



Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools
Guam District
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**School Board Official Minutes
January 13, 2009, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Guam High School Library**

School Board Members Present

Richard E. Friend
Kimberly Owens
Jane Scanlon

School Board Members Absent

Timothy A. Puzan
William T. Locklear

Non-voting Members Present

Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles
Dr. Susan E. Burdick
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy

Non-voting Members Absent

Vacant, Air Force

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Richard Friend. Introductions of the School Board were made.

The School Board approved the minutes for the December 08 meeting by unanimous vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Ms. Linda Connelly, Principal, Guam High School (GHS)

- Mr. Todd Strasser, author of the "Wave" movie, will visit GHS.
- The school will sponsor a spaghetti dinner and a play this week.
- The Boosters will meet on January 15.
- The Guam High School will have the NCA CASI Quality Assurance Review of the School Improvement Plan the second week of February.
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Ms. Helen Bailey, Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)

- Our current enrollment stands at 1032 students.
- On January 21, we will hold a school level "Town Hall" meeting to discuss the changes in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade enrollment ages.

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

- The Andersen Middle School will have the NCA CASI Quality Assurance Review of the School Improvement Plan the third week of February. We need parent support for this visit.

- The middle and high school principals will be attending the World Wide Principals' Meeting in Germany the first week of February.

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

- Mr. James Bullard, the Pacific Area Office Safety and Security Officer visited the school for a review. A workgroup met with Mr. Bullard to assess the AT/FP status for the school. MEMS received a good report.
- The McCool School will have the NCA CASI Quality Assurance Review of the School Improvement Plan the second week of February.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles

- The enrollment remains stable; however, since January 9, 12 new students enrolled at Andersen Elementary School.
- Ms. Sallie Otis for the Smithsonian Institute visited Guam and provided training for our visual arts teachers. Her training was based on the DoDEA Art Standards. Ms. Otis introduced the Polycom machine, which allowed the art teachers to video conference with experts at the Smithsonian. The conference was conducted at 10 AM time frame in Guam, 7 PM EST at the Smithsonian. The Guam district will be able to share the video conferencing machine(Polycom) with the other Pacific Area districts.
- Mr. Mark Bignell, DoDEA Headquarters Fine Arts Coordinator, had a good visit with the fine arts teachers. He sponsored the Smithsonian guest and visited all of the fine arts classrooms during his visit.
- Mr. Jim Hashman, the Pacific Area Office Fine Arts specialist, also visited Guam. He plans to return in the March/April time frame to work with the teachers.
- Mr. James Bullard, the Pacific Area Safety and Security Officer, is visiting the DoDEA Guam schools. He will be reviewing our programs and plans for compliance with safety and AT/FP, and inspecting our facilities. He has a checklist that he uses to evaluate the programs. Mr. Bullard is emphasizing best practices in all aspects of safety.
- McCool School has an excellent color-coded program for distributing badges.
- Ms. Barbara Kiyuna, a Special Education specialist for the Pacific Area Office, recently visited Guam for monitoring and training.
- The DoDEA Guam Holiday Event will be held January 17, 2009. The RSVP suspense is January 14.
- DoDEA's Customer Satisfaction Survey is currently in progress. The deadline is February 28, for completion. We strongly encourage all parents to log-on to participate. Currently our participation rate is low.
- The Parent Portal is a relatively new way for parents to communicate with the school. It allows parents to review their child grades in our Gradespeed program on-line. We want to encourage parent participation, as a means of increasing our parent-school partnerships.
- New School Buses arrived and were put into service on January 5. All of the new buses have seatbelts.
- The NCA CASI Quality Assurance Review Visits will occur during the first 3 weeks of February. This visit has a high priority, as it is an essential element in the school accreditation process. The schools have been very busy preparing for the visit. The Command, parents, teachers and students will all be involved in the visit.

OLD BUSINESS

Entrance Age for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The status of the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade was discussed. Currently McCool School has 15 students enrolled that will not be eligible to attend Kindergarten next school year as their birthday falls after September 1. Andersen Elementary School has 26 students impacted. The schools have sent letters to each of the impacted families explaining the policy. The School Board chairman will attend the Andersen Elementary School "Town Hall" meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009, to address any concerns. Parents may find out more information on the DoDEA website link.

Information Related to the SAT

Manuel Aquiningoc, a teacher at McCool School, is responsible for the administration of the SAT island-wide. Prior to the construction of the new McCool School, the SAT was administered at the old McCool School. Many of the DoDEA Guam teachers served as proctors for the test. When the new McCool School opened on the military base, the testing site was transferred to one of the local Guam Public School System (GPSS) facilities. The GPSS facility has some drawbacks according to Mr. Aquiningoc. Sometimes the classrooms do not have air conditioning or other venues are using the school at the same time as the SAT test administration. This caused confusion and led to a student being turned away from the SAT test in error. At this time, we are not able to provide the SAT site for Guam in a DoDEA school. We will need to do more research before we can make this commitment. One of the major issues is authorizing those without an ID card to enter the base, as the SAT site must serve the entire island.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OPEN FORUM:

- Location of the School Board Meeting in February
Because the NCA CASI QAR visit will occur at Guam High School when the next School Board meeting is scheduled, the February 10, School Board meeting will be hosted at Andersen Elementary School at 6 PM.
- Football Lights at Andersen Air Force Base
The CE department at Andersen Air Force Base has 8 light poles in their yard. Can these be used at the Guam High School football field? We will look into this possibility.
- The Navy Relief has uniforms available for sale at a very reasonable price. Some of the uniforms have never been worn. Families can also make a one-to-one trade as the children grow. Andersen Air Force Base also has used uniforms. Navy Relief is open Monday & Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM, Wednesday from 12 noon, and the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM-1 PM.
- New and refurbished houses are being opened on the Navy bases. As the housing occupancy changes, it may impact bus routes.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2009, at 6:00 PM at Andersen Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

10 Feb 09

Date Signed



Chairperson