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Guam District  
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**School Board Official Minutes  
March 10, 2011, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**School Board Members Present**

Mr. Johnny Lizama  
Mr. Nicholas Pavlik  
Ms. Denise Ola  
Ms. Kelly Hallmark  
Mr. Johan Clay

**School Board Members Absent**

**Non-voting Members Present**

Dr. Steve Bloom, Superintendent  
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison  
Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Air Force School Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mr. Lizama.  
Minutes were approved for December and January meetings.  
Guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

**McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS) Ms Missy Gingrich reported**

- Terra Nova testing will be March 14-18 with make-up exams done the next week.
- Middle School Band Culminating Concert for MEMS and AMS will be held March 11 at McCool Gym. Members of the 721 Army Band will also be present to help the children.
- Chamorro Culture Month with activities on-going all month
- Marianas Island Spelling Bee will take place at the Marriott hotel March 12.
- Next middle school sports seasons will be boys' soccer and girls' softball.

**Guam High School (GHS) Mr. Keim reported**

- Importance of the Terra Nova testing was stressed. Grades 9 – 11 will participate.
- An AVID visit was conducted by Ms. Hobbs (from Okinawa).
- A new teacher has been hired – Ms. Smith will teach Language Arts for grades 9 and 12.
- The Concert Honors Band was honored with 5 slots in the upcoming Far East Music Festival to be held in Korea. The group qualified on 7 instruments. One student qualified on three different instruments and then chose which instrument to compete with.
- GHS Basketball team is in the playoffs and a game will be held at GHS this Saturday at 6 p.m.

**Andersen Elementary School (AES) Mr. Flores reported**

- AES held their annual spelling bee and the winners will compete at the Regional Spelling Bee which will be held this Saturday at the Marriott.
- Terra Nova testing will begin next week.
- AES just finished a very successful Read Across America Campaign.
- 30+ staff members just received Smart Boards and they are currently being installed in the classrooms. Nine of those staff members will receive training on using these boards effectively.

**Andersen Middle School (AMS) Ms. Deborah Krull reported**

- AMS students recently finished their National/Guam History Day Projects. Over 30 judges helped score, 43 certificates were presented, and 17 students will be competing at the Island-wide Competition next Saturday. Winners at that level will travel to Washington DC for the finals.
- There was an AVID certification visit conducted last week.
- Terra Nova Testing will take place next week.
- AMS will hold their Science Fair the week of March 14-18.
- AMS Band will travel to McCool for a joint band concert March 11.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Dr. Bloom**

- Dr. Bloom gave an update on the status of the Continuing Resolution Funding. They are standing by for instructions if the budget is not approved and workers need to be furloughed. He reported that the transportation contract is paid in full to the end of the year, the Cafeteria contract is paid until the end of April and the Maintenance contract is paid until March 30.
- Dr. Bloom and Barbara Askey (Navy School Liaison) just returned from the Area Advisory Council Meeting in mainland Japan. Ms. Askey presented two best practices – one on the Uniform Policy Presentation by students and the other on the collaboration of the Navy, Air Force and DSO regarding Adolescent Mental Health. Dr. Bloom shared that working groups are looking at the current need for mental health issues for our children on Guam. EFMP rotations are being looked at in the discussions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Uniform Back-brief: The school board presented recommendations to the DSO and further discussions will continue.
- Vendor/Student Payment process (parent email follow-up): Advance payments can be made. Sodexo is the new vendor. The usage and the balance of any student's account can be printed. Parents may also contact 344-7223 to ask Rhonda for the info on student accounts. IT is testing the online payment center.
- Online-Preregistration: Forms are already on Guam District website and DoDEA website. It is only for new students not reregistering students.
- School Board Election: There are 2 vacant positions for the upcoming school year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- School Uniforms from Teacher Association: Comments were incorporated into final recommendations made by the School Board to the DSO.
- Andersen Community Bus Activity for Summer and School Break Schedules: No specific information back yet to Dr. Bloom on this issue.
- Reports on Food Service: There are still some reports that last lunch students do not get all the menu choices.
- Facilities Updates: Andersen elementary and middle will both have carpet replacement over break and both schools will receive intercom updates. Exterior doors and A/C at elementary school will be serviced. Middle school will get 1<sup>st</sup> floor repainted. GHS lights will be finished in August. Track and field work has begun. Mold and algae removal is planned this summer for McCool and GHS Gyms.

## OPEN FORUM

- Parent question raised: Is there an opportunity to create more sports teams for the children as currently some of the middle school teams have 40 or more on the team. Kids do not really get much play time. McCool is already looking ahead to next year's contracts. Andersen Middle school shared that they add an additional intramural game once a week in order to play all the kids.
- Parent question presented: Can Class lists also be sent out by email prior to the first day of school? Some parents may not be able to drive to the school to view the list posted on the school door. Dr. Bailey responded that she would work on it.

## NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2011, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at McCool Elementary/Middle School

## ADJOURNMENT

## 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.

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Date Signed

  
Chairperson