

January 26, 2005

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19, 2005

I. **CALLED TO ORDER**

(Name Removed), Chair, called to order the January 19, 2005 School Board Meeting of the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. The meeting began at 1805 hours in the CLDS Board Room. Members in attendance were: (Names Removed). Recently, (Name Removed) was deployed but has requested to stay in touch via the e-mail. (Name Removed), Command representative, was in attendance.

The Chair introduced and welcomed Dr. Hager, NC District Superintendent, and Mr. Hansen, Community Superintendent for Fort Bragg Schools. They were in attendance to provide support for the CLDS and MCAS community during the upcoming deployments.

(Name Removed), Education Reporter for The Daily News, was present.

II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of December 15, 2004 were presented and unanimously approved by the Board. (Tab A)

III. **SCHEDULED COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A. Lejeune Education Association (LEA)

(Name Removed) has received reports of high praises from all grade levels regarding the recent 'DDESS Science Pre-Implementation Training' held at Camp Lejeune on January 3, 2005. The teachers are looking forward to the remaining sessions.

The LEA is pleased that the 'draft' calendar for SY 05-06 is in progress and appreciated the opportunity to provide their input.

The schools are already making plans for deployment support.

B. Lejeune Educational Support Association

No report.

IV. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

A. PTO Report: Brewster Middle School

(Name Removed), PTO President for Brewster Middle School, stated that it is their goal to support the school. The PTO supports such programs as:

- Bake Sales, Coupon Book Sales, Book Fairs (3 held per year to support reading), Cookie Dough Sale, Pizza Kit Sales
- After-school activities, dances, student-staff volleyball games, T-shirt and blanket sales to promote school spirit
- Purchase of school planners for students
- Support enrichment programs such as: Poetry Alive, Drama Club, Battle of the Books, Math Counts, and Homework Club
- The PTO has contributed \$8,400 to date.

(Name Removed) asked about the supervision of the Homework Club.

(Name Removed) reported that staff members and volunteers supervise the Homework Club. The club is open to everyone but students must obtain parental permission. The same applies to Intramural Sports.

B. PTO Report: Berkeley Manor Elementary School

(Name Removed), PTO President for Berkeley Manor Elementary School, gave a power point presentation on their school activities. It is the PTO's goal is to provide financial support to the school and bring the PTO's together for the upcoming school merger in addition to helping families transition. The PTO plans to support the 'final t-shirt' for Berkeley Manor Elementary School that will reflect a school bus leaving the school with kids waving and include the school's slogan, 'Working Together for Tomorrow's Future.'

Other events held by the PTO include the:

- Book Fair, Bake Sale, Cookie Pizza Dough Sale, Pizza Night, School Store, Popcorn Sales, Box Tops (\$1,500 earned thus far)
- Red, White, and Blue Election Day (A voter registration was held as a learning experience for the students; 83% of the students registered). On Election Day, 85% of the registered voters voted and there were three absentee votes. The students chose their yearbook cover too.)
- A U.S.M.C. Birthday Celebration was held to honor P.O.W.s and special luncheon guests.
- The PTO supports the Publishing House, an Authors' Tea with Russell Elementary, field trips, Scholastic Book Fair, Jump Rope for Heart Family Night, Spring Carnival/Silent Auction, Poetry Alive, Hampstead Players, and in the planning stages is a 'Unified Field Day' that will involve the 3 merging schools.

(Name Removed) and Dr. Kinney extended appreciation to (Name Removed) for her good works.

C. Deployment Support Plans

□ Lejeune High School

Mr. Osgood reported that the school is identifying students with a deployed parent/s via a school survey. The School Counselors have an open-door policy and groups may be formed as needed. At this time, no real issues have surfaced at the high school level. A Crisis Intervention Team and Plan are in place. The school counselors will address the high school faculty regarding the joint Onslow/Lejeune Counselors' Meeting.

□ Brewster Middle School

Mr. Steimel noted that a wide-range of activities are planned to keep students involved. The home-base teachers are aware of the students with deployed parents. The school works with students to put them in control of things that they can control rather than focus on what they cannot control, i.e., write a note to their parent/s via e-mail, collect materials for deployed fathers, and reinstate the 'Hall of Heroes' where students write a special message to their parents. The 'Hall of Heroes' recognizes the 275 members of the 2d Tank Battalion, the school's adopt-a-school unit, with a red star; a gold star honors every parent of Brewster Middle School whether deployed or not. School support is provided for dependent spouses who are left behind. Teachers, counselors, and school psychologists work with students who need additional support. Everyone is reminded of how important the little things are. Mr. Steimel invited the School Board members to visit the 'Hall of Heroes'.

□ Tarawa Terrace 1 Primary School

Ms. Hines indicated that TT1 has already noticed the students are afraid to come to school in fear that their parent/s will leave. To assist the students and spouses, the following activities have been established: (1) School Home Partnership Committee is planning a cookie drive and letter-writing campaign, (2) School Counselor has organized Club U.S.A. where 50 students are put in small groups, and (3) PTO has arranged a Pizza Party and Spaghetti Dinner for the families. The school is working to increase sensitivity and knowledge of staff regarding deployment of parents. The counselor is always available to the students and will provide staff briefings. Community members will come in to read to students and parents during PJ Night. Refreshments will be provided. The school is focused on assuring the students that the school is a good safe, warm, and happy place to be. Spouses left behind feel comfortable coming in to the school for the extra company.

(Name Removed) added that 'reunion' time can be perhaps more difficult for families as they reunite. (Name Removed) expressed how much her kindergarten child is excited to be a part of the 'Dads Away' Program.

