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Pre-Dependents Education Council Working Group Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2015

On April 14, 2015, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) held the Pre-Dependents Education Council (DEC) Working Group Meeting via teleconference. The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Kathleen Facon, Chief of Educational Partnership and Outreach. A list of participants is attached.

Ms. Facon provided a brief welcome and conducted a roll call of participants. This was followed by updates on open agenda items.

**Updates — Open Agenda Items**

Items discussed are as follows:

- **Overseas Preschool Feasibility Study:** Update on study to assess and recommend the best options for expanded access of early childhood education throughout DoDEA will be provided. [Information Paper]
- **Student Achievement:** Data will be presented on the TerraNova, National Assessment of Educational Progress, and Advanced Placement results. [DEC Brief]
- **Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) Continuous Process Improvement:** At the December 2014 DEC Meeting, information was presented regarding the NDSP Rapid Improvement Event. An overview of the recommendations made through the Rapid Improvement Event and next steps will be presented. [DEC Brief]
- **CONUS Educational Options Assessment:** Will provide DEC members with a status update of the research report. [Information Paper].

**New Agenda Items:**

The following are new agenda items that will be presented as briefings at the June 2015 DEC Meeting:

- **DoDEA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools:** Video will be shown to DEC Members displaying DoDEA's new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools.
- **DoDEA Technology Plan:** Current status of the initiative, outcomes, and way ahead will be presented.
- **DoDEA Dual Enrollment:** Current status of program will be presented.

### **General DEC Briefing Items:**

The following agenda items will be presented as briefings at the June 2015 DEC Meeting:

- **Budget:** Briefing will include an update on the funding levels as well as any changes and challenges.
- **DoDEA Military Construction (MILCON) Program:** Briefing will include the status of existing and proposed projects.
- **Restructuring for Student Achievement:** Briefing will include information regarding restructuring efforts.
- **College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS):** The status of DoDEA's implementation of CCRS will be discussed.

### **New Item**

A new item from United States Air Forces- Europe (USAFE) was submitted for consideration:

- **Internet Crimes against Children:** During the European School Council (ESC), Lt Gen Jones, USAFE Vice-Commander presented briefing titled, "Internet Crimes against Children". He has asked and ESC co-chairs concurred that this briefing should be brought forth for consideration for presentation at the DEC. Mr. Tom Brady, Director, DoDEA, is reviewing the presentation and will provide response prior to the DEC regarding the feasibility of having the briefing presented or if it should be provided to the DEC members as a special topic information paper.

### **Inquiries**

The following inquiry was posed during the Pre-DEC Meeting:

- U.S. European Command (Ms. Karen Damm): What is the status of the three student meal program initiatives that DoDEA briefed at the December 2014 DEC?  
**DoDEA Response:** Mr. Jay Burcham, DoDEA Chief of Staff, responded that as of today, all initiatives of the student meal program were on schedule.

### **Closing Comments**

Ms. Facon stated that the briefings and information papers developed for the June 2015

DEC Meeting will allow for discussion and input from DEC members. Mr. Burcham asked participants to inform their attendees that this will be a half day meeting and video teleconference (VTC) connection will be provided.

The following dates were set to ensure timely information is available to prepare DEC members for the June 2015 DEC Meeting:

- May 8, 2015 – Participants notify DoDEA of DEC member participation (in-person/VTC/regret)
- June 2, 2015 – DEC briefs will be loaded on DEC website and deadline for participants to provide DoDEA IT with VTC connectivity information form
- June 16, 2015 – DEC Meeting at DoDEA Headquarters, Mark Center

Ms. Facon ended the meeting by reminding participants to keep their contact information updated. The meeting was adjourned.

## **ATTENDEES**

- LTC Daryl Morse, U.S. Southern Command
- Robert Campbell, U.S. Pacific Command
- Karen Damm, U.S. European Command
- John Crocoe, U. S. Africa Command
- Chuck Clymer, U. S. Navy
- Heather Jones, U. S. Marine Corps
- Carl Buchanan, U. S. Air Force
- June Michael, U. S. Army
- Linda Boswell, U.S. Pacific Fleet
- Tina Paulson, U. S. Marine Corps Forces Command
- Keri Fischer, U. S. Marine Forces Pacific
- Deborah McKoy Phillips, Defense Intelligence Agency
- Dr. Patrick Dworakowski, HQ DoDEA
- Jay Burcham, DoDEA Chief of Staff
- Kathy Facon, HQ DoDEA
- Harv Gerry, DoDDS - Europe
- Jean Grice, DoDEA-Pacific
- Chas Kelker, DoDEA-Pacific
- Steve Hovanic, DoDEA-Americas
- Jennifer Dailey-Perkins, HQ DoDEA