



FORT BRAGG SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes
3 April 2008

Opening:

Mrs. Melanie Cox called the regular meeting of the Fort Bragg School Board to order at 10:00 a.m. at Pope Elementary School. Melanie welcomed the Board Members and guests and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

1. Melanie Cox, President District 9
2. Teresa Steel, District 2
3. Eura White, District 3
4. Bette McKnight, District 4
5. Christy Taylor, District 5
6. Wayne Hill, Pope AFB Liaison
7. Dr. Emily Marsh, Assistant Superintendent, NC DDESS
8. Brenda Baker, Recorder

Absent:

1. Laura Rhodes, Vice President, District 7
2. Shannon Rasmussen, District 1
3. Tomi Rdesinski, District 6
4. Dr. Tom Hager, District Superintendent, NC DDESS
5. Mr. Dale Young, Schools Officer

Vacant Positions:

District 8

A. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hill made a motion, second by Teresa Steel to approve the minutes of 6 March 2008 as printed. Motion carried.

B. Old Business:

None

C. New Business:

• What's Happening -

a. Pope Elementary School, Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick, Principal

We thought it would be easier to come to the school to show you what the students are working on using Technology they've learned from our Educational Technologist and Information Specialist. The two have recently gone to New Jersey for joint

training, which they're bringing back to the classroom teachers and students. This is a glimpse of what the students are doing at all schools as well as ours.

Student demonstrations: Ms. Dudley and four of her 3rd grade students shared their knowledge with the School Board. Darius explained his poster on an Explorer that was created based on a Slam Dunk Lesson. Different grade levels can use these lessons just by changing the ideas. Cameron explained his Slam Dunk Coin Project on Amelia Earhart. Mrs. Diaz helped him use the Cyber Library on the Pope Web Page to find information. Lauren demonstrated a coin activity math problem using the Smart Board. Ethan explained a lesson on symmetry by using the Smart Board. The teachers have discovered that when the lessons are done on the Smart Board students that normally do not participate want to use the Smart Board to do lessons. Mrs. Weidler and 4 of her Kindergarten students shared their knowledge of the Smart Board and their use of Pixie Software. Nakia, Trinity, Savannah, and Dexter demonstrated their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases using a game on the Smart Board after explaining to the guests what gases, liquids and solids are. Each of Mrs. Weidler's students created a Project for Earth Day using the Pixie software. They have to plan their drawing to include the wording they want to include on the finished project. The writing is done through the students' dictation to the teacher or aide. The teacher can see at a glance where the student is academically by looking at the students work and will know then which students will need more instruction.

- b. Dr. Marsh: Dr. Beraza has stressed the importance of Project Based Learning in the classrooms.

D. Comments from Dr. Marsh and School Board Members:

Dr. Marsh reported on the following:

Highlights -

- A change to the Instructional Day Hours for SY 2008-2009 is still under consideration.
- Linden Oaks Elementary School construction completion is running behind schedule. We don't foresee getting the building until November 1st. We will continue to bus to Butner, McNair and possibly Devers Elementary Schools until the building is completed.
- There will be a change to the PreSchool Program for SY 2008-2009. There will not be a breakfast or lunch provided during their instructional day. Parents will be encouraged to bring the students to the Breakfast program or Lunch offered for all students.
- A Summer Enrichment Program will be offered at Devers Elementary and Irwin Intermediate School this summer. More info will be out in the coming weeks.
- Extended School Year Program for SPED students will be held at Butner Elementary and Irwin Intermediate, 8 July - 8 August.
- Summer Lunch Program will be offered 8 July to 8 August at Butner and Devers Elementary.

Staffing/Enrollment

- Our enrollment is down right now, which is normal for this time of year.
- Picerne Housing has notified us that Biazza Ridge North is scheduled for renovation. Those residents will be offered housing in other areas.

Upcoming Events

April

7 End of 3rd Reporting Period
11 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students Grades K-9
Non-Student Day for PreKindergarten Students Only

14 Professional Development Day, Non-Student Day

22 Report Cards Sent Home

May 1-2

PreKindergarten & Kindergarten Registration
PreKindergarten Conferences, Non student day for PreK only

E. Comments from the Public:

Mr. Hill announced that Pope Elementary will have "Sammy Rabbit" at the school during their Earth Day for an assembly on spending money called "Changing Children's Lives One Dime at a Time".

F. Adjournment:

Melanie adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The next general meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Minutes submitted by: Brenda Baker _____
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Approved by: Mrs. Melanie Cox _____
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