



DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
GUAM DISTRICT  
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**School Board Official Minutes  
February 12, 2008 6:00 – 7:30pm  
Guam High School Library**

**School Board Members Present**

Michael A. Dezellem  
Sylvia Taylor  
Elmer F. Taylor

**School Board Members Absent**

Johnny S. Lizama  
Ruth Pettit

**Non-voting Members Present**

Michael Diekmann (TDY)

**Non-voting Members Absent**

Ms. Barbara Askey  
Clarissa Hautea-Rosario

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Michael Dezellem.

The School Board approved the minutes for the February 2008 meeting.

**Principals' Reports**

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

- Semester grades are now posted on the PantherPoint. Report cards were distributed to students last week in the cafeteria by the counselors.
- Guam High is participating in an aluminum can recycling program. There are labeled trash cans around the campus for students and teachers to use for the recycling effort. Parents are invited to contribute by bringing in cans and putting them in the recycling bin near the swimming pool lot.
- The GHS Valentines Ball is being held this Friday night, Feb 15, at the Hilton Resort and Spa.
- PSAT scores were passed out to students last week during seminar. Scores were explained to the students, students were given information on how to use MyRoad, and they were given tips on how to prepare for the SAT.
- Career Day was held at GHS on Feb 1. It was a success with 89 presenters sharing information about their occupations.
- Far East News: Speech and Arts Festival was held at Kubasaki High School Feb 4 – 8. Our team was awarded an Outstanding for their Reader's Theater performance and an Excellent for their Short Play performance.
- The wrestlers are presently competing in Kubasaki; next week the girls' and boys' basketball teams will be leaving for their Far East competitions.

- Fourth quarter sports, girls' soccer, boys; volleyball, paddling, golf, and track and field, will begin practicing Feb 25.
- Picture retakes have arrived and can be picked up from Ms. Nelson in the art room.
- ASVAB is scheduled for Feb 27. Students are signing up with Mrs. Taitano.
- The Leadership Conference is being held on February 20 at the ComNavMar Theater.
- The students in Ms. Fernandez's drama classes will be performing in a Drama Showcase to be held this Saturday in the Panther Den.
- Congratulations to the following students:
  - Jade Vitug— National Merit Scholarship Finalist
  - Robert Fry— Congressional nomination to West Point and the US Naval Academy 4--year scholarship to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical School
  - Chavez Leonen-- Congressional Nomination to the US Naval Academy
- Feb 18 No School; Presidents' Day
- Feb 27 – 28 Progress Reports will be given to students
- In March the GHS Band will be performing in the Tumon Bay Music Festival
- GHS is participating in a Student Exchange Program sponsored by Sanctuary. Forty GHS students will be visiting local schools and GHS will be hosting 40 students from the local schools on February 26 and February 27. Our students are excited to be participating in this exchange program!

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

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- Enrollment 926 Students
- 100% PPD Completed for Faculty and Staff
- Speech Pathologist on maternity leave until March – over hire requested – Position offered, waiting acceptance
- 99% AT Level 1 Awareness Training Completed – New Hire
- SY 2008-2009 School Board Member Applications Deadline - 9 April 2008.
- Registration/Re-Registration April 14-18, 2008
- AES SY 2007-2008 Yearbook Pre-Order through 31 Mar 08 - \$40.00 through PTO or online at <http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk.asp>

- 23 Feb 10th Annual DoDEA 5K Fun Run – Thank you to Mr. Gary Whitmore from the Andersen Commissary for providing water for the event.
- 26-29 Feb Special Education Training in Japan
- 26 Feb Take Your Child to Work Day” 3rd,4th, 5th Grades
- 27 Feb Career Presentations Dolphin Theater hosted by Counselors 0800-1100  
Career Sharing Presentations by parents in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades  
3rd Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home with students
- 28 Feb Career Presentations Dolphin Theater hosted by Counselors 1200-1415  
Career Sharing Presentations by parents in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades
- 29 Feb “Dress for Success” Students came to school dressed for future dream career and general PTO meeting at Dolphin Theater 1730
- 3 -7 Mar Read Across America Activities - "Andersen Elementary is Curious About....."
- 7 Mar Elementary science training and SIP Day for all Schools – No school for students
- 10-21 Mar Terra Nova multiple assessments Grade 3-11
- 11 Mar District School Board meeting 1800hrs at Guam High School

