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March Minutes

From: School Board Chairman
To: Distribution List

Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of 24 March 2010

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Galer Elementary/Middle School.

2. The following members were present:

Alicia Harris – President
Vanessa Astacio
Denise Stone

HM2 Carter – Vice President – deployed
Delores Cornell – not present

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Samantha Ingram	Superintendent
Ms. Angela Stephens	Acting Principal Galer Elementary
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott Elementary
Mr. Charles Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle School
Col. Snider	CO MCAS
Ms. Kim Wiley	School Liaison Officer

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.

4. The meeting was called to order at 1500 and the board conducted business as follows.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Astacio and seconded by Ms. Stone. The agenda was approved unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ms. Stone and seconded by Ms. Astacio. The minutes were approved unanimously.

7. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: Dr. Ingram thanked all the board members and administrators for coming to the meeting. Dr. Ingram went over the hand out with the school calendar requirements. Dr. Ingram attached the hand out concerning student transportation. Parents are not at the bus stop to pick up their child. If a parent has a child in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or special education, the parent must me at the bus stop to pick up their child. The bus driver will make two attempts and then return the child to their school. Dr. Ingram would like the principals to contact the repeat offenders. There is a concern about transporting pre-kindergarten students

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to the Child Development Centers on Laurel Bay and MCAS, at the present time there is no transportation available. Dr. Ingram would like to provide transportation at the beginning of School Year 2010-2011 for these students. Dr. Ingram is working with the logistics department about providing transportation. This will be discussed at the May School Board meeting. Dr. Ingram provided a handout concerning the Air Quality. An asbestos inspection will take place April 6-8. An in-depth analysis is being scheduled by Mr. Keith Maxwell, Logistics Supervisor. Col. Snider is more than willing to assist in any way possible to speed up the process of the in-depth analysis. All tests results should be in by April 30th. Mr. Maxwell shared that old documents/reports are being pulled for the team to analyze. All results are to be given to staff no later than May 1st. Ms. Harris asked about the results of the drinking water test and the water was fine. Concerns about the social net working sights are now available for students to access at school. This will be discussed at the May meeting. The sites were unlocked by a DoDEA directive and some sites have been reported to the IT to be blocked. Teachers are supervising the students more closely on the computer.

8. PRINCIPAL COMMENTS:

Ms. Angela Stephens, Acting Principal, Galer Elementary School shared that the ELO program started today. The Princess and the Frog Dance had a great turn out. On April 12th they will be celebrating Beverly Cleary's birthday with Drop Everything and Read! During the week they will have Family Library Night.

Ms. Vicky Parr, Principal Elliott Elementary, shared they had a big celebration for Dr. Sues birthday. Elliott now has a 2nd grade choir. April is Month of the Military Child and special activities will take place. On April 8th, the students will have morning colors and the 2nd grade choir will sing. Ms. Parr continues with Open Library Night on Tuesdays. She plans to continue this next year.

Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary/Middle School shared a handout with Bolden's current enrollment. Terra Nova Testing was completed March 8th through 12th with make up testing the following week. Book Fair was last week and Book Fair Night was on Thursday, March 18th. Spring Pictures were taken on March 23rd. The 8th grade students are taking the College Compass Test on March 25th. Spring Break will be March 29th thru April 5th. Teachers will have a work day on April 5th to work on report cards. Another Middle School Dance will be held in April. The first dance was a great turn out with no problems so another dance is being planned. April 6th and 7th facilitators are coming to look at the school. The 8th grade transition ceremony will take place on June 4th. The spring musical, Grease, will take place on May 11th directed by Dr. Ulmer. Mr. Yahres provided a hand out concerning some changes for the dress code policy. Mr. Yahres recommends that the belt loops must be seen. The girls are wearing too tight pants. Gloves, jackets, fleece should not be worn in class at all for safety purposes. No sweat shirts, no hoodies should be allowed. The principals are to email Dr. Ingram exactly what changes they would like made concerning the uniform policy. Ms. Harris suggested the PTO provide a uniform shop and Dr. Ingram suggested that a PTO rep be at the next school board meeting to discuss further. Ms. Harris shared concerns about the PE program at Bolden Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Yahres shared that Ms. Hrabanek has an excellent PE program. She has many stations set up in the gym. The students are constantly moving from station to station. The students wear pedometers and she tracks their pedometer count daily. She uses differentiated instruction. She was TOY in 2008 for the SC Ft. Stewart District. The board would like Ms. Hrabanek to do a presentation at the meeting in May.

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9. COMMAND COMMENTS: Col. Snider shared that he was happy to make his first school board meeting. Col. Snider shared that due to the recent investigation that he feels very comfortable with the safety of everyone on base. Col. Snider wants to make sure we make the time line due to the air quality concerns. He is more than willing to help with making any contacts to speed up the process. Col. Snider says this is very critical for the students and teachers and he wants to make sure everything is completed according to the proposed timeline. Ms. Harris shared there was a lot of "mail box" talk concerning the recent incident. Col. Snider shared there are many incidences on base but they cannot be publicly discussed. Col. Snider did meet with all principals and a letter was prepared and sent home.

10. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Ms. Kim Wiley, School Liaison Officer, shared April is Month of the Military Child. Links will be coming on April 13 to Elliott Elementary to do activities with 2nd graders, April 16 at Galer, April 18th at Bolden Elementary/Middle School to do activities with 7th and 8th graders. Kid Fest is Saturday March 27th. The schools will be getting a Life Consultant that will work with students whose parents are deployed. Bolden will receive one and Galer and Elliott will share a counselor. Ms. Wiley is working on getting a guest speaker for the 8th grade transition ceremony. She is trying to get Pat Conroy to be the speaker. Due to funds, General Bolden will not be able to attend this year. Ms. Wiley handed out pamphlets on the new jets that will be arriving in 2014. This will bring more staff to MCAS. Ms. Wiley shared that letters have been sent to 8th grade students that were requesting out of zone transfers for high school.

11. SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: On April 16th a letter will be sent home to parents informing them of the vacancies on the school board. The nomination letters will be due back April 23rd. Bio sheets will be given to the nominees on April 26th to be returned by May 3rd. Bio sheets will be taken to the Public Affairs on MCAS on May 4th before noon. One Call messages can be sent out to parents encouraging them to be on the school board. All school board members will have a three year term on the board. We are required to hold nine meetings per year and it is required for board members to attend at least seven meetings. There are three vacancies on the board.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 8th at Elliott Elementary.

Alicia Harris
President