



DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
GUAM DISTRICT
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**School Board Official Minutes
January 15, 2008 6:00 – 7:30pm
Guam High School Library**

School Board Members Present

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

School Board Members Absent

Elmer F. Taylor

Non-voting Members Present

Sue Burdick

Non-voting Members Absent

Michael Diekmann (TDY)
Ms. Barbara Askey
Clarissa Hautea-Rosario

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Michael Dezellem.

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

Principals' Reports

Ms. Debora Krull, Assistant Principal, Guam High School (GHS)

- Career Day – Feb 1. We are going to have our annual Career Day on Feb 1, and are looking for presenters from both the military and local communities. This is an opportunity for our students, who are close to entering the world of work, to get specific, first-hand information on careers that they are interested in. We announced it in the newsletter and have already begun receiving responses from people who are interested in sharing.
- Exam Dates – Jan 18-24. The schedule is on the PantherPoint, has been sent to parents, and was in the newsletter. It is also posted in the hallways so the students can see it.
- Jan 24- End of second quarter and first semester. We will be dismissing our students at 12:35, right after lunch, on that day.
- Jan 25-No school for students.
- Jan 28– Beginning of third quarter and 2nd semester.
- Algebra 1 quarterly assessment –Jan.14-24. Monday the students completed the computer portion and tomorrow will be the constructive response.
- AVID Visit – It was scheduled for today, but postponed until a later date by Melanie Bales.

- Wrestling Team – The Panthers were the IIAAG champions and went on to win the All Island Championship (3rd time) held Dec. 22. The team is now preparing for Far East to be held FEB 13-17, 08 in Okinawa. GHS hosted the All-Island tournament and it was very successful by all accounts.
- Jan 10– Held 1st Semester Athletic Banquet – Athletes were presented with their letters, pins and certificates (Cross County, Girls’ Basketball, Baseball, Football, Wrestling, and Boys’ Soccer.
- 3rd quarter sports have begun with the first boys’ basketball game being held tonight. We are playing Notre Dame in the gym. Notre Dame only has a varsity team, so our JV team will play their first game this Saturday against GW.
- We also have tennis and girls’ softball and we have a few students who are playing rugby with the local schools since we do not offer rugby at GHS.
- Sara Rhodes received a \$30,000 scholarship for Howard Payne.
- Jun Dela Cruz \$17,000 Scholastic Excellence Scholarship for St John’s University.
- Implementation of Student of the Week Program: It is still in initial stages and we have four recipients, but the fourth one doesn’t know yet because it hasn’t been announced. We will see some changes in the program so that we can recognize more students because we do have outstanding students here and want to recognize as many as we can who are deserving of the recognition within the span of a school year. (Cole Walker, Samantha Newberry, Jacob Bailey)
- School Uniform Issues: No particular issues to note with exception of undershirts of many hues. Transition to uniforms has gone very well.
- Far East Schedule:
 - Far East Speech/Arts Feb. 4-8, in Okinawa
 - Far East Wrestling Feb. 12-17, in Okinawa
 - Far East Boys’ Basketball in Korea
 - Girls’ Basketball Feb. 19-22, in Okinawa
- This week we are having our semi annual inspections for safety, bioenvironmental, and fire. The safety inspection was completed today; the other two will follow on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Our track surface is now being put down and that project, weather permitting, and should be completed by the end of January. When the track project is finished, the next project will be the baseball field.
- Our NJROTC annual inspection will be held on January 29. That is always such a pleasure to watch. And they always do very well during the inspection.

