



**AFNORTH  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
US ES/MS/HS Sections  
Unit 21606  
APO AE 09703**



**Memorandum for Record**

**7 October 2012**

**SUBJECT:** AFNORTH U.S. School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes, 25 September 2012

1. **Welcome and Introductions**—the meeting was opened at 16:00 by Vice President Amy Jecheva with the following attendees:
  - Ms. Amy Jecheva, ES Teacher (Vice Chair)
  - Ms. Nadine Moore, HS Teacher (Secretary)
  - Ms. Crystal Bailey, US Elementary School Principal
  - Dr. Gloria Hajat, US Middle/High School Principal
  - Dr. Doris Brodie, US Middle/High School Assistant Principal
  - Mrs. Kimberly Wayland, Deputy Garrison Manager- USAG Benelux, Schinnen
  - Mr. Ken Doland, School Liaison Officer (SLO)
  - Ms. Jennifer Jarskey, Parent Representative, ES and HS
  - Ms. Susan Houston, HS Parent
  - Mr. Jack Bone, ES and HS Parent
  - Ms. Deonna Maxfield, American Women of Geilenkirchen representative
  - Ms. Jacqui Withers, Parent
  - Ms. Morgan Sherman, Parent Teacher Organization Vice President
  - Ms. Amy Reimers, Geilenkirchen SLO
  - Ms. Lorna Kee, Parent and US HS Librarian
  - Ms. Christina Moriconi, US HS Teacher/ CSI Co-Chair
  - Mr. Johnnie Davis, US HS Parent
  - MS. Heather Stoner, MS and HS Parent
  - Ms. Isa Smith, ES Parent
  - Ms. Carolyn Berlin, ES Parent and US Elementary School Teacher
  - Ms. Diane Housel, HS Parent
  - Ms. Linda Maggio, ES and MS Parent
  - Miss Ashley Amidan, HS Student Council President
  - Mr. Cort Stargell, Parent
  - Ms. Michelle Shavers, US MS Counselor
2. **Minutes:** No minutes required approval.
3. **Community's Report:** Ms. Wayland provided the following points of information, noting that due to the casing of the colors at USAG Schinnen this summer, communication channels have reduced from 6 to 2 avenues; there should be no change, however in the information flow. Additionally:
  - A. Facebook is now the official point of/for information pertaining to school closures and weather conditions
  - B. Due to policy changes the US Coast Guard from Rotterdam will place 35 Servicemen/women to the community in 4-6 months. Their children will join the AIS community in the next school year.

- C. CYSS will open in 2013 spring, as advertised. The new complex will house all serviced ages, 0-19. Participating youth over grade 6 will be free.

**4. HS Principal's Report:** Dr. Hajat shared the following points of interest:

- A. Communicating Continuous School Improvement Goals with Parents is a central focus this year.
- B. Developing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School and honing said skills in the student population is under development.
- C. October 17<sup>th</sup> marks the national date for PSAT administration. AIS will begin to offer the more Middle School appropriate ReadiStep next school year. Parents were able to sign-up their children for an \$11 fee.
- D. The first Parent Tea was a success with 30 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents attending
- E. Kaiserslautern College Night is scheduled for 4 October; transportation will not be provided.
- F. Homecoming is the week of 8-13 October. Due to fire code regulations the traditional pod decorating contest has been revised to a float decorating competition. The traditional powder puff games and chili cook-off will be held October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- G. New Offerings: Golf and Chinese are now available as AIS sports and for-credit course. Ballroom dancing is on the horizon as a future option.
- H. Anti-Bullying contract signed earlier this year is still a major priority for staff and administration. Dr. Michelle Borba will host a VTC from 0830-1530 on 26 September.
- I. Senior Class update: The graduation venue may change from Rolduc to Mondo Verde. Prom may potentially be hosted on the Mass this year.

**5. ES Principal's Report:** Ms. Bailey provided the following points of interest:

- A. Currently 573 students comprise the elementary section of AIS, 364 of which are US enrolled students.
- B. Currently no funds are available. As the fiscal year turns over on 30 September, additional funds may be made available.
- C. A primary goal of the "newly" created elementary school is creating a unified vision and mission. As the former staffs of Geilenkirchen ES and AFNorth Unit School come together with data to create a common goal of "how to get better" they will utilize the proper channels—SAC and Student Council—to finalize their plan(s).
- D. Ms. Bailey noted that the school website houses an attendance mailbox ([AFNO.Attendance@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:AFNO.Attendance@eu.dodea.edu)) for parents to access and send notice of upcoming absences and tardiness through all hours of the day. This accommodates the regulation that requires parents to report absences to their child's school office before 10 a.m. daily. No end of day changes should be issued through this medium. It should be noted that this is checked at 10 a.m each day. Parents may send messages at any time. However, it is only checked once at the ES level.
- E. The American-British-Canadian (ABC) elementary section newsletters will be sent out every Friday. Ms. Cabiness will send them via Email to all and any Email addresses parents provide, this may include grandparents overseas.
- F. AIS is a Nut Aware and Scent Aware zone. A suggestion to revisit these policies has been moved to a "New Business" agenda item for the next SAC meeting.

**6. Old Business:**

- A. See F. above.
- B. Dr. Hajat will send out newsletters o/a the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, these may be posted on the AIS website in "sanitized" condition, i.e. no student identifying information/pictures may be published. The months of October and November will see both ES and HS newsletters published on the school website.

**7. New Business:**

- A. A Review of the SAC informational PowerPoint from Isles District/DoDEA was presented by Dr. Hajat. Perhaps it will be added to the website under the SAC section.

- B. A vote by secret ballot was made for SAC parent representation with the following attendees elected by a majority vote: Jack Bone, Johnnie Davis, Isa Smith and Heather Stoner.
- C. Mr. Bone expressed interest in running for SAC Chair and was unanimously voted via a main motion.
- D. Ms. Bailey and Mr. Ken Doland clarified the SAC's dual role as Installation Advisory Committee (IAC).
- E. The SAC will need to select goals based on the current Community Strategic Plan (CSP) goals. However, this may need to be modified when the new CSP goals are released. The SAC will need to revisit this when the new CSP is published.
- F. The next meeting will be held on 16 October 2012 where the remaining year's meeting will be determined.
- G. Open Forum.

1. What non-athletic, but perhaps "light academic" extra-curricular activities does the school provide? Last year there was a chess club, for example, but that is no longer offered.

**Mr. Doland offered to check with CYSS to meet this parent request; resolution was tabled until the next meeting.**

2. Parent concern about children visiting pornography sites off-campus/at home. Requests school's assistance in making other parents aware.

**Ms. Bailey noted that perhaps the school Educational Technologists could put together a parent education class to assist parents in setting better blocks and other monitoring tools on their home computers.**

3. A parent request to add CPR and self-defense components to the PE/Health curriculum. **Mr. Doland offered that Kimberly Rivera, ACS Victim Advocate, would be hosting various workshops to address components of these needs in the Health classes. Perhaps even a grade 9/10 and 11/12 male/female assembly would be arranged to discuss healthy dating.**

4. A Student requested verification of the rumor that the annual Dodge ball Fundraiser would no longer be allowed at AIS. **Dr. Hajat explained the new DODea Directive that forbids Dodge ball as part of the school environment. Mr. Doland noted that perhaps the CYSS could host the voluntary event. Dr. Hajat will double check the feasibility of that offer.**

**8. Closing:** The meeting adjourned at 1721.