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School Board Official
 Minutes February 19, 2019
 Andersen Middle School
 Scheduled 6:00-7:30 p.m./Actual: 6:01-7:04 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Katie E. Wilson, President
 CMSgt. Luis M. Camacho, Jr.
 Dr. Patrick L. Scarborough

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Dara Pickren-Davis

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Thompson, Superintendent, DoDEA Pacific South District Office via VTC
 Ms. Barbara Askey, Region/School Liaison Officer (RSLO), JRM
 Mr. Jimmy Journey, Community Superintendent, DoDEA Pacific South, Guam Field Office

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mrs. Katie Wilson. Motion to approve January minutes was made by Dr. Scarborough with CMSgt. Camacho seconding that motion. The individuals who attended the meeting, to include Boy Scouts from Troop 20, all introduced themselves prior to Mr. Journey going over his Community Superintendent's District Report.

COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT'S/DISTRICT REPORT:

Enrollments (02-07-19)

School	Projected Enrollment	Actual Enrollment	Difference
Andersen Elementary	814	805	-9
Andersen Middle School	246	239	-7
McCool Elementary Middle School	920	996	+76
Guam High School	430	482	+52
Totals	2410	2522	+112

Staffing Vacancies

All schools are in need of substitute teachers. There are multiple para educator slots available in our schools. Andersen ES, does have a vacancy for a kindergarten teacher.

Fiscal Updates

Schools have approximately 75% of their discretionary budget for the year. They are processing orders for supplies and materials for the remainder of this year and next. This is important work to ensure all requirements are met.

Facilities Update

Projects coming up in the coming months:

- Paint and roof work for McCool scheduled for the summer of 19.
- Completion of cooling tower work at GHS over the next month.
- Blower Wheel Motor Assembly replacement for GHS parts on order, Expected around 1 March
- Blower Wheel motor assembly replacement for AES (initial parts came in damaged and unusable) expected end of February.
- Cooling Tower replacement at Andersen Complex expected completion prior to school starting for SY 19-20.
- Flooring replacement for Andersen Schools - project is being designed.

Enrollment zones The current enrollment zones are being reviewed with the target of moving students to the Andersen Schools. Currently we are reviewing bus routes and determining the best possible scenarios for moving students to Andersen. We expect to have more information to the community in early March.

Mr. Journey also stated that the Pac South District was looking at moving around 100 hundred students from McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) to Andersen Elementary School (AES) next school year in order to help out MEMS because they are overcrowded.

Mr. Journey also mentioned that Ms. Rapp is visiting the week of April 1-5, 2019. He also briefly discussed the waiver policy and stated in years past granting waivers to families to attend a school outside of their respective school zone was not uncommon. At this time waivers are not being granted.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

*See School Highlights attached to this document.

Mrs. Davis requested that all School Highlights be electronically submitted to her for publication with the minutes in the future.

STAKEHOLDER'S REPORT:

School Liaison Officers Report: School Liaison officer, Ms. Askey, thanked the principals for their input for the SLO magazine.

NAVY OFFICER'S SPOUSE'S CLUB – Mrs. Booze shared the dates of Asian Bazaar, which will be held on April 6-7, 2019 at Top of the Mar. She also stated that scholarship information for high school students would be forthcoming.

AMS PTSO: Ms. Hutchins stated that they had a very busy four weeks supporting kids academically and socially. She said that AMS held a movie night within the last few weeks which was a success. She also stated the middle school dance held last weekend was a huge success.

NEW BUSINESS:

The question was raised as to whether it would be beneficial to expand the number of individuals who currently serve on the school board. It was stated that if there are not at least three voting school board members present at a meeting the board does not have a quorum to vote.

Dr. Scarborough stated that it could possibly be advantageous to have a few more members serve on the school board. It was stated that this topic will remain as new business for next month's school board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were not any issues or concerns that were brought up pertaining to any of the old business items included on the agenda.

OPEN FORUM:

The CYP director then introduced herself and stated that the CYP is dedicated to support the families as well as schools within the military communities on Guam.

Mr. Journey stated that fifteen months ago the schools worked together with the CYP to discuss the possibility of soccer being provided to students in grades 6-8 by the CYP rather than by the DoDEA middle schools. One representative from the CYP sports program stated that only four students on Navy Base Guam signed up to participate in soccer for the first season and nine families signed their children up, two of which later withdrew their children, for the second season. The CYP sports coordinator then stated this was not enough to sufficiently run a soccer program on Naval Base Guam. On Andersen Air Force base only one family signed their child up for soccer, which was clearly not enough to run a soccer program or field a soccer team.

Mr. Journey stated another challenge with keeping soccer as a middle school sport was getting other schools onto the military bases. It was mentioned that some schools do not want to go through the trouble of completing all of the necessary paperwork in order to be granted access onto the bases. One concern also addressed was that the CYP charges a fee, which goes towards uniforms, paying referees, and other logistical costs associated with participating in an organized sport(s).

One middle school teacher and coach stated that she felt bringing soccer back to the middle schools would be beneficial for students. The individual also stated that providing middle school sports was beneficial for students who were planning on playing sports in high school.

One of the members of the school board then asked if there was a plan in place to bring soccer back to the schools. This individual stated that he wanted to help bring soccer back, but wanted to know if there was a plan that was going to be executed in order to successfully bring soccer back to the two middle schools on Guam.

Mr. Journey then stated that it costs money to be a part of the IIAAG. It was also mentioned that some of the CYP soccer teams are co-ed, which does appear to be a favorable option for some families.

Another teacher at Andersen Middle School (AMS) stated that she has been teaching at AMS for over twenty years. She stated that when she first began teaching at AMS the CYP ran all of the sports programs, and slowly pulled back running these programs over the years so that the middle schools could provide these sports for students. She stated that schools should focus on academics and that the youth center (CYP) should be given the opportunity to provide these sports once again for students.

Mr. Journey stated that Gradespeed is an agency wide system utilized to input grades. It was reported to the individuals in attendance at the board meeting that some teachers have stated their gradebooks are not up-to-date because of IT issues involving Gradespeed. Mr. Sheedy stated that he has a hard time believing this is a result of IT issues. He then stated that parents should come and talk to their child's teacher or administrator if they have any issues pertaining to Gradespeed or any other matters.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spent last week at a superintendent's conference at Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He then stated he was told, that as of now, there are not going to be any enrollment/eligibility changes in Guam for next school year. He then mentioned that as student enrollment increases at Guam High School space needs to be added or provided to accommodate the influx of students. He stated that the details for those scenarios are currently being looked at and discussed.

Mr. Thompson then mentioned that DoDEA made the decision to currently stop trying to get past a unified law that would essentially merge DDESS and DODDS together. He stated that the rules and regulations governing DDESS as well as DODDS currently remain unchanged and will stay unchanged at this time.

Mr. Thompson also stated that Gradespeed is in its fifth year. He stated that this program has to compete again for the contract and is not automatically renewed. He said DoDEA is looking at a new program that is currently integrated with the current automated information systems that DoDEA utilizes. Finally, Mr. Thompson mentioned that schools are currently trying to spend a significant portion of their budget in order to ensure they do not have any of their budget taken away and utilized somewhere else.

NEXT MEETING:

The next School Board Meeting will take place on March 19, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Guam High School.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by Mrs. Wilson, School Board President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Justin Treisch, Assistant Principal
Andersen Elementary School

3-19-19

Date Signed



Chairperson