Mr. Ray Scantlan, Assistant Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)

- As of 15 Jan 08 Enrollment 880 Students
 100% PPD Completed for Faculty and Staff
 Hired a 2nd Grade Teacher – Mrs. Tarsha Washington
 Speech Pathologist on maternity leave until March – over
 hire requested
 Internal Transfers of Mr. Moreland to ESL and Mr. Buniag
 to 5th Grade
 99% AT Level 1 Awareness Training Completed
- 7 Jan 08 School Resumes – Mandatory Uniform Policy in effect
- 17-18 Jan 08 Semi-Annual Safety and Fire Inspection

- 21 Jan 08 Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
- 22 Jan 08 Fire Drill
- 24 Jan 08 End of 2nd Quarter – 1st Semester
- 25 Jan 08 Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
- 27 Jan – 1 Feb Assistant Principal’s Conference in Japan
- 28 Jan 08 3rd Quarter Begins
- 4-8 Feb Principal’s Conference in Japan
- 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

Marti, Assistant Principal, Andersen Middle School (AMS)

- Current Enrollment: 278 Andersen Middle School
- 17, 18, 22, 23 Jan - Second Quarterly Algebra Assessment
- 24 Jan- Make up for Second Quarterly Algebra Assessment
- 15 Jan - School Board Meeting @ 1800 at Guam High School Information Center
- 21 Jan - Martin Luther King Holiday- No School
- 25 Jan - End of First Semester -Teacher work day -No School for students.
- 28 Jan – Begin Third Quarter
- 28 Jan - 8th Grade Buddies with elementary students will Begin. Support program for elementary age students. Partnering students in need for role model and learning support.
- 30 Jan - Second Quarter Report Cards go home with students in school agendas.
- 1 Feb – Ground Hog job shadow day at Andersen AF Base- All grade Levels
- Reading Pals 7th grade with 1 grade elementary students. This successful program supports reading for younger children.
- Yearbooks are on sale \$35.00 on or before Feb 1. After Feb 1 the cost is \$40.00. PCSing add \$7.00 for postage. Yearbook is all color and hardback.
- Uniform wear- 100% compliance
- Home work club- Monday and Thursday after school
- Adopt a grade:
 - 6th grade- Munitions Squadron
 - 7th grade- Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - 8th grade- Civil Engineering
- Munitions did a presentation in the Advanced Via Individual Determination- AVID
- W.A.V.E. Club, Art Club, Computer Club, Culture Club, Academic Challenge Bowl, Student Council, Nation Junior Honor Society are meeting regularly after school.
- Sports: Girls Soccer and Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer: Tuesday Friday – Proposed first game: 22 Jan 08
- Boy’s Basketball: Monday and Thursday - Proposed first game: 24 Jan 08
- TerraNova:
 - Practice test: March 3-7
 - Actual Test: March 10-14
 - Make up Test: March 17-21

- Science Fair: March 24-28
- NJHS induction has been set for APRIL
- Education Technologist and Information Specialist returned from Conference – Guest speaker Jamie McKenzie – Conference was excellent developed plans to integrate research across curriculum
- Assistant Principal's Conference in Tokyo January 28 to Feb 1
- Principal's Conference in Tokyo February 3 to 8 February

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

- The biggest issue of the New Year has been the implementation of school uniforms. The students look neat and studious. Several parents called to complain about not being able to find the jackets or sweaters for the elementary students. Middle school issues revolve around socks and jewelry. Also, some want to wear a colored T-shirt underneath.
- We are juggling a few positions around next semester. An EI/LI middle school qualified teacher is being reassigned to our school from Anderson. My reading specialist/FLES teacher has been reassigned to a full-time reading specialist position that was vacated by a dependent spouse PCSing. I was able to hire a .5 LI to help with our elementary LI position and I was able to hire a .5 FLES teacher. We are also going to be forming a math support class for 6th graders.
- It looks like we will be forming an afternoon PSCD class because of the increase in numbers of eligible children.
- We received our manpower document for next year. Unfortunately we were cut several positions. Nevertheless we are starting to work on our elementary and middle school schedules for next year.
- Girls' soccer and boys' basketball seasons are starting up.
- We had our big safety inspection this week. Report comes back later.
- Dr. Burdick has set a deadline this Friday for our furniture order for the new school. We starting working on it last summer. With Pre-kindergarten programs being different from Kindergarten and that being different for 1-3rd grade, different from 4-5th and different from middle school it has been a challenge, but we are almost there.
- Our ET's and IS's have been off-island for training in Tokyo. Our PSCD teacher is off-island training this week. Our elementary LI teaches will be going for training the last week in January. The principals will be going the first week in February. The AP's will be going the last week in January. My assistant principal has been sick. We miss her and wish her a speedy recovery.
- An afternoon tea is planned the last week in January to honor our volunteers.

