

April 25, 2007

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 18, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 18, 2007 School Board Meeting was called to order by (Name Removed), Chair, CLDS School Board. The meeting began at 1808 hours in the CLDS Board Room. School Board members in attendance were: (Names Removed)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2007, seconded by (Name Removed). The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board. (Attachment 1)

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

(Name Removed), Vice-Chair, received special recognition by the Chair and Assistant Superintendent Thomas for her participation in 'Read Across America Week 2007.' The students enjoyed the arrival of (Name Removed) in her 'cat-in-the-hat' costume as she read to students during the recognition of Dr. Seuss' 50th birthday. Thank you (Name Removed) for your dedication and support of Read Across America!

IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A. Foreign Language Elementary Schools (FLES) Program

Dr. Kinney, Principal, reported that Johnson Primary School was selected by DoDEA to pilot the implementation of the Foreign Language Elementary Schools (FLES) Program. While the pilot program was targeted for grades K-1 this school year, Johnson Primary received approval to implement the FLES Program in grades K-2. Introductions were made of (Name Removed) and (Name Removed), teachers of Foreign Language.

(Name Removed) explained the importance of implementing foreign language at the elementary level as it increases the level of language proficiency and the number of students who

will continue a foreign language at the high school level and beyond. Statistics show that approximately 23% of students in grades 6-8 and 63% of high school students take a foreign language. With the implementation of foreign language in elementary schools, additional students will reach high levels of proficiency by graduation. Dr. Kinney stated that foreign language is given the same focus as other core areas such as math, science, and reading where students attend a FLES class 45 minutes daily. Special needs students attend the FLES Program too. Not only does foreign language help students with other core subjects but it gives them an appreciation for other cultures and languages and has proven to build useful brain connections. Ms. Hoedl shared the five C's of the Foreign Language Education: 1) Communication, 2) Communities, 3) Cultures, 4) Comparisons, and 5) Connections which are essential to students in reaching a proficiency level.

(Name Removed) gave several demonstrations on best practices that occur in the FLES classroom. As a teacher, the Target Language Communication (TLC) approach is conveyed where students learn through repetitiveness, the use of gestures, interacting with language by moving and singing to name a few. Students are encouraged and motivated to use foreign language at school, home, on the school bus, and wherever they may go. To be successful in foreign language, students must feel comfortable, be actively engaged, eager to participate, and aware of their progress. Dr. Kinney stated, "The Foreign Language Program is well supported at Johnson Primary School as teachers, educational aides, the school nurse, clerical and custodial staff chime in to use the language." In addition, the regular education teacher and educational aide remains in the FLES classroom as instruction is given. Dr. Kinney reported that at-risk students are excelling in Spanish.

(Name Removed) inquired if Johnson Primary will be the only Camp Lejeune school to offer the FLES program. Ms. Thomas announced that the program will be offered at Bitz Intermediate next school year for third grade students. Full implementation of the FLES Program at the elementary level, K-5, is targeted for the fall of 2008.

On behalf of the School Board, (Name Removed) thanked Dr. Kinney and her staff for an outstanding presentation on the FLES Program at Johnson Primary School.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Project Graduation 2007

(Name Removed), School Board representative of Lejeune High, reported that plans are underway for Project Graduation 2007. This event will be held at Marston Pavilion on Friday, Jun 15 immediately following the graduation ceremony. A schedule of events with required paperwork is expected to go home with students soon. Parent volunteers are needed. The Chair requested that (Name Removed) provide an update at the May meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Menactra Update

With the availability of additional Menactra vaccines, the Naval Hospital, in coordination with CLDS, will set up a clinic for middle school students at Brewster Middle School during May 2-3. The clinic will run from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. each day. Already over 75 middle school students have registered along with 4 make-ups from the high school. Ms. Thomas acknowledged (Name Removed) for her outstanding coordination of the two clinics while in daily contact with the Naval Hospital and school personnel.

B. Approved SY 07-08 School Calendar

The approved calendar for SY 2007-08 was distributed. (Tab E)

C. 2007 School Board Election

(Name Removed) made an announcement of his departure in June due to his military retirement.

At the request of the School Board Chair, (Name Removed) volunteered to work with (Name Removed) on the 2007 School Board Election.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Insite Information (4/07) – Tab O

B. CLDS Monthly Newsletters – (3/07 & 4/07) – Tab P

C. Globe Coverage – Ms. Thomas shared several articles that had recently appeared in The Globe as she expressed words of appreciation for their outstanding coverage and informative stories.

D. With the reinstatement of the DeLalio PTO, (Name Removed) announced that the election of officers will occur on 1 May.

E. Senator Burr Visits Lejeune High School – Senator Richard Burr, North Carolina District, spoke with students about his roles and responsibilities as a U. S. Senator. Then he opened the floor for questions as the students requested his insight on current world issues. (Name Removed) recognized the students for their excellent questions and attentiveness to our guest speaker.

VIII. AGENDA BUILDING

The School Board requested that the following presentations/updates be given during May:

- Bank Time Schedule Update

- Gifted Education/Identification
- Project Graduation 2007

IX. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

(Name Removed) made a motion to reschedule the next meeting from May 16 to May 23 to begin at 1800 hours. (Name Removed) seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously. The meeting will be held in the CSO Board Room. Dinner session will begin at 1730 hours.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1900 hours.

XI. FUND COUNCIL

A. Financial Report of March 2007

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the Financial Report of March 2007 as presented. (Tab J) (Name Removed) seconded the motion and the Board approved the report unanimously.

B. Student Activity Fund Expenditure

The following expenditure was presented for approval:

- a. A check in the amount of \$2,070.04 made payable to 'The Student Planner' to cover the cost of planners for Lejeune High School students during SY 07-08. (Name Removed) made a motion to approve, seconded by (Name Removed). The Board unanimously approved the expenditure as presented.

C. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1907 hours.

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(Name Removed)
Chair, CLDS School Board

cc: Director, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba