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Meeting of the Advisory School Board

October 5, 1944

ATTENDANCE

The meeting of the Advisory School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 5 in the teacher's room in the high school. Those present were:

Mr. Grelizacca FIK-12A Black Managers

Miss Nelle E. Moore	Mr. H. K. Walther	
Mr. T. Kawasaki	Dr. Enoch Dumas	
Dr. T. Terami	Mr. D. F. Drummond	
Mr. S. Okuno	Dr. Garrison	
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The Block Managers Assembly was represented by Mr. Yasutoshi Yoshizawa. Mr. Nosawa and Dr. Miyamoto were unable to attend because of a previous dinner engagement. Mr. Robin Kaneko was away from the center at this time.

PURPOSE OF MEETING The purpose of this meeting was to give an outline of the various school functions so that all the people may secure a broader understanding of the school program through the Block Managers and the Community Council. The cooperation and assistance from both groups are needed and asked.

PROGRESS REPORT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Enrollments on the following dates were:

12-16-2	9-6-44	9-11-44	9-20-44
Nursery	169	184	183
Kindergarten	112	113	120
Elementary 660 (Grades 1 - 6)	660	660	676
	941	963	979

On September 20 the total students in each grade were:

Kindergarten	120
First	115
Second	109
Third	96
Fourth	117
Fifth	122
Sixth	117

Nursery School attendance is not quite 100% although at the close of school last year it was very close to 100%. Mrs. Sugahara who was the Nursery School Supervisor left the center, and in her place Miss June Beggs was secured for child care training.

For Miss Shuck's position as Supervisor of Student Teachers Miss Nelle E. Moore has been secured.

Teacher vacancies at present are: One 2nd Grade Teacher and two 3rd Grade Teachers.

One of the difficulties encountered is the shortage of fulltime office workers. At present there is only one full-time worker, and the rest is made up of part-time workers.

In Nursery Schools, we have mothers with children teaching part-time--some just in the mornings and others in the afternoons.

This year, as last year, there is a color guard at the elementary school, and every Friday a flag ceremony is held where students gather around the flag pole and have a regular ceremony.

The cooperative store of the last two years, because of the complications involved, took too much of the teachers' time and not enough of the pupils' time. After a meeting with the Board members at the close of summer, it was decided to change the store system to a more simplified form this year. This store is operated in connection with the local cooperative store--purchases being made through their sources and sales made at their prices--with the proceeds going into the student body fund. (Mrs. Griffith is in charge.)

At busy streets safety patrolmen are placed so that little children may be protocted when crossing busy streets--the busiest street is Eighth and "G"; the practice corner is Eighth and "H". Older folk tend to cross the streets even while the patrolmen have the stop signal out. This sets a bad example for the younger children who are being taught the proper way to cross the streets. (Mr. Reid is in charge.)

The Waste Paper Drive will again be started under the sponsorship of Mrs. Colvin. The money from the Drive will be divided between the student body and the Boy Scouts.

JUNIOR PIONEER, the school paper, is sponsored by Miss Throndson. This gives the children a chance to express themselves and to print and see their own work.

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Representatives from the Third grade through the Sixth grade compose the student council of which Dr. Dumas is the sponsor.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENT TEACHERS The major problem is to get children ready for fundamental things--teaching them numbers, how to write, how to express themselves in writing, and how to read and to speak. Pupils are treated as individuals. In this way individual needs can be sought and given attention.

There is a language difficulty for very young children who enter school with a very meager knowledge of English. If the parents would visit the school a little more in order to understand the school system better, it may remedy this situation. At times, aid was asked by non-English speaking parents in which case Girl Scouts have been sent to care for the children. It is noted however that children, when playing, never speak Japanese.

At one time a survey was made to examine the percentage of English that was spoken by parents and the percentage of Japanese, but accurate figures were impossible to obtain. It was suggested that instead of the percentage the number of Englishspeaking parents and the number of Japanese-speaking parents be surveyed.

The children's eagerness to learn is found to be a little greater than the average although the grades and ability measure about the same with any other normal public school.

Attitudes of the pupils toward the teachers are very good. However, the children are a little more on nerve tension-they are restless, and they move more than the average child--which is probably the result of lack of sleep because of crowded quarters. Because the setting is so different from the outside, the children undoubtedly use most of their energy while in classrooms. Parents should be asked to provide more hours of sleep where possible.

It is the plan of the school to have an orchestra soon. An Art Club will help to decorate the buildings. A Dramatics Club will probably help these children for, when asked to appear before a class or group, they are a little more reticent than an average outside student.

PROGRESS REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL (Mr. Walther) Enrollment of the high school is a total of 866-431 in Junior High School and 435 in Senior High School. Junior High School covers the grades 7, 8 and 9; Senior High School, grades 10, 11 and 12. Both Junior and Senior Student Councils are sponsored, however, for other purposes there is no division.

There are far more candidates, more enthusidam, more students thinking of minor issues in the annual school election which show that there is more sincere interest this year than has been shown in any other year. Flans are in progress for a miniature national election following the school election. It is also noted that the morale is higher this year than any of the previous years.

The building maintenance is handled by Mr. Drummond. The new buildings are underway and will accommodate quite a number of students.

If it had not been for the evacuee teachers who were on the teaching staff, about 150 students would have been sent home because of lack of teachers. Appreciation to those teachers was expressed.

