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School Board Official Minutes
November 20, 2018
Andersen Elementary School

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Katie E. Wilson, President
Mrs. April Slade, Vice-President
Mrs. Dara E. Pickren-Davis, Secretary
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 6:01 p.m. by Mr. Jimmy Journey. Each person present gave an introduction.

COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT'S/DISTRICT REPORT:

Mr. Journey discussed the school enrollment projections. School staffing position is based off of enrollment numbers submitted mid-year.

There are substitute teaching and para-educator staffing vacancies. The process is much easier, but it is important for the applicant to monitor their submitted application and follow up on the submitted substitute packets.

There has been a proposal to increase substitute teacher salaries by 40%. All staffing authorizations are being mailed to schools. All schools have received 50% of their approved fiscal budget and funds will be uploaded onto their credit card (Mastercard) within the next few days.

Facilities update: Andersen Elementary will receive new carpet during Summer 2019, the carpet at the school was between 18-20 years old. McCool Elementary/Middle School will be replaced during 2018 Winter break.

During Winter break, all smart boards will be replaced in all schools.

Mr. Journey read a letter in response to the changing of the school calendar. It has been requested for the school calendar to alter to begin school the first week in August and end in May. The change will not occur during the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Journey allowed all to give feedback on the change of the school calendar. Due to the calendar of schools, the current school

calendar is affecting the success of the Guam High students. The semester doesn't end until January. Many of the kids lose credits unless they complete the Accelerated Withdrawal process to complete the course. Many factors will take place from the contractors (buses and food). Each school principal is asked to complete a survey twice with feedback from school personnel. Mr. Journey will complete the survey with input from the school board.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

Andersen ES, Andersen MS, McCool ES/MS, and Guam HS all reported on the success of 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:

School Liaison Officers Report: School Liaison officer Ms. Askey reported the new school liaison is Christine Monroe and her office is located on Nimitz Hill. The contact numbers for the school liaisons are as follows: Barbara Askey – 349-6251 and Christine Monroe – 349 - 1141

AES Student Council: Elections will be held on November 21, 2018. Each student seeking election will give a speech to the student body. Voting will be online. Students have planned a canned goods drive.

AMS PTO: Parent participation is increasing. Advance Band performed at the meeting. The Student Council is doing a Typhoon Yutu drive for the victims in the storm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The School board meeting for December was changed to December 11, 2018 at Guam High School. The change was motioned for approval by Dr. Scarborough and seconded by April Slade.

The goals for the board were discussed and they are as follows:

- Effective communication between board and schools including parents and all stakeholders
- Open communication from all schools (Principals will inform the board of all important events that take place at their respective schools)
- Inform parents of events for school participation
- Be a merge between schools – community partnerships

The approval of the goals were motioned by April Slade and seconded by Dr. Scarborough.

The following items were discussed in the Area Advisory Council Meeting attended by school board Secretary Dara E. Pickren-Davis:

- There is an ongoing student about building a new central school by 2020. The increasing population has caused for the change. There will also be an expansion to Guam High.
- The DoDEA online registration is now active and parents can register their child online.
- The DoDEA Gifted Education Program is being revamped.

- Foreign language will be removed from all elementary schools in order to increase time in core content areas.

The homework policy was discussed and there is a clear synopsis that homework should not exceed 10 minutes per grade level. The amount of time will be increased as the grade increase. All policies are interpreted differently, but parents are asked to speak with the teacher and school principal(s) if there are any issues.

NEXT MEETING:

The next School Board Meeting will take place on December 11, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Guam High School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by Mrs. Wilson, President.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Date Signed _____ Chairperson _____