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School Board Official Minutes
October 16, 2018
McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS)
Scheduled 6:00-7:30 p.m./Actual: 6:10 –7:50 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Katie E. Wilson, President
Mrs. April Slade, Vice-President
Mrs. Dara E. Pickren-Davis, Secretary
SMSgt Luis M. Camacho, Jr.
Dr. Patrick L. Scarborough

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jimmy Journey, Community Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Askey, Region/McCool Naval Base Liaison Officer (RSLO)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mr. Jimmy Journey, he started the meeting by explaining there were technical issues preventing Mr. Michael Thompson, Pacific South Superintendent from participating in the meeting. Mr Journey then welcomed everyone in attendance and asked for those individuals in attendance to introduce themselves. New board members were also introduced. Board President, Vice-president, and Secretary nominations were made and all present voted. Mrs. Katie Wilson was elected President, Mrs. April Slade, Vice-President, and Mrs. Dara Pickren-Davis was elected Secretary.

COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT'S/DISTRICT REPORT:

Mr. Journey introduced the new administrators; Mr. Joseph Myles (Andersen Middle School Principal), Tyais Dial (Andersen Middle School Vice Principal), and Melinda Holsopple (McCool Middle School Vice Principal).

Mr. Journey presented the enrollment figures by school noting differences between projected enrollment and actual enrollment with actual enrollment being 824 for Andersen ES, 255 for Andersen MS, 978 for McCool ES/MS, and 499 for Guam HS for a total of 146 students over projections. More students are expected in the coming years as the Marine buildup begins.

A thorough discussion followed in which Mr. Journey outlined the substitute and teacher hiring process. He asked that we help get word out that jobs are available; jobs are not advertised through the CPO- they are listed in usajobs.com and at each school. Background checks continue to be an issue. They take anywhere from 6-8 weeks up to 6 months to complete. Encourage applicants to contact the administration at each school or call the superintendent for hiring process updates.

Mr. Journey reviewed the status of teacher vacancies by school.

PARCC Assessment discussed. The name has been changed to DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System. Mr. Journey reported that this past test's results were a baseline and DoDEA did better than similarly situated schools. Administrations at each school now looking at ways to improve student success. Next year's assessments will take place in the April/May time frame with test results arriving much sooner.

Issues relating to Typhoon Mangkhut were discussed. There were communication issues due to rumors floating on social media that caused confusion re: school closures. Mr. Journey will work with commands to get information more quickly and disseminate it as quickly as possible. No make-up days will be required as long as no more days are missed/cancelled.

Fiscal Updates- Discretionary funds were received 10/15 but due to government cards being switched from Visa to Mastercard, the money released had to be spent before 10/19.

Facilities Updates- During the summer months Andersen ES and MS had HVAC and electrical issues. Carpet was removed but will not be reinstalled until the spring/summer 2019. McCool sustained water damage during Typhoon Mangkhut. Carpet was removed and will be replaced in the coming weeks.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

Andersen ES, Andersen MS, McCool ES/MS, and Guam HS all reported upcoming Red Ribbon Week activities (October 22-26). Parent Coffee Forums and community outreach activities have been successful. All schools are trying to get more parent participation in these activities.

STAKEHOLDER'S REPORT:

GHS Student Representative: Rep. reported the students had concerns about uniforms/uniform policy. Uniform skirts and pants purchased at the NEX were poor quality, sometimes too revealing, and materials used are too hot for Guam. She stated students she spoke with have a desire to do away with uniforms altogether. Mr. Journey gave a brief description of the policy's history stating that since the schools around Guam wore uniforms, GHS's first students asked for uniforms as a sign of school unity. He stated we revisit uniform policy every 3 years (on agenda for 19/20 SY) but will consider moving it up. In the meantime, he said he could connect with the NEX buyers to improve the quality. Mrs. Wilson suggested looking at other avenues (online, Old Navy) for uniform purchases.

School Liaison Officers Report: School Liaison officer Ms. Askey reported another school liaison is due on board in mid-November. She reminded everyone the Tollai Edukasion quarterly magazine was an available resource for families. It is available in multiple locations (schools, gyms, libraries, etc.). Another resource for incoming/outgoing students is the Anchored for Life program at the elementary schools; it is the ES version of the HS program, Student to Student.

Navy Ombudsmen: Asked if days missed due to the storm would need to be made up. Mr. Journey said as long as we didn't miss any more days, we would not need to add school days to the calendar.

AF Key Spouse: Nothing to Report

AES PTO: Nothing to Report

MEMS PTO: Focus this year: Building a Community- working toward connecting school with local businesses. Events: Glow Dance (MS), Monster Mash (ES), Selling Military Child t-shirt

AMS PTO: Board set; working with Student Council.

GNOSC Rep: Holiday Craft Fair in conjunction with USO Nov. 3-4, Agana Shopping Center. Spring Furniture Bazaar- raises funds for their scholarship fund benefitting military spouses and children. She asked that there be a push for student applicants. The conversation turned to ask if there was a possibility of opening the scholarship to any DoDEA student- the rep stated she would ask if the organization would be willing to change their scholarship qualifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Homework Policy- Mrs. Pickren-Davis stated several parents concerned about excessive homework and cited several examples. Due to time concerns, discussion tabled until November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Due to time concerns, no discussion.

OPEN FORUM: Due to time concerns, no discussion.

***Draft School Board Meetings 2018-2019 Schedule approved via email after the Board Meeting.**

***September meeting was cancelled due to Typhoon Mangkut- GHS had an emergency power outage to facilitate repairs. Board voted via email to not reschedule meeting as it was the first meeting of the school year and typhoon recovery was underway.**

NEXT MEETING:

The next School Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 20 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Andersen Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Mrs. Wilson, President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dara Pickren-Davis
Secretary
DoDEA Pacific South-Guam School Board

Date Signed

Chairperson