

Mr. Allen

Minutes of Meeting of the
Pre-School Advisory Committee
held 12 noon, January 15, 1959 at Palama Settlement

Present: Mrs. Inez Cayaban, chairman; Mrs. Nancy Hartwell (new chairman for 1959); Mrs. Evelyn Walker, Mrs. Peggy Gressitt, Miss Mary Musgrove and Mrs. Rosario A. Sabala.

Absent: Walter Ehlers, Koon Kwon Chong, Sandy Bailado, Alvin Shim.

Mrs. Cayaban opened the meeting by introducing the members.

Appointment of New Chairman: Mrs. Cayaban announced that Mrs. Hartwell will chair the Pre-School Advisory Committee for the year 1959. The members of the Committee expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Cayaban for her faithfulness and diligent efforts relative to pre-school problems and needs these past many years. At the same time, the Committee also welcomed Mrs. Hartwell and hoped that she will give her full support to the pre-school also.

Principal's Report:

Enrollment, Change in Staff Hours, Salary, etc.: Mrs. Sabala reported that the school presently has 60 day-care pupils and 36 kindergarten children, making a total enrollment of 96. Two teachers have joined the staff - one on a full-time and the other on part-time basis. School hours are from 7:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. Teachers' hours have been recently increased from 6½ to 7 hours per day. Teachers have been compensated for the longer hours with increase in pay. The school is operating on a balanced budget. Staff vacations will be taken on a staggering basis during the months of March thru August.

New Cots Purchased: The school recently purchased 18 new cots to replace the old ones. In addition, the Oahu Prison inmates made 25 new cots for the school.

Rehabilitative Children: One blind boy, a child with polio, and another with speech impediment are attending the school. They were referred by physicians and social workers. The teachers' report that these children are making wonderful progress in their social adjustment in their respective classes. The children have been accepted by the other children and it is hoped that the school will continue to take on these children in the future.

Former Principal's Return: Mrs. Sabala reported that she is making plans to leave the school this current year, inasmuch as it is assumed that Miss So will be back as principal in September. This led to a question as to whether or not Palama is certain that Miss So is planning to return to the school. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried that a letter be sent to Miss So, requesting a definite answer whether she will be back at Palama. Deadline of February 1st for Miss So's answer to arrive was set, in order that Mrs. Sabala can make her own plans soon.

Student Observers: Two pediatric students per week are reporting to Palama to observe our program.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Peggy Gressitt, Recorder