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OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MARCH 19, 2008

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 19, 2008 School Board Meeting was called to order by (Name Removed), Chairperson, CLDS School Board. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. in the CSO Board Room. School Board members in attendance were: (Names Removed)

(Name Removed) took this opportunity to welcome (Name Removed) home after an 18 month deployment in Iraq.

Others in attendance included: Dr. Hager, NC-DDESS Superintendent; Ms. Thomas, NC-DDESS Assistant Superintendent, CLDS; Dr. Cacace, Mr. Steimel, and Ms. Hendrickson, ISS's; and Ms. Chevis, Ms. Perry; and Ms. Hawes, Principals.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2008 as presented. (Name Removed) seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. (Tab A)

**III. SCHEDULED COMMENTS**

**A. NC-DDESS Superintendent**

NC-DDESS Superintendent, Dr. Tom Hager, gave an update on the following areas/programs:

Professional Development – To remain current in program changes and educational trends, administrators are in continual need for professional development

opportunities. DODEA is currently refining the needs for both DDESS and DoDDS and will look at supporting professional development as early as this summer. Also, DoDEA will incur the cost causing no impact on local budgets.

#### Changes in Testing Program

A review of the testing program is currently under review by DoDEA; and there is the possibility of changes as soon as the current school year. Areas under consideration are the: test size, scoring process, amount of time to receive scores, and the establishment of performance tests vice pencil tests within certain programs, for instance, Culinary Arts.

#### Facility Growth within the NC District

With an increase of troops at both Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, approximately \$200,000,000 in MILCON projects is scheduled for both school systems over the next five years. As a result, an Engineer will be assigned to the NC District Office to oversee the construction of new school facilities. Commendations were extended to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune for their outstanding efforts to support CLDS in locating new school facility sites.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Visit Update**

Feedback received from the recent visit of the House Armed Services Committee at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune on February 25, 2008, proved to be a huge success. It was a pleasure to have BGen Regner, OLA Director; MajGen Dickerson, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East; and Col Flatau, Commanding Officer, MCB, Camp Lejeune; with us during the presentation on Camp Lejeune Schools held at Brewster Middle School. Dr. Beraza, Director of DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba; Dr. Hager, NC District Superintendent; and Ms. Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of CLDS, shared programs in place to support families of deployed members; the importance of maintaining small schools within communities; and the avenues schools have taken to support the growth in armed services personnel aboard Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station, New River. Compliments from Chairwoman Davis and Congressman Sanchez revealed an appreciation not only of our programs but the commitment to DoD children and families.

#### **B. Projected Growth for CLDS**

The Base Installation and Environment Department informed Ms. Thomas that a company has been selected for the second PPV contractors and an architect selected for the school project. Two options are being considered for a new school site. The preferred option is between Johnson Primary/Bitz Intermediate Schools and the Base

stables. CLDS will be able to make the recommendation about the exact location of the school, i.e., within the housing area. Option 2 is to locate the new school towards the back of Brewster Middle and behind Lejeune High Schools. The PPV will give a concept layout in mid-April in respect to school, road, and housing. The business agreement is expected to be signed in the fall with construction beginning in the Spring 2009. It will take one and half years to build the school facility; and more than likely some houses will come on line before the school is built.

(Name Removed) inquired about the involvement of Marine Corps Base and what efforts can be made to support CLDS in the construction of new schools. Dr. Hager stated that some areas of concern whenever building a facility is the HVAC system, parking, roof selection, as well as building an infrastructure to accommodate modifications or expansion if warranted. CLDS will seek expertise in these areas when meeting with architects and contractors.

(Name Removed) asked where students in the new housing area would go if the new school is not ready. Ms. Thomas responded that the new school will house grades Pre-K through 5 and new students would attend current schools until the new school opens.

(Name Removed) requested information on our current school facility needs particularly at the high school and how those needs fit into the construction cycle.

Ms. Thomas explained that we will keep a watch on student population but the current plans call for an elementary school, a second elementary school, and then additions to the high school and/or middle school. Dr. Hager added that with the growth in military personnel the outside needs for new recreation centers, walk/track fields, etc., becomes imperative and will involve a connection with the Command. In the long run, it will be a win-win situation for all constituents.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed SY 08-09 School Calendar**

Ms. Hendrickson, Instructional Systems Specialist, presented the following dates of special interest for the proposed SY 08-09 School Calendar:

August 21 – First day of school  
October 24, January 22, March 27, and Jun 11 – End of Quarter  
Spring Break – April 13-17 (coincides with the County's spring break and Easter weekend)  
June 11 – Last day of school

Keep in mind that a school year must consist of 180 school days and 10 teacher

days. Holidays/breaks are coordinated in conjunction with the federal holiday schedule.

