remember their PIN numbers. This happens more often after a holiday. If the cafeteria employees have to look up the PIN numbers, the line slows down. If students do not have enough time to finish eating, we send a note with them indicating why they are late. We currently do not have enough equipment for 2 hot serving lines. The vendor does not have a truck to bring hot food to Guam High from the McCool kitchen as this is a financial constraint. In addition, the USDA has limited our a la cart menu options.
- There continues to be a problem on the school bus. It was reported that some of the younger children on the bus were screaming on the bus. The transportation officer is keeping the superintendent apprised of the situation. The school administrators are also working on this problem. An idea was presented that it may be possible for parents to ride the bus as collateral duty or as volunteers. Some of the questions related to this idea are where would the volunteers meet the bus? How would they get back to their cars or homes after the ride? At this time there seems to be about 4 buses of concern. We can work with specific children and their parents once they are identified. Assigned seating was presented as a possible way to control students. At the present time, the kindergarteners have been assigned to ride in the front of these buses. The students on bus # 10 have also been assigned seats. Part of the concern is that parents have different expectations for behavior.
- Obesity in children is a problem plaguing the USA, yet in some schools the students take physical education only ¼ of the year as an elective. This is unacceptable to some parents. They questioned why PE was cut out of the program. The graduation requirements include only 1 ½ credits of physical education over the 4 years of high school. Once of the problems is scheduling physical education relates to the staffing standard. The schedule at McCool is greatly impacted by staffing. What do you offer and what classes do students take with limited staffing considering the limited resources? On a block schedule at McCool, we 13.5 teachers to teach all of the required subjects. It is really a balancing situation to meet the requirements and needs of all of the students.
- The back gate at AAFB will be closed until November. This may impact the school buses.

The next meeting will be held on November 13, at 6:00pm at the new Guam High School.

The meeting was adjourned at

11 DEC 07
Date Signed

Chairperson