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

- Enrollment-has been pretty steady overall; we generally see a big dip in enrollment near Christmas because it is our second largest PCS time
- GHS baseball field: work will begin when track is completed; the baseball field should be completed in the spring
- Computers: because of an ordering mistake made by Dell, we were given 49 laptops and 25 high end desktop computers. Dell made a mistake in the computer refresh order and sent the large rather than the small CPU's.

- Tech Meeting: On Thursday the techs will meet and decide on how these extra computers will be allocated based on proposals that will be submitted by teachers for special projects
- ET/Librarian Training: The ET's and IS's just returned from training in Tokyo. They presented Guam's 5-year technology plan (the only district to do so). The Guam group also presented the Backwards Design Model which is available for all of our teachers to use for lesson planning; they impressed the group at the conference.
- Uniforms: Report that there were 25 students not in compliance on the first day. The students looked fabulous in their uniforms. There is a concern about financial issues and it will be looked into and find a way to help.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Johnny Lizama asked where graduation would be. The venue had been decided on yet, but graduation was going to be on June 9.
- School Board Elections: Elections are done during the time of re-registration (April 14-18) to have as many parents as possible involved. A form is sent out to the schools to share with all parents in order to solicit those interested in running for the School Board. All present school board members will be leaving at the end of this school year, so we will have a complete turnover. Professional educators cannot run, and all School Board members must be a parent of a student. PTO and Booster Clubs may be able to help to encourage people to run and to vote.
- Re-registration: will be after spring break.(April 14-18)

OPEN FORUM:

- Navy Relief representatives indicated that they could help with the uniforms by giving needy families an interest free loan to be able to purchase them; they also indicated that they can be a donation site for uniforms that will be available for those who need them based on income (they would not be available for sale to the general public). Navy Relief will get together with Dr. Burdick and Maria Rubio to come up with a plan and get the word out to the parents.
- Sylvia Taylor indicated that another avenue might be the vendor (Bic's was mentioned specifically because he had donated 65 5-piece uniform sets to public schools in the past week).
- Parent concern: She asked in November about the uniform components and was told only about tops and bottoms and that nothing else was to be worried about. Jackets were not brought up. Her two middle schoolers were told conflicting things by teachers so there was no consistency among the teachers. President Dezellem stated that the intent of the uniform policy was to focus on education and not clothing. Marti reminded the group that Mr. Diekmann said we needed to look at things reasonably. Dr. Burdick stated that the schools need to be fair, reasonable, and consistent in policies. It's a new policy so kids will press the issues in the beginning, until the policy is more clearly established.
- A parent asked what will happen if the Pupil-Teacher-Ratio (PTR) goes beyond the 25:1. Can a teacher take 26 or will as assistant be hired? Mr. Chop and Dr. Burdick responded by saying that there is no exact number in DoDEA before you

hire another teacher. The PTR is a target or goal in planning. Many things depend on the time of year and if there is a free floating position available. Staffing can be juggled to meet the requirements. In emergencies, the Pacific can be called to see if there are any extra slots available.

- A parent asked if the Federal holidays on the district calendar can show whether or not the holiday is a no-school day. Dr. Burdick said that on Guam we celebrate all of the Federal holidays, but the parent had a good point and she will make a note to indicate it for those who are coming from areas that do not celebrate all of the Federal holidays.

PTO

- No PTO News

The next meeting will be held on February 12, at 6:00 PM at the new Guam High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

12 FEB 08

Date Signed



Chairperson