This year Mr. Jackson has formed a glee club consisting of 35 boys which something new.

The following are the teacher committees in the high school: Scholarship and Award, Visual Education, and Teacher's Meeting.

The student organizations are: Senior High Assembly and Program Committee, Junior High Assembly and Program Committee, Quill and Scroll, Press Club, Cooperative Store, National Honorary Society, Student Forum and Discussion Group, Letterman's Club, G.A.A., Booster Club, Future Farmers of America (unaffiliated), Dance Orchestra, Service Club, Girl Reserves, Science Club, Math Club, Art Club, and Hi-Y. The membership is composed of both pupils and teachers.

Profane language has increased a great deal, and teachers have been asked to watch this very closely so that the students may be corrected. Junior delinquency is no more than the previous years. A great deal of discussion has been held, however, in regards to see education for the students. Mrs. More and Mr. Drummond have been contacted for this instruction.

FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES Boys will probably ask to play games with outside schools in both basketball and football. An answer to be given the boys when they bring up the question of interscholastic competition should be anticipated.

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TEACHER APPLICANTS The reason for the below-par applicants is that the situation has reversed since the opening of this center. At that time it offered the teachers an increase in salary, and the program was new and to many it was an interesting professional situation to get into. Now even the teachers we have are looking forward to the day when the gates will be locked, and they want more permanent jobs.

> It was generally agreed that to have students go home is better than to employ some of the teachers with whom interviews had been held and found unsatisfactory. The Block Managers and the Community Council can be of assistance in this respect because there are undoubtedly a number of competent teachers in this center who are not employed or are not working to the highest level of their ability. Such people could serve as substitutes or assistants.

The recent "freeze order" was lifted enough so that people to whom commitments had already been made could be employed.

ANNUAL AMERICAN Plans are underway for the Annual American Education Week which EDUCATION WEEX will take place during the week of November 5 through November 11. On Friday of that week an evening program will be held to which all the parents and the people of the community are invited.

STATE TEACHERS At the end of this month there will be an Annual State Teachers CONVENTION Convention so the schools will be dismissed from noon October 25, Wednesday, through Friday.

PTA MEETING The organization meeting of the PTA is set for Saturday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Terry Hall.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND Four students have asked for aid ranging from \$25 to \$50 in order that they may purchase books. Their records will be checked and recommendations made.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Advisory School Board is set for Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school teacher's room.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

PROGRESS REPORT (Mr. Drummond) Attendance for the whole high school has been excellent, and it is no problem at all.

The grades on the report cards -- A, B, C, D, E, or F -- are arrived at through a certain, set standard which includes the type of work handed in (the set-up, neatness, etc.), type of thinking, type of action, and etc. On the back of the card, there is a space for comments of teachers.

A complete cumulative record is kept for each student which include achievements made, test scores, all of the fine and outstanding things done by him, the faulty things peformed by him, organizations to which he belonged, and etc., so that a thorough check may be made when required.

The safety campaign is underway and is being aproached by the student council.

ADULT AND VOCATIONAL There is a total of 259 people in the English classes, and TRAINING PROCRESS the bulk of these people are handled by two full-day teachers. REPORT The people have requested for appointed personnel teachers, but the teachers are reluctant to teach four extra hours at night.

> Classes that will teach these people the common, everyday language should be developed, and opportunities should be promoted whereby these people may get more practice. Suggestions were brought up where block clubs could be formed; where one or more classes for students who are very interested be formed; where English instead of Japanese be spoken at group meetings; and a psychological angle was suggested where one day out of the week be set for Issei to speak nothing but English and one day for the Nisei to speak nothing but English and one day for

These folk should be made to realize that the teachers are there to help them but that the actual learning is an individual responsibility.

There have been over one hundred requests from women in this center for training in handling a home--ration points, buying foods, etc.--which is a real problem to these people.

Over 300 women are registered in the sewing classes.

EVALUATING COMMITTEE The Evaluating Committee is scheduled to come sometime in the middle of January so preparatory steps in getting the high school ready for a thorough examination by this committee are planned.

AMACHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 1, 1945 Thursday

A special meeting of the Amache Community Council, Amache, Colorado, was called to order by Chairman Sakae Kawashiri on March 1, 1945, 2:00 p.m. at Amache Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: found Mrs. Mitsuko Suzukida 8G, Mr. Masaki Murakami 12E, Mr. Arata Sasashima 11E absent. Blocks 7F, 9H, 11K and 12G are without representatives.

CONFERENCE REPORTS: were given by each delegate.

CONFERENCE TREASURY REPORT: was given by Mr. Furuya. The total expense was stated as \$392.60 or \$130.87 per delegate. The report was approved by the Body.

<u>CENTER-WIDE MEETING</u>: It was decided by majority that the Community Council sponsor a center-wide meeting to report to the residents the result of the Inter-Center Conference. A motion was made, seconded and carried that a Special Preparatory Committee of three be selected for the arrangement of the meeting place and date. Subsequently, Mr. Takata, Mr. Kofu and Mr. George Nakamura were selected. The remainder of the Councilmen were asked to help with the arrangement of the chairs. /Notices will be sent to each Councilman as soon as the date and meeting place is set.

At 5:00 p.m. there being no further pressing business, it was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Koike, Secretary

[Attachment: Amache Community Council Minutes, 1945 Mlarch 1]

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