



DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
GUAM DISTRICT  
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**School Board Official Minutes  
September 11, 2007 6:00 – 7:30pm  
Guam High School Library**

**School Board Meeting September 11, 2007**

**School Board Members Present**

Michael A. Dezelle (TDY) *mw*  
Elmer F. Taylor  
Sylvia Taylor

**School Board Members Absent**

Johnny S. Lizama  
Ruth Pettit

**Non-voting Members Present**

Mr. Diekmann  
Ms. Barbara Askey

The meeting was called to order at 18:08.

The School Board approved the minutes of the May meeting.

**Principals' Reports**

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

**Sports:**

- Football, girls' volleyball, and cross country are in full swing!
- We have a volleyball game going on in the gym tonight, in fact. Our girls are competing against Simon Sanchez.
- Thursday the cross country team will be competing against Southern High.
- On Friday the football team will play Southern High at 10:00 am at Southern.
- Two of our football players were featured in the PDN: one, Jose Cramins, as a player of the week for his passing 88 yards for two touchdowns and then running a touchdown, and the other, Ryan Ford, as an honorable mention for sacking the opposing team's quarterback twice.

**Students:**

- This past summer one of our students, Aurianna Fry, attended Stanford as a Junior Statesman. She said that it was a very rewarding, yet challenging experience.
- Another student, Kathryn Perkins, spent ten days in Japan as an exchange student, where she lived with a Japanese host family and attended school, giving her the opportunity to meet new friends and to practice her Japanese speaking skills.
- Two of our ROTC students attended the US Naval Academy's summer seminar program. About 1800 students are granted the opportunity to attend each year. The students were Robert Fry and Tracy Spoerer.

- Four of our ROTC students attended the Hawaii Leadership Academy this summer: Chavez Leonen, Steven Wong, Tara Unsiog, and Neno Santos. One hundred cadets are selected for this honor each year.

**Cherry Hall, Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)**

As of 4 September  
2007

- Enrollment 872 Students

	SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008
18 Sep - Tues	PPD Immunization – for AES & AMS in the Dolphin Theater thanks to the support of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Wing Medical Group
22 Sep - Sat	PTO Fall Festival/PTO Meeting @ 1600-1900 at AES
28 Sep - Fri	School Improvement Training – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
3 Oct – Wed	Mid Quarter Reports go home
8 Oct – Mon	Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
9-11 Oct	<b>9-11 Oct Fire Prevention Week – "Practice Your Escape Plan"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet Sparky (grades K-2 only)</li> <li>• Doll House Trainers – B-16</li> <li>• Scotty House (Burn House Trailer) (Front Parking Lot)</li> </ul>
9-12 Oct	No water games this year on Friday (Fire department manning – water games with Fun and Fitness Week)
15 Oct – Mon	School Fall Photo Week 0900 Awards ceremony for Hispanic Heritage Month Dolphin Theater Kangaroo Club Starts with Ms. Cartagena for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students @ 1430-1530 in the Gym
16 Oct – Tues	No Notice Fire Drill
20 Oct – Sat	PTO Meeting – Ice Cream Social 1600-1530 in the Cafeteria
22-26 Oct	Red Ribbon Week
1 Nov – Thurs	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter – 45 Days Classroom Instruction
2 Nov – Fri	No School for Students – Teacher Progress Reports Workday
5 Nov – Mon	Begin Second Quarter

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

- The first AMS PTSO meeting is 12 Sept at 1800 hours in the Dragon Theater.
- PSAT Testing at AMS is scheduled at Andersen Middle School on 17 Oct - The fee is \$13.00 and Mrs. Jao (school counselor) is the POC.
- School Uniforms - maybe 3% of our students are wearing them at the present time.
- School Pictures will be held at AMS on 02 Oct and 03 Oct. Information will go out to the community.
- Mentioned the 29th of September was the 10 year Anniversary in the DDESS/Guam School District.
- Girl' Basketball is currently underway; AMS did not have a Boy's Soccer Team as we could not recruit a coach.
- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available in the main office at Andersen Middle School.
- All vacancies have been filled at Andersen Middle School - The new computer Science Teacher is not on board as she had to give two weeks notice to Guam Public Schools.
- Mentioned the 12th of December was the earliest date for students to withdraw and get credit for first semester (PCS Orders only)

- Progress Reports will go home with students on 04/05 October first quarter of this school year.
- The Parent Open Forums continue each Monday from 1530 to 1430 hours each week for parents in the Andersen School Community in the main office conference room - no appointments necessary.
- Briefly mention the joint Evacuation Drill (Unannounced) that is being planned between AAFB and the AES/AMS School Complex.

**Mrs. Sherry Hall, Assistant Principal, McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS)**

- Great opening
- Sports season (Boys Soccer/Girls Basketball) Doing very well, won the last two games!
- Drop-off/Pick-up procedures at McCool (Reviewed the process of dropping off in back and picking up in the same place.)
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- Bus Discipline (An escalation in negative bus behaviors). Appropriate bus riding behaviors discussed with children.

**Superintendent's Report: Mr. Michael Diekmann**

- Mr. Diekmann thanked all of the principals for their hard work and dedication in opening the school year. The opening was very smooth.
- Vacancies:
  - Guam High School has a 0.5 vacancy.
  - MEMS has a middle school Spanish and a Special Education vacancy.
  - AES has 1.0 office staff position vacant.
- Enrollments continue to fluctuate between -2,450 -2,485 students; otherwise we have no appreciable change in enrollment.
- Uniforms are now available at AAFS and NEX. The vendors off base are receiving and stocking shipments of uniforms. We have noticed that a few students have already stated to wear the uniform. After the winter break, the uniforms will be mandatory.
- There has been some confusion on immunizations. In the past, students had a 30 day window to get immunizations. Now they must have their immunizations in 10 days or be withdrawn. This policy is to ensure the safety for all children.
- DoDEA has introduced strategic languages into their curriculum. Chinese in the Pacific Area and Arabic in the European Area. Guam has introduced Chinese at Guam High School, Andersen Middle School and McCool Middle School. We have expanded our Foreign Language for Elementary Schools program (FLES)

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 10 Anniversary Initiative is underway. We have a very active committee that is working hard to plan an Anniversary Gala to celebrate our 10 Anniversary. The dress code for the evening is being considered at this time.
- The Guam High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for October 2, 2007 at 8:30 AM. Dr. Bresell, the Director of DoDDS Pacific DDESS Guam will be the keynote speaker for the event. We have invited many senior leaders in the military and local Guam community. Following the ceremony, we will tour the school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A concern was raised that there was no stop sign between Stitt Road and the housing area adjacent to Guam High School. This is a safety concern for those traveling with the housing area.
- A crosswalk is also needed between the housing area and Guam High School.

**PTO**

- No PTO News

**Open Forum**

- A concern was voiced regarding the frequency of PE at the middle and high school. In some cases, PE is only offered as an elective for 9 weeks per year.
  - We will research this topic and have a response at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 9, at 6:00 PM at the new Guam High School library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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Date Signed

  
Chairperson