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**School Board Official Minutes
November 10, 2011 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Andersen Elementary School**

School Board Members Present

Mr. Nicholas Pavlik
Ms. Amata Hutcherson
Ms. Kathy Hayward

School Board Members Absent

Ms. Kimberlee Lindee
Mr. Johnny Lizama

Non-voting Members Present

Dr. Steven Bloom, District Superintendent
Mr. Jeff Arrington, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison
Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Andersen School Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:12p.m. by Mr. Pavlik. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS) Mr. Don Christensen

- Dr. Bernadette Schlueter has arrived and is working as the Assistant Principal.
- Second Quarter sports have started and the sports are boys soccer and girls basketball
- At the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest, a 4th grade student won 1st Place. Next year the competition will be split between high school and middle school instead of having one competition for 6th graders thru 12th graders.
- Middle School is having Student Led Conferences on Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th. Elementary School is having Parent Teacher Conferences November 16th through November 18th.

Guam High School (GHS) Mr Keim

- Far East Jazz Festival concert is Thursday, November 17th. Okkodo High School's Glee Club will be performing before the concert.
- JROTC performed a flag retirement ceremony.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are on the 18th of November from 9am – 5pm.



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Andersen Elementary School (AES) Ms. Willette Horne-Barnes

- Anti Bullying kick off assembly was Monday, November 14th.
- They had a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th.
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 16th through November 18th.

Andersen Middle School (AMS) Ms. Deborah Krull

- 7th Grade Field Trip on Andersen AFB to see different groups on base and a variety of jobs.
- Student Led Conferences start on Wednesday, November 16th.
- eCybermission is open for students from 6th to 9th grade. It is a web based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics competition. Teams compete for state, regional and national awards while working to solve problems in their community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Bloom

- District wide STEM initiative. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Teachers need to make the information in the courses relevant in real life. Its intent is to stimulate the student's curiosity to make them want to learn more.
- Grades K through 3rd are participating in new reading and language arts assessments.
- Critical reevaluation of school performance data to re-identify school priorities and needs.
- In January, principals and district staff will get trained on continuous school improvement. Look at quality indicators and become a more efficient school system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bullying: The board received handouts concerning bullying. One is from Stop Bullying Now and the other a slide show put together by Norma Jao. We would like to start training parents to recognize the signs of bullying. Asked board to review the handouts and see if they meet expectations.
- Middle School Sports: DoDDs schools have no middle school athletics. The number of competitive programs has increased. We have large numbers of kids participating and we need to measure the pros and cons of fielding multiple teams to make sure we include everyone that wants to play. There are many variables to consider.
 - Competitive vs Fun/developmental
 - Interscholastic vs Intramural
 - Maturation difference vs skills level
 - Additional costs for uniforms, league entry fees, etc.

This is the age when kids pick activities they like and choose life sports.

- Field Trips: The purpose of field trips is an extension of learning outside of the classroom
- Base Exchange Representative to discuss school uniforms did not show
- Artificial Turf at AMS Field. This was discussed at Sept school board meeting. It will be a joint use, dual purpose field. Procedures and protocols for the care of the field need

to be established to extend the life of the artificial turf.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Communication, parents need to keep information updated at the schools in case of emergencies.
- School Board Training scheduled for late November, possibly by videoconference.
- School Supply Lists available on website and items available at NEX/AAFES.
- Dr. Fitzgerald visit at all schools.

OPEN FORUM

- Safety of Students at AES: Col Dreschler and Lt Col Sorrell were at the meeting to discuss the needs of AES to ensure the safety of the students walking to the school in the morning.
- Mr. James Gambill, Military & Family Life Consultant is available to work with students at both AES and AMS.
- Teachers being pulled from classroom to be trained on a new curriculum. Kids are missing valuable time with their teachers. Looking at extending the school year for teachers so they can get the training without missing the classroom time. The other option is extending the life of the curriculum instead of switching every 4 or 5 years which would stretch out the life of the training.
- A parent voiced a concern about parents not stopping their vehicles when "Colors" is being played in the morning.

DODEA Pacific Meeting Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison

- Meeting for school liaisons, superintendents, principals, command representatives and parent representatives. They discuss issues raised at school level that might not be solved at the school level.
- Information given about expanding the opportunities for Gifted education.
- Discussed the new attendance policy.

NEXT MEETING

December 15th, 2011 at Guam High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned 7:20 p.m.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- Agenda items must be submitted in writing no later than the last Friday of the month to the District Office for consideration.
- Meeting will start promptly at 18:00 and end no later than 1 ½ hour after the start.
- The prepared agenda will be followed with the possibility of changing the order of presentation to accommodate presenters.
- The Board has the right to limit public discussion time.
- Issues will be addressed in a courteous, professional manner.

- Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

15 Dec 2011
Date Signed


Chairperson