



**AFNORTH Elementary School**  
**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Agenda**  
**June 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Google Meet**



<https://meet.google.com/jdh-gcta-zzf>

**I. Call to Order at 4:33 p.m.**

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

Khristian Kehoe (SAC Chairperson), Brandee Jurgens (SAC Secretary), Kristy Fountain (Principal), Mandy Smith (SAC Vice-Chairperson), Franny Heck (Parent Representative), Melissa Koger (Faculty Representative Spokesperson, FEA), Kristin Kujat (Faculty Representative), Sandie Snider (Teacher), Donald Rush (Assistant Principal), Lindsey McElvie (Parent), Thomas Eaton (JFC Brunssum School Liaison), Erika Rigler (Parent)

**III. Reports**

*a. Principal*

Ms. Fountain reported 303 students currently enrolled with 15 in virtual school or homeschool. Registration for the fall is low with 233 students. Ms. Fountain encouraged families with eligible children to register for Pre-K now by contacting Ms. Rudolph. Families were reminded to check lunch accounts with Sodexo weekly. Ms. Fountain also shared that the Directorate will soon be sending out a letter regarding next school year's opening.

*b. USAG Brunssum*

Mr. Daniels was not present.

*c. GK School Liaison*

Ms. Brashear was not present.

*d. JFC Brunssum School Liaison*

Mr. Eaton reported that registration is open now for summer camps from June 21<sup>st</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>. The middle/high school Teen Center is operating with no restrictions while the school-age care does have some restrictions. Parents can call

Child Youth Services for more information. Mr. Brown is the school-age care director and can answer more specific questions. The school liaisons continue to meet with administration weekly.

#### **IV. Old Business**

*a. IAC Meeting Date and Topics*

The IAC meeting was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and Ms. Heck attended. Topics included the school's roofing project and a playground for the middle/high school. In the fall, Ms. Fountain will share the date prior to the meeting to allow the SAC to discuss topics to present to the IAC.

#### **V. New Business**

*a. SAC Officer Positions for 2021-2022 School Year*

Mr. Kehoe reported that a request for candidates for the open parent representative position received no response. The SAC will solicit volunteers again in the fall.

*b. Playground Use*

In response to a request for all students to regularly access the playground, Ms. Fountain shared that scheduling across all nations is difficult to organize with approximately 30 classes. The Board of Governors (BOG) makes decisions in conjunction with the Directorate's office, and all nations' guidelines must be considered. Guidelines may allow for playground use in the fall; it is yet to be determined.

*c. Pre-K Class Size*

In response to concerns about current Pre-K class sizes, Ms. Fountain reported that she is sharing those numbers with her supervisor and that staffing standards are set by Headquarters. The amount of students in each grade level depends on the amount enrolled, and staff may be shifted next year to accommodate larger grade levels. This year's numbers can be attributed to numbers rising late in the school year and having a full-day program available to everyone. Space-available students can be denied but not space-required. The Pre-K teachers shared that they are constantly advocating for their students by communicating with administration, presenting proposals, and still making it an enriching

environment. It is important to register Pre-K children early so that numbers accurately reflect classroom sizes which impacts staffing decisions.

*d. Parent Input in Decision-Making*

Ms. Smith reported parent frustration during the time when COVID testing was required for students on the German side to attend school. Parents were under the impression an exemption was coming and were caught off-guard by the testing decision. Ms. Smith stated that how and when things are communicated to parents was a common theme expressed to her as the SAC parent representative. Ms. Fountain stated that when school first closed, an exemption was being sought. Mr. Brady approved the closure for that circumstance. A Google Form had been prepared by Ms. Fountain but was not sent out, because testing had been arranged at Geilenkirchen for those families. Ms. Heck also shared that the Commander's Call did not answer parents' questions and recommended a different platform be utilized if needed in the future.

## **VI. Open Forum**

*a. COVID Guidelines for Fall*

Ms. Rigler inquired about a timeline for communication to parents regarding health regulations for the fall as a factor in parents' decision-making regarding enrollment. Ms. Fountain responded that the Directorate will send out a letter tomorrow about next year's opening. Administrators will share additional information as it becomes available.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Mandy Smith moved to adjourn at 5:20 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.