



AFNORTH Elementary School
School Advisory Committee (SAC) Agenda
January 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Google Meet



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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mr. Kehoe.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Amanda Smith (Parent Representative), Brandee Jurgens (Teacher Representative), Donna Aponte (Math Coach), Khristian Kehoe (Teacher Representative), Kristy Fountain (Principal), Rus Berlin (Faculty Representative Spokesperson, FEA), Sandie Snider (Teacher), Carly Brashear (GK School Liaison Officer), Thomas Eaton (JFC Brunssum School Liaison Officer), Franny Heck (Parent Representative), Amanda Werkheiser (Parent), Ashley Albert, Donald Rush (Assistant Principal)

III. Reports

a. Principal

Ms. Fountain reported school enrollment numbers: Total enrollment – 303 students, Face-to-Face enrollment – 291 students, DoDEA Virtual School (DVS) enrollment – 4 students, Homeschool enrollment – 8 students. 28 students were enrolled in DVS for the first semester. 18 of those students are returning; some have PCSed. Orientations have been held for new students and DVS students returning to face-to-face instruction. Ms. Fountain shared that the weekly AFI's Roar Newsletter contains a Google form for parent feedback. She also stated that COGNIA will conduct the district accreditation process remotely on March 19th. Interviews will be held with teachers, students, and commands. A trial run of interviews will take place next week. Due to the accreditation visit, an additional school improvement day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021, impacting only office hours and small group/individual meetings with students.

b. USAG Brunssum

Mr. Daniels was unable to attend the SAC meeting.

c. GK School Liaison

Ms. Brashear expressed thanks to staff and parents. She reported effective communication between the SLOs and Ms. Fountain with weekly meetings. Ms. Brashear also reported that Geilenkirchen does not offer remote learning care for school-age children due to various factors such as staffing, location, and COVID restrictions. This is being continually reevaluated. Ms. Brashear is available by email.

d. KB School Liaison

The Kleine Brogel School Liaison no longer attends SAC meetings due to separation of elementary and middle/high school SACs.

e. JFC Brunssum CYS

Mr. Eaton reported on the student sponsorship program, which currently has 5 school-age sponsors. Mr. Eaton also shared that Mr. Mario Brown is leading school-age children in remote learning at the SAC during this time. Child and Youth Services is open for families with mission essential needs. Families should contact Parent Central Services regarding availability.

IV. Old Business

a. Results of special election for parent representative

Ms. Smith was elected as the SAC's second parent representative.

b. Officer positions election

Mr. Kehoe was elected as SAC chairperson, Ms. Smith was elected as SAC vice chairperson, and Ms. Jurgens was voted as SAC secretary.

c. Response to request for attendance at BOG meeting

Ms. Snider reported that last year's SAC had submitted a request to attend Board of Governors (BOG) meetings. A response was received from Ms. Wood, International Director of AFNORTH, that a member of the SAC may attend the International Advisory Board (IAB) meetings, which then brings any concerns to the BOG. Ms. Heck attended the last IAB meeting in November and offered to

answer any questions. A SAC member will attend the next IAB meeting. Date to be determined.

d. Meeting dates for remainder of 2020-2021 school year

The following dates were decided for the next three SAC meetings: March 4, April 15, and June 3. Ms. Fountain will share the next IAB meeting date. The SAC will collect concerns for a SAC member to present prior to the next IAB meeting and report back to the SAC at the following meeting.

V. New Business

VI. Open Forum

a. Class Sizes

Mr. Berlin expressed concern of social distancing capabilities in current classroom sizes with the return of virtual school students to face-to-face learning. Ms. Fountain did not have numbers of classroom sizes to report. She stated that staffing standards are set by DoDEA Headquarters and referred to DoDEA guidelines for COVID, including the requirement of wearing face masks.

b. November IAB Meeting Report

Ms. Heck shared her notes from November's IAB meeting. No COVID cases at AFNORTH had been reported at that time, new SMART boards were placed in classrooms, and numerous renovations were being implemented, such as a roof and playground upgrades.

c. Remote Learning

Ms. Fountain acknowledged school staff for adjusting their way of teaching during this school year and transitioning to remote learning. She stated that the remote learning schedule is based on parent and staff feedback from the spring. Ms. Fountain also thanked families for their partnership and team effort during remote learning and welcomed parents to participate in hosting enrichment sessions, if interested. Mr. Kehoe expressed gratitude to parents and the School Age Care program for their support during remote learning. Ms. Smith expressed gratitude to the school for the remote learning schedule and assignment workload.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Kehoe moved to adjourn at 5:11 p.m. The motion carried.

Goal 1 - Student Excellence: Challenge each student to maximize his or her potential and to excel academically, socially, emotionally and physically for life, college and career readiness.

Goal 2 - School Excellence: Develop and sustain each school to be high-performing within an environment of innovation, collaboration, continuous renewal and caring relationships.

Goal 3 - Talent Excellence: Recruit, develop and empower a diverse, high-performing team to maximize achievement for each student.

Goal 4 - Organizational Excellence: Build a great, enduring and responsive organization that provides the appropriate resources, direction and services in pursuit of highest student achievement.

Goal 5 - Outreach Excellence: Foster family, school and community partnerships to expand educational opportunities for students.