

February 27, 2004

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

(Name Removed) called to order the February 18, 2004 School Board Meeting of the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. The meeting began at 1805 hours in the CLDS Board Room. (Name Removed) welcomed (Name Removed), DDESS Safety and Security Officer, and (Name Removed), news editor for The Devil Pup Press.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2004 as presented. (Name Removed) seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously. (Tab A)

III. SCHEDULED COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A. Lejeune Education Association (LEA)

Recently, (Name Removed) met with Mr. Brinton to share recommendations from the LEA in reference to the 'draft' SY 04-05 School Calendar.

(Name Removed) along with (Name Removed) will attend the upcoming Area Council Meeting scheduled in Nashville, TN. _____

The issue of the 'Transfer Study' remains quiet at this time.

Teachers are busy preparing for the Terra Nova testing that is scheduled during the first week of March.

B. Lejeune Educational Support Association (LESA)

In observance of 'Read Across America' Day scheduled on March 2, 2004, (Name Removed) encouraged School Board members to read to students on this day. Additionally, several dignitaries have been invited to read our students. (Name Removed) requested support from the members in greeting our special guests as they arrive. More details will be provided as the schedule is confirmed. The School Board thanked (Name Removed) for organizing this event.

IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

B. TT 2 Elementary School: 'From Cocoons to Butterflies'

Mr. Marty Kinney, Principal of TT2 Elementary School, and the TT2 Building Leadership Team (BLT), consisting of Ms. Wyonia Chevis, (Names Removed), gave a presentation entitled 'From Cocoons to Butterflies'. They shared on-going activities that occur at TT2 Elementary School to ensure students are life long learners and physically and mentally fit, and capable of succeeding in an ever-changing world. The BLT meets regularly to analyze assessment data. Some of the assessments reviewed include: (1) Terra Nova school-wide assessments, (2) Diagnostic Reading Assessment, (3) Balanced Assessment in Mathematics (BAM), (4) N.A.E.P, (5) Communication Arts Performance Assessment, and (6) Running Records. Mr. Kinney shared results from the 2002-03 Terra Nova Multiple Assessment which revealed students scoring well above the 50th percentile. In a review of the 'Success Maker Yearly Gain for 2002-03', students exceeded beyond a year's growth in reading and math. While reading and math continue to be a primary focus, TT2 Elementary is strongly focused on math this school year. TT2 Elementary continues to review data and adjusts the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to work with at-risk students. 'Best Practices' used every day in the areas of math, reading and writing include: reading aloud, reading response logs, shared reading, mini-lessons, individual reading, use of manipulatives, problem of the week/day, math through literature, math in art, partner math, use of technology, and shared writing. 'Working Wednesdays' are established for teachers to meet as grade levels or small groups to discuss instructional strategies to help enhance learning. It is also a time for students to receive an enriched literacy lesson taught by other teachers in the building. Volunteers of the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools (MCCSSS), TT2's adopt-a-school unit, work with the school to provide support in the classroom. It is the goal of TT2 Elementary School to continue to look at data and student work to use the best practices for meeting the needs of all students.

The School Board thanked the staff of TT2 Elementary School for their presentation. TT2 School is a family that works to benefit all students.

C. Mainside Primary and Intermediate School Projects

(Name Removed), Supervisory Logistics Specialist, shared the designs of the new Mainside Primary and Intermediate Schools. The two schools together will accommodate 1,400 students and will consist of 178,000 square feet. Both schools will be under construction at the same time and will take approximately two years to complete. Trucks will enter the Piney Green gate and eventually travel down Stone Street from Brewster Boulevard. The trucks will take the dirt/gravel road just after the stables for entering the construction site. The trucks leaving will take the opposite route. The contractors will be asked to avoid large trucks and deliveries during the school busiest traffic hours of 0800-0900 and 1445-1545. Mr. Brinton added that after meeting with the contractors during a 'Partnership Meeting' held February 11-12, 2004, it was evident that safety was among their top priority; and they were focused at working around the students and the educational process. An advance notice will be distributed to parents to inform them of the safety precautions.

