



DoDEA PACIFIC AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC) MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 (1005-1209)

- Administrative Remarks by Chief of Staff
- Welcome Remarks by Director
- Member/Attendee Introductions

Members/Attendees:

Ms. Judith Allen

Mr. Al Barney

Mr. Daniel Posthumus

Ms. Brooke Boswell

Mr. Wayne Carter

Ms. Isabel White

Ms. Christine Monroe

Mr. Christopher Lamb

Ms. Barbara Askey

Ms. Diana Mizell (absent)

Dr. Valencia Hickey

Ms. Nya Ayala

Ms. Peggy Meyers

Mr. Lewis Powell (absent) Shawn Johnson

Colonel Angel Feliciano (absent) Kurt Lang

Mr. Oliver Cunningham

CMDCM Lisa Tisdale (absent)

Ms. Melanie Horton

Ms. Lois Rapp

Dr. Beth Schiavino-Narvaez (absent)

Mr. Todd Schlitz

- Agenda Review
- AAC Membership and Responsibilities
- Blueprint for Continuous Improvement
- Pacific Highlights Discussion
 - Announcement of Dr. Bloom's and Mr Barney's pending retirements
 - Teachers of the Year
 - Pacific East - Ms. Rachel Baker
 - Pacific South - Dