



October 21, 2020

Bechtel School Advisory Committee

Present: Mr. Lyn-Cook (Principal), Leslie Brozovich (Vice Principal), Thomas Rary (Courtney Command Representative), Kiley Jensen (Chair), Lisa Marie Roberts, Barbara Green (Reading Specialist, FRS Rep), Erika McKeel, Jennifer Anderson, Courtney Facer (Secretary), Jeanene Golden, Daina Perez, Kathrin Sandall, Ashley Davis

Call Meeting to Order: Kiley Jensen, 2nd Erika McKeel
Meeting Began at 3:18 PM

Motion to Approve September Minutes: 1st Kathrin Sandall, 2nd Lisa Marie Roberts

1. *Principal's Report – Mr. Lyn-Cook*

- **Covid Precautions:** The school is continuing to take COVID precautions seriously. All tests have been negative.
- The end of the first quarter is this Friday, October 23rd.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held virtually November 5th & 6th. Teachers will be contacting parents to set up a meeting time. Parents will sign in through Google Meet.
- **Flu shots** may not be available until mid-November this year, and will not be available for walk-ins during Parent Teacher Conferences as in years past.
- **School Pictures** will be taking place November 9th, 10th, and 12th, (note they will not be held on the 11th as it is the holiday).

2. *Courtney Command Representative - Mr. Thomas Rary*

- **Camp gate projects** are ongoing. Work on McT Gate 1 will be continuing, the gate will not be closed. There will be some impact on traffic, but no major re-routing.
- **Trick-or-Treat Policy** - All trick-or-treating in family housing areas has to be outside. There will be no trick-or-treating in the towers due to inability to social distance in the elevators and stairwells. Other options are to set up a chair/table outside on the sidewalk to hand out candy. There will be no off-base trick-or-treating, haunted houses, or large parties/festivals. Trick-or-treating hours will be 1700-2100. There will be increased PMO staffing to help enforce safety and social distancing.
- **Courtney Chapel Trunk or Treat** will be held Oct 31st from 1800-1900.

3. *USMC School Liaison Officer's Report- Daina Mizell (absent)*

4. *Old Business*

- **Bechtel Elementary Trunk-or-Treat**
 - Ms. Jensen reports there are currently 10 trunks signed up, and they can accept 10 more trunks. Additional volunteers are needed to help with crowd flow. They would also greatly appreciate candy donations to make sure there are enough to pass out to all the children.
 - The trunk-or-treat will be following safety guidelines: cars will be two spots apart. There will be a directional flow, placing of cones, volunteers will wear masks, and gloves will be used by participants handing out candy. Anyone entering needs to wear a mask.

- **Halloween Outreach to Local Schools:** Wednesday Oct 28th at 1630, volunteers from the School Advisory Committee including Ms. Perez, Ms. Jensen, and Ms. Sandall will be visiting a local after-school care center of 35-40 kids, to teach them about the history of Halloween, how to carve a pumpkin, and showcase two decorated trunks for the students to practice trick-or-treating.

8. *New Business*

9. *Open Forum*

- Ms. Sandall has had several parents asking if the school is still waiting on more permanent teachers. Mr. Lyn-Cook responded that a 5th grade teacher and another teacher are leaving, the school is waiting for paperwork to be processed. The school is also waiting for two more aide positions to be filled.
- Ms. Sandall asked when parent volunteering might start back up again. Mr. Lyn-Cook responded that we are waiting until guidelines change. The district has made decisions that there will be no plays, choir, productions etc. Parent conferences have been moved to virtual. These measures are all in an effort to keep extra people out of the building.
- Ms. Sandall stated that a parent was concerned her teacher was teaching both a virtual class as well as brick and mortar class. She questioned if they are they separate or are teachers teaching both? Mr. Lyn-Cook replied that yes, the virtual school is separate from brick-and-mortar and uses its own teachers. However, teachers may assign some remote learning to their students to keep use of the online platforms familiar. Ms. Golden reminded the group that some of the students may be in ROM so teachers may be reaching out to them as well.
- Ms. Jensen asked if the previously virtual students, that choose the in-person option for next semester, will be added to existing classes or will they create new classes? Mr. Lyn-Cook replied that they will not be able to make decisions until they see the numbers. They are waiting until the end of the open enrollment period and will then look at the manpower/staffing and adjust accordingly. There are 92 students currently using the virtual option.
- Ms. Jensen asked how school breakfast has been going. Mr. Lyn-Cook responded that it is going well. Ms. Sandall mentioned that for bussed students breakfast is not an option, and asked if there is anything the school can do about that. Mr. Lyn-Cook replied that unfortunately, there is no way to adjust bus times. (Please see previous email from Mr. Lyn-Cook for new information passed about free breakfast and lunches at DoDEA schools through the remainder of the year).
- Ms. Jensen asked if the school will be starting up clubs soon. Mr. Lyn-Cook responded that yes, they will be starting in the second quarter around November 16th. They are getting club descriptions together and making changes to stay within safety guidelines for COVID. Classes will be smaller so they will have a lottery for student selection into clubs. Clubs will be shorter in duration as well, around 3-4 weeks at a time, to give more students the opportunity to participate.
- Ms. McKell asked if families that are moving in have been invited on campus to tour the school. Mr. Lyn-Cook replied that they have not been doing any tours at Bechtel.

Motion to Adjourn: Kathrin Sandall, 2nd Lisa Roberts
The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

The next School Advisory Committee meeting will take place November 18th at 3:15pm. Meeting place TBD.

The next ODAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 2nd via Google Meet unless otherwise noted.

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