(Name Removed) has been working closely with the merger committees, to include the Building Leadership Teams from Russell, Berkeley Manor, and Stone Street Elementary Schools and representatives of the School Board, to bring the merger of the schools together. On February 27, all employees from the three respective schools will come together to discuss issues and the construction project.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transition Counselors Institute: Feedback

During the recent Transition Counselors Institute held at Camp Lejeune, (Name Removed) reported that 90 participants were in attendance. All three phases ran concurrently. The evaluations received from the institute revealed that over 90% of the participants strongly agreed or agreed that the sessions were most worthwhile. A special thank you to Dr. Singletary, Dr. Lingle and Mr. Brinton for their keynote remarks. (Name Removed) and her staff did an outstanding job in providing quality meals during this time. Camp Lejeune Schools appreciated the support of (Name Removed) in giving closing remarks. Again, it was wonderful to work with Dr. Keller and her staff in carrying out a successful institute. The next Transition Counselors Institute is being planned for September at Fort Bragg, NC.

(Name Removed) commented about how much she had learned on how to help children with transition/moves and further recommended that parents attend. A 'Parent Institute' would be very beneficial. (Name Removed) enjoyed being a part of the institute as well. It was good to see Onslow County and Camp Lejeune Schools come together in a partnership-effort.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Announcement of New High School Principal

Mr. Daniel Osgood from Ramstein, Germany has been selected as the new high school principal of Lejeune High School. Mr. Brinton is very confident that Mr. Osgood will bring leadership skills to benefit Lejeune High School. It is anticipated that Mr. Osgood will join us some time after spring break. The Chair complimented (Name Removed) for her efforts as Acting Principal of Lejeune High School.

b. Onslow/Lejeune Close-Up Program

The Onslow/Lejeune Close-Up Program is a partnership effort to bring 'student leaders of tomorrow' together to see government in action. Students are educated in government and given the opportunity to tour the various agencies in the county. (Name Removed) encouraged members to attend this session on Friday, February 20, 2004.

c. 'Draft' SY 04-05 School Calendar

Mr. Brinton presented the 'draft' school calendar for SY 04-05. (Insert at Tab E) He requested input/suggestions from School Board members by Friday, February 20.

VII. REPORTS: FY 2004

a. Financial Report of January 2004; Approval of

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the Financial Report of January 2004. (Name Removed) seconded the motion and the Board approved the subject report unanimously. (Tab J)

b. Student Activity Fund Expenditures over \$1000

The following Student Activity Fund Expenditures were presented for approval:

1. A check in the amount of \$2,208.86 made payable to Prom Nite to cover the cost of various items to be used during the 2003-2004 Prom for the students of Lejeune High School.

2. A check in the amount of \$4,181.56 made payable to School Annual to cover the cost of the 2003-2004 School Yearbook for the students of Brewster Middle School.

3. A check in the amount of \$1,839.07 made payable to Premier to Cover the cost of school agendas for the students of Brewster Middle School.

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Ms. Johnson. The School Board approved the expenditures unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Informational items were provided as follows:

1. Insite Information (2/04) – Tab O

2. CLDS Monthly Newsletters – Tab P

3. Special Announcements:

a. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Mainside Primary and Intermediate Schools will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Brinton announced that (Name Removed) and Dr. Hinman would attend this event.

b. The annual Dinner Theater will be held at DeLalio Elementary School on February 26, 2004. School Board members were invited to attend.

c. Recently, NASA filmed a full day of activities with seventh grade students of Brewster Middle School focusing on a series on ‘ratios and proportions’. The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and NASA was complimentary of the students and their demeanor. The next activity will involve a live teleconference between students of Brewster Middle School and a New Zealand school.

d. The Armed Services YMCA will hold a reception on March 3, 2004 in recognition of the ‘Operation Hero’ Program’s implementation within Camp Lejeune Schools.

e. Camp Lejeune Schools will host the first DDESS Middle School Conference during March 23-25, 2004. Educators from all DDESS districts will attend this three-day conference.

IX. AGENDA BUILDING

1. Projected Agenda Items:

--Berkeley Manor Presentation

--Word Wall

--School Board Transitions/Elections

Additional agenda items should be forwarded to (Name Removed), Mr. Brinton, or (Name Removed) for the next meeting.

X. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2004 in the CLDS Board Room beginning at 1800 hours.

XI. MEETING EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT

(Name Removed)
adjourned the meeting at 1925 hours.

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(Name Removed)
Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments:
As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/Cuba