



September 15, 2021

Bechtel School Advisory Committee

Present: Mr. Tefft(Principal), Daina Perez-Faculty Representative, Lisa Roberts-Faculty Representative, Kathrin Sandall-acting Chairperson/Secretary, Alysha Donnelly-Parent Representative , Erica McKeel-Parent Representative, Diana Mizell-USMC School Liaison Officer, Barbara Green-Reading Specialist/FRS Representative, Steve Briggs, Brittany Briggs, Monica Allender, Sky Erickson, Nadia Malinova-Orlando, Abby Wirthlin

Call Meeting to Order: Kathrin Sandall
Meeting Began at 3:17 PM

1. Elections

- Nomination of Sky Erickson for Chairperson by Kathrin Sandall. Unanimously elected Chairperson.
- No eligible candidate for Vice-Chairperson position.
- Nomination of Kathrin Sandall for Secretary by Alysha Donnelly. Unanimously elected Secretary.
- Alysha Donnelly and Erica McKeel retained for the 2nd year of their term.

2. Principal's Report – Mr. Tefft

- **Furniture** : Furniture has been put away. Thank you to USMC for helping move furniture and setting the school up.
- **Sneak Peak**: We were able to attend a sneak peak in person this year. It was a good success to have parents and students check out classrooms and meet teachers. It helped to lessen any anxiety.
- **Kindergarten Sneak Peak**: A huge success. Parents stated how much they enjoyed seeing the classrooms and meeting teachers in person.
- **BooHoo Breakfast**: PTO provided snacks and beverages to kindergarten parents for their first day with their students in school.
- **Digital Back to School**: It was not well attended, but did receive great feedback. Thankful to the teachers who created the videos and were there to answer questions from parents.
- **Staffing**: We hire a lot of local hires who tend to be spouses of Active Duty members which means they also leave. With Covid there have been challenges getting staff here. We have one more teacher arriving later in September who will be a 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Mickless arrived and she is transitioning into the classroom. Mrs. Brown is completing ROM and will transition into the classroom.
- **Substitute Teachers**: We are continuing to interview and hire substitutes. We are short-staffed with subs. If you are interested in subbing, please apply.
- **PTO Meeting**: October 6th. 9 :009 :45am in the Cafeteria. Please attend to support our school.
- **Teacher Training**: We have teacher training days coming up this month and next month. These days are grade specific training. The focus will be responsive teaching and quality instruction.

3. Courtney Command Representative - Mr. Thomas Rary -absent

4. USMC School Liaison Officer's Report- Diana Mizell

- She will be helping to coordinate the military interviews for the CSI accreditation.

- Reminder to follow the School Liaison Facebook page MCCS Okinawa – School Liaison Officer https://www.facebook.com/mccsokinawa.slo/about/?ref=page_internal

5. *Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Update - Mr. Tefft reporting*

- **Accreditation:** This is a formal process and accreditation. Many schools do not include elementary schools in this program. DoDea does as a commitment to families that we have accountability, reflections and improvement so that our schools continue to be a great place for our kids. Our visit is Friday October 15th. This visit will be virtual.

Friday, October 15	BECHTEL ELEMENTARY (School Start Time 8:50am)
7:45am-8:30am	In Brief (Admin, CSI Chairs, SQF Leaders)
9:00am-9:30am	Teacher Interview Group A
9:40am-10:10am	Student Interviews Group One (3rd/ 4th Grade)
10:20am-10:50am	Student Interviews Group Two (5th Grade)
11:00am-11:30 am	Teacher Interview Group B
11:45am- 12:30pm	Leadership Concluding Meeting (including CSI Chairs)

- **Questions:**

1. Kathrin Sandall asked how the students will be picked for the student interviews?
 - a. The Cognia gives a criteria for which students will be interviewed. They make sure there is a diverse student representation including ESL, AP, etc.

6. *Old Business*

7. *Open Forum*

- **Questions:**

1. Are we going to have Google Classroom next year?
 - a. Yes, we will still have the same hybrid set up that we do this year. Homework and such will be on the computer, but for SAC meetings we will be using the new TEAMS platform which allows for parents to call in or even those who do not have kids at the school like bus representative.

Motion to Adjourn: Kathrin Sandall Seconded: Alysha Donnelly
The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

The next School Advisory Committee meeting will take place October 20, 2021 at 3:16pm. Meeting place TBD/Virtual

The next ODAC meeting is October 6, 2021 virtually.

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