(Name Removed) asked if consideration could be given to reflect Good Friday as a no-school day. While the military issues a 96-schedule during this time, Easter is not observed as a federal holiday. After discussion and a review of the proposed calendar, it was determined that this recommendation could not be honored. (Name Removed) asked that consideration be given when developing the testing schedule around Good Friday. Ms. Hendrickson explained that DoDEA guidance requires testing to be held within a certain window, the thirty-first week of school.

Ms. Thomas invited the members to take the proposed calendar and forward any additional comments/recommendations to Ms. Hendrickson as she is currently gathering feedback from the teacher and support unions, Dr. Hager, and others.

### C. 2008 School Board Election

(Name Removed) informed the School Board that due to the resignation of (Name Removed) and the terms ending for (Names Removed), and herself, there are currently four vacancies on the CLDS School Board. Therefore, a School Board Election will be held for 2008 to fill existing vacancies. (Name Removed) volunteered to assist with the Election process. A proposed timeline for the 2008 School Board Election was presented for approval. The School Board approved to hold their Election on September 18, 2008.

## **VI. SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

### A. LHS Culinary Arts Program

(Names Removed), Teachers of the Culinary Arts Program, introduced the students of the Culinary and Management Teams as follows:

Culinary Team: (Names Removed)

Management Team: (Names Removed)

Through the Professional and Technical Studies (PTS) Program, Culinary Arts began during SY 2006-07 at Lejeune High School and is the first of its kind within the Department of Defense stateside. The program has graduated students who are attending Johnson Wales University, the New England Culinary Institute and Baltimore International College.

Recently, the Culinary Team took first place during the 2008 Carolina ProStart Student Invitational held in Myrtle Beach, SC and earned the right to compete in the

National ProStart Competition that will be held during April 24-28, 2008 in San Diego, CA. To prepare for the nationals, students were invited to attend a Culinary Arts Boot Camp held in Adena, SC. The instructor described the students as talented, best-dressed, well-behaved, dynamic achievers, and creative in recipes and cooking. During the boot camp, the Culinary Team earned the right to full scholarships valued at \$120,000 to attend Johnson Wales University if that is their school of choice. To date, the students' combined total in scholarship offerings is at \$657,000. (Name Removed) shared videos from the 2008 ProStart Invitational Competition and the 2008 Boot Camp.

The Culinary Arts Team provided a meal for the CLDS School Board. The menu included:

Roast Beef with flambé Plum Sauce served over Potato Patties;  
Orange Fruit Basket with sugar glazed grapes added with a touch of lemon zest;  
and for desert a Bavarian Cream with apricot sauce

Members of the School Board acknowledged how proud they are of the Culinary Arts and Management Teams and congratulated them on their accomplishments. They wished them well at the upcoming national competition.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Incite Information (3/08) – Tab O

B. CLDS Monthly Newsletters – Tab P

C. 2007 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) – CLDS Results – The staff and students of CLDS raised a total of \$47,972.62 for the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign, a 28% increase from 2006. CLDS students were actively involved in this year's campaign as they participated in the Base 5K Run/Walk and orchestrated individual school walks and penny drives to support various CFC charitable organizations. Staff and parents were very supportive of the students' efforts. During the Commanders' Eagle Donor Award Luncheons, held aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune; and Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Camp Lejeune Schools were recognized as this year's recipient of the 'Civilian Agency with the Highest Average Contribution' Award, now a third year in a row. Ms. Thomas acknowledged our success as a true reflection of a caring and giving school community where the needs of others are of high importance. Thank you to all in making the Combined Federal Campaign a huge success for Camp Lejeune Schools.

D. Terra Nova Testing Dates – March 10-28, 2008

E. Spring Break – April 14-18, 2008

F. LHS MCJROTC National Coverage – (Name Removed), Vice-Chair,

shared a special feature on the LHS MCJROTC Program in the Spring 2008 issue of USAA. Congratulations!

### **VIII. AGENDA BUILDING**

A presentation on the following programs was recommended for the April meeting:

- Lejeune High School Schedule
- LINN Committee Overview
- School Improvement Update

### **IX. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the CSO Board Room.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1115 hours.

### **XI. FUND COUNCIL**

#### **A. Financial Report of February 2008**

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the Financial Report of February 2008 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 check made payable to School Annual Publishing in the amount of \$2,295.12 to cover the deposit cost for the 2008 Brewster Middle School Yearbook.

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by (Name Removed). The Board approved it unanimously.

#### **C. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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(Name Removed)  
Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments:

As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba