



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY  
AMERICAS  
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT  
WEST POINT SCHOOLS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-1196**

October 4, 2017

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of West Point School Board Meeting, October 4, 2017.

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista, on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 4:30 PM in the West Point MS Information Center.

2. **Members Present were:**

Christine DeGregory, Board Member  
Sarah Gardner-Cox, Board Member  
Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent (via Lync)

Heather Evangelista, President  
Kirk Ingold, Board Member

**Others Present:**

Denise Eves, School Board Clerk (via Lync)  
Miles Shea, MS Principal  
Michi Carl, SLO  
Tim Pillsworth, USACE

Denise DeMarco, ES Principal  
Gala Edgar, Union Representative  
Kelisa Wing, Assistant Principal

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mrs. DeGregory 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 September 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. DeGregory motioned approval of the past minutes. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

5. **MILCON Report:** The following information was stated by Mr. Pillsworth from USACE.

- Started the gym
- Project progressing faster than expected.
- During discussion two issues were raised. 1) Location of trailers block a majority of the windows to the second grade classrooms. These trailers will remain so for the approximately the next 2 years. 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade only has one day to be outside for recess due to pre-k pick-up drop-off schedule.

6. **School Updates/Presentations:** None

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD:** Commemorative coins for the Two Centuries of Learning will be sold for \$13.50 is the maximum price.

8. **BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** Cookie and sprinkles: Blue Ribbon for WPES. Congrats Sprinkles: Gmail up and running  
Welcome to  
PTO for the Read a thon  
Band interviews  
Thank you to Michi Carl for all that she does for the community  
Special Education

9. **REPORTS**

- a. PTO Report: No report
- b. SLO Report: was given by Michi Carl.

- Tutor.com visit was a success, greatly in part to the support and dedication of both schools, Ms Kern and Mr. Brew! The team also visited our Youth Center and School Age Center, working with homework clubs/facilitators. The most recent reports shows a significant increase in tutor.com usage.
- USCC Company E4 cadets will once again volunteer tutor at the Youth Center. They will come weekly, starting tomorrow October 5th (4:00-5:00). The day of week and times may vary. Since this initiative takes place in the YS computer lab, cadets/youth may also find tutor.com a valuable resource to them.
- NYS Board of Regents voted unanimously to adopt changes related to the Interstate Compact! This will allow flexibility in meeting assessment requirements and the diploma requirements for physical education. Implementation conversations are taking place.

c. Superintendent's Reports: None

#### 10. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- **Wellness Policy:** an overview was given by Denise DeMarco through a slide presentation.
- **Bulldog Learning Academy:** Mr. Shea shared that the academy is designed to help struggling students and provide extra help during the week.
- **WP School Board Gmail account:** The account is up and running. The address is: [schoolboardwps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolboardwps@gmail.com)
- **ICE:** The administrators will have access to the ICE account once it is created. SLO and WPES ET are working on getting an account.
- **WPES lunch staffing/monitors:** Two monitors supervising the children while outside in the bus loop. Para professionals are monitoring the cafeteria. There will only be one monitor for each school as we are aligning with the rest of the MAD district. Lunch monitors are not being let go. We will not fill behind those that resign. Next year, we are planning to rearrange the recess schedule. Students would have a 30 minute lunch and a separate recess. Best practices in many of the schools is that the lunch is just for lunch. Recess is a learning experience at the elementary schools and should be scheduled within the school day not in conjunction with lunch. There will be no change to the order of recess followed by lunch this year.
- **TerraNova:** Changed their printing company. There is a potential discrepancy between published results and actual findings. No definitive timeline for when verified results will be mailed to parents. This is the last year to use the TerraNova results. West Point Schools have been chosen to be the pilot schools to implement the DoDEA CAS.
- **Customer Survey** No additional information at the present time. Administrators can share the email address of Andrew Moellmer.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS:

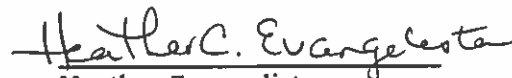
Update on Second grade recess and trailer location.

Mrs. Balilo stated that the November meeting needed to be short meeting due to the Blue Ribbon Celebration dinner at the Thayer.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the West Point School Board will be held on November 1, 2017 at 4:30 PM in the Middle School Information Center.

13. ADJOURN MEETING: Mrs. DeGregory motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gardner-Cox seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Balilo  
Community Superintendent

  
Heather Evangelista  
President, West Point School Board