17 Mar	Open Forum w/administrators 1430-1530
20 Mar	Night of the Arts – tentative schedule
24-28 Mar	PTO Spring Photos
24 Mar	Fire Drill

#### After School Activities/Clubs

- Chess Club 1420-1520 Rm C-5 – Monday
- Kangaroo Club 1430-1530 Gym – Monday
- Ukulele Club 1420-1520 Rm B-11 Mr. Moreland – Monday
- Student Council 1430-1530 w Mrs Dickman and Mrs Whitworth - Wed
- Story Telling Club @ 1430 in the Dolphin Theater – Ms. Atkinson - Thurs

#### **Mr. Bill Hall, Assistant Principal, Andersen Middle School (AMS)**

- AES and AMS had been working closely with one another over the past two weeks to prepare our students for the upcoming (unannounced) Evacuation Drill scheduled on Andersen Air Force Base. Cherrye and I had been working closely together with base officials regarding this exercise. Note AES and AMS Principals worked closely together even though Cherrye was in Japan last week.
- The upcoming Terra Nova events will occur next month in March.

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

- Spelling Bee on 15 February.
- DoDEA Anniversary Fun Run on 23 Feb sponsored by the PTO's.
- Terra Nova begins 3 March.
- Science and SIP training on 7 March. Parents are encouraged to participate.
- Advanced Band Performance at Tumon Bay Band Festival on 11 March.
- PTO is planning a spaghetti dinner on 15 March.
- A Science Fair is planned for 2-3 April.
- We will be hosting the Friendship Fest again this year on 15 April.
- Our Math Counts team came in fourth.
- Our Academic Challenge team continues to do well.
- Boys basketball and girls soccer are ongoing with exciting games.
- We have started emptying our school of old furniture and outdated textbooks. Teachers have been assigned their new classrooms, as we prepare for the new school.
- The Navigator did a nice article on recycling programs at MEMS and GHS. The Navigator will also be spotlighting students each month until the end of the year.

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

- Vacancies: There is no change in the status of vacancies for the district.
- Enrollment: We have gained 38 students since the last report.
- Guam is participating in the DoDDS Transfer Program. This is an opportunity for our teachers to transfer to other overseas locations. It also provides other DoDDS teachers a chance to transfer to Guam. These types of moves are a good way to bring in new ideas to our schools.
- The Guam District has lost teaching positions. We are looking for ways to protect jobs. This may mean that we place teachers in a different position or school based on their areas of certification. We intend to keep cuts to a minimum.

- The newly instituted recycling program is going well.
- I am officially notifying you of my retirement on June 10, 2008. This is the day after graduation. I will be moving to Missouri to be a superintendent in a small district there.
- On February 13, we turned over to computers to GPSS. The First Lady of Guam was present for the turn-over program. To date, we have provided GPSS with 763 Pentium IV or better computers as a part of our refresh program.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Re-registration will be held the week of April 14-18, 2008.
- Student Transportation Office (STO) will hold bus registration during school re-registration week.
- School Board elections will be held during re-registration week, April 14 -18.
- Training for the new School Board will be scheduled for late May or early September.
- The election schedule is as follows:
  - APRIL 9 LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORMS TO DSO/SCHOOLS.
  - APRIL 10 SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWS BALLOT
  - APRIL 14 SEND OUT BALLOT TO SCHOOLS DURING RE-REGISTRATION WEEK
  - APRIL 18 LAST DAY TO VOTE
  - APRIL 21 SCHOOL DROPS OFF BALLOT BOX TO DSO FOR COUNTING
  - APRIL 22 SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCES ELECTED MEMBERS @ GUAM HIGH SCHOOL

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- When the old McCool closes, we will have some old furniture that we do not intend to move to the new school. GPSS is interested in acquiring this furniture. Per our regulations, we must go to DRMO to excess all items. GPSS will work with DRMO on this project.
- At a recent drill, 1,200 students from AES and AMS were safely evacuated to a safe haven.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

- A parent asked if a staff member or administrator was on the board of the PTO or booster' club. It was noted that we are unaware of any requirement of this nature. We do have a policy in place that any funding requests made by the teachers must go through the administrators. We have a form designed for such requests. The PTO and boosters' clubs come under the jurisdiction of the Command. The organizations should have by-laws in place that are approved through the Command. Audits are provided per the Command's requirements.

#### **PTO**

- No PTO News

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

11 MAR 08  
Date Signed

ELK LT, MSC, USN  
For Chairperson