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WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-1196

May 2, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of West Point School Board Meeting, May 2, 2018.

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista, on Wednesday, May 2 at 4:35 PM in the West Point MS Information Center.

2. **Members Present were:**

Heather Evangelista, President  
Tim Viles, Board Member  
Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent

Sarah Gardner-Cox, Board Member  
Kirk Ingold, Board Member

**Others Present:**

Denise DeMarco, ES Principal  
Denise Eves, School Board Clerk (via Lync)  
Terry DeLay  
Jeri Brittain  
Sue Kerns  
Mihan Vaswani, Science ISS  
Michelle Turner, Behavior ISS

Gala Edgar, Union Representative  
Tim Pillsworth, USACE  
Terry Marsteller  
Lucinda Uhornak  
Elizabeth Rowe  
Marybeth Malone, Autism ISS

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mrs. Gardner-Cox made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the agenda was approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** The minutes from the April 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Viles motioned approval of the past minutes. Mrs. Gardner-Cox seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

5. **MILCON Report:** Slide presentation Mr. Pillsworth discussed the security of the doors for the new school. All the doors are built to the standards and are bullet proof. He stated that 23 doors are CAC enabled and 28 are strike doors and they could buy a different grade hardware for the doors. All of the maintenance contracts have been developed by DoDEA in the action plans. The question was asked: Is the school opening still on track? Mr. Pillsworth stated that it's 3-4 weeks behind due to weather.

6. **School Updates/Presentations:** West Point Middle School

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD:** None

8. **BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

Sprinkles: WPMS: Mary Poppins  
Elementary School: Student leaders  
Student Council at the Middle School  
Collaboration is great  
Lock in for the band  
All County Music Festival from WPMS

9. **REPORTS**

a. **PTO Report:** Elections took place for the PTO. It was stated that the PTO has great volunteers. PTO approved \$2000 for equipment for the elementary school.

b. **SLO Report:** Report given by Mrs. Balilo is Michi Carl's absence.

- Proud to announce that the James I. O'Neill HS JROTC has earned, The President's (Silver) Volunteer Service Award, for their commitment to strengthen our community through programs such as JCORPSI
- USCC G-4 cadets once again hosted Recycle-Mania at WPES - complete with Dirt-Woman AND Dirt-Man, this is the third annual and fun way to motivate and learn during Earth Day/Month.
- The SLO client survey has been extended until May 11th, in an effort to allow more stakeholders the opportunity to participate. Please share this is your friends and neighbors for widest dissemination. The survey results will collect data that will assist the Army and USAG West

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#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**Enrollment for next year:** received in an email sent by Denise Eves. Without the lottery, how are we enticing families to live on West Point? Mrs. DeMarco stated that there was a good turnout during registration.

**Security of the new ES:** In the Milcon minutes

**Bulldog Learning Academy:** sent via email. Teachers will start calling parents of students with D/F.

**School Board Elections:** The Board is working on possibilities for the elections. It was discussed to have the elections on June 7<sup>th</sup> due to the musical. Mr. Viles voiced concerns about the requirements for the board meetings and how many times the Board needs to meet. Mrs. Balilo stated again that we can reschedule any board meeting that was missed. She suggested that maybe starting with August meeting. We schedule for 10 meetings and only have to make up one. Mr. Viles is adamant about making up the meeting. Mrs. Balilo stated that the board sets the calendar. She stated that the August meeting will have to be done virtually because everyone will be in Fort Bragg.

Mrs. Balilo introduced the ISSs who were visiting West Point. Mohan Vaswani, Wendy Sancho, Marybeth Malone and Michelle Turner

**Summer classes:** Wendy Sancho talked to the power point that was given to the board.

Mrs. Sancho stated that information was sent out to the students for the new summer classes and that only one – two students have registered for the class. The class registration closes on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Viles voiced concerned about the instructors and the lack of availability during the summer classes. Mrs. Sancho said that instructors would be asked to share their contact information. She said that the teachers will be in the same time zone. If there are problems, then contact the school and they will contact Wendy. Out of the 128 students who took the course last summer, only one student wasn't doing well.

**Mohan Vaswani:** Science Engineering design competition. Mr. Vaswani worked with all the students this week and it was a great experience.

**Special Education:** Mrs. La Venuta will be on site in two weeks and will have an open forum meeting about Special Education. Mrs. Balilo asked that you reroute the parents to the principals so Mrs. La Venuta can address those concerns during the open forum. Mrs. Balilo stated that she is worried about what is said at the school board meeting as the information will be in the minutes.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**RAND Study:** ~~No further studies will be done.~~ DOD is reviewing the divesture of the Americas. The progress has slowed down due to the consolidation of the commissaries and exchanges. This is DOD pushing and it's out of DoDEA's control.


**Student Illness:** Can the policy be published? Mrs. Balilo stated that the attendance numbers can be sent and that attendance did not drop below the 92%. There hasn't been a significant impact on attendance due to illness. The teachers do a great job in sending students to the nurse if they feel the student isn't ready to be in school.

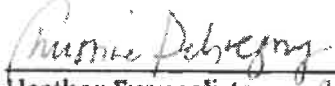
**Clubs and sponsors:** Mrs. DeMarco stated that a group is forming at West Point Elementary School to identify a schedule for the clubs and what clubs will be offered.

**Feedback on the survey:** Communication. What are we doing to bridge the gap between the teachers and administrators?

**11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the West Point School Board will be held on June 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Middle School Information Center.

**12. ADJOURN MEETING:** Mr. Viles motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 PM.

Approved by:   
Helen Balilo  
Community Superintendent

  
~~Heather Evangelista~~ *CHRISTINE DEGRORY*  
President, West Point School Board