□ DeLalio Elementary School

Ms. Batchelor explained that the Air Station is a very close knit community and at this time, there has not been a noticeable difference in the students. The school aims to keep the students very busy with after-school activities, i.e., Math Club, Book Club, Drama Club, etc. Once a month, the Chaplain provides a free dinner for families and Ms. Batchelor attends too. A 'Holiday Salute to the Troops' was provided by Mr. Constantinou and DeLalio students. Troops and their spouses from Camp Geiger were invited to attend. Refreshments were provided. Beginning, Thursday, January 20, the school counselor and psychologist will give deployment briefs twice a month for parents. Small guidance groups are in place as well as the 'Dads Away' Program. Also, the counselor visits every classroom each week. Additionally, the school collects goodies for the troops. The Operation Hero Program is slated to start at DeLalio; and Crisis Intervention Team is readily available to work with students.

□ Stone Street and Russell Elementary Schools

On behalf of Dr. Scroggs, Ms. Hawes shared a list of programs that Stone Street Elementary School has in place for deployment support. A Crisis Intervention Team and Plan are accessible to the students and family members. Briefs are provided during faculty meetings or through the e-mail. The staff has been given a sponsor deployment list. Coping information is provided in the school's monthly newsletters; and a brochure entitled 'Dealing with Deployment' is available to families. The school also promotes the resources that are available via Marine Corps Community Services. Club USA is designed to help children in communicating their thoughts, worries, and emotions about their father or mother who has been deployed. Students prepare a portfolio for when their parent/s return.

Ms. Hawes provided a listing of programs that are in place at Russell

Elementary School. The school realizes how important it is to know what is happening with staff, students, and parents. A representative is assigned to each wing to keep in touch with anyone that may need assistance. The 'Walking Club' gives the kids an opportunity to talk and share their feelings. The school is identifying parents and staff with deployed loved ones. Monthly the staff gets together as a means for connection and sharing. Club USA is in place. Russell is now a new site for the Operation Hero Program and kids want to attend. Several PTO and school events are planned over the next several months. A 'Patriotic Night' is planned as well as a Cookout/Game Night sponsored by the PTO. Russell wants to involve high school students to watch children after school to relieve parents. A 'private room' with toys and supplies has been arranged for the students. The school is prepared for 'stand-up faculty meetings' on short notice.

□ Tarawa Terrace 2 Elementary School

Mr. Kinney stated that TT2 Elementary School instituted their Crisis Intervention Teams during the fall. Other programs/activities include a: Christmas Sing-a-Long for parents, Dads Away Club, Operation Hero Program, Family Game Night, Counselor and Nurse Support for Young Parents, and a Chili Social for Teachers.

□ Berkeley Manor Elementary School

Dr. Kinney reported that Berkeley Manor Elementary School is doing many of the same activities, i.e., Operation Hero Program, Vertical Teams to target at-risk students (both socially and emotionally), Crisis Intervention Team, administration working to minimize the little things to give teachers more time to focus on deployment support, etc.

□ Community Superintendent's Office

Dr. Pat Gaines, ISS, gave a brief overview of the second joint Onslow County School-Camp Lejeune Schools Deployment Support Workshop held on January 3, 2005. (See insert at Tab T) The workshop brought together both base and city agencies to share the broad range of support available to military sponsors, spouses and families during the current and future deployments.

(Name Removed) requested that the district stay in touch with the School Board as issues develop. Please advise if there are items that need to be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Brinton stressed the importance of caring for each other, networking, importance of knowing about services/resources, and putting names and faces together. He complimented the schools on providing multiple opportunities for socializing and supporting families and staff. Thank you for making these programs available to our community.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 'Draft' SY 05-06 School Calendar

Mr. Brinton presented a 'draft' SY 05-06 School Calendar for the Board's review. (Insert at Tab E) The 'draft' calendar is based on the North Carolina ruling about the school year schedule. The biggest drawback is being unable to finish the first semester prior to Christmas break. Our goal is to align the school calendar with Onslow County Schools as much as possible. Mr. Brinton requested feedback from the School Board at its February meeting.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Construction Update – An update on the construction project was provided. (Tab G) Staff members of Stone Street, Berkeley Manor and Russell Elementary Schools were given the opportunity to tour the new facilities.

b. Insite Information (01/05) – (Tab O)

c. CLDS Monthly Newsletters – (Tab P)

d. 'Salute to Rock and Roll' Event – DeLalio Elementary School will provide a dinner theater for a 'Salute to Rock and Roll' on March 15 at the MCAS Enlisted Club, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person; and Outback Steakhouse will cater the event.

e. Science Pre-Implementation Training – A special thank you to (Name Removed) for her remarkable coordination of the 'DDESS Science Pre-Implementation Training' held at Camp Lejeune on January 3, 2005. (Name Removed) did a superb job in overseeing the training.

f. CLDS Cardiac Arrest Protocol – Mr. Brinton commended (Name Removed) in her outstanding efforts to establish the 'CLDS Cardiac Arrest Protocol for the Public Access A.E.D. Lay Responder Program' in connection with Commander Noltkamper, Emergency Medical Services Director, Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune. DDESS Safety and Security praised CLDS as the 'tip of the DDESS spear' in coordinating this protocol with the host installation medical treatment facilities. The CLDS Protocol will be used as a model program for implementation in other DDESS districts.

VII. AGENDA

Projected Agenda Items:

- BMS Band Performance
- PTO Reports: TT1 and DeLalio Elementary Schools
- READ 180 Update
- AVID Update

School Board members were asked to submit additional agenda items to (Name Removed), Mr. Brinton or other School Board members.

VIII. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005 in the CLDS Training Room beginning at 1800 hours. The closed session will begin at 1730 hours in the CLDS Board Room.

IX. MEETING EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT

(Name Removed) adjourned the meeting at 1930 hours.

(Name Removed)
Vice-Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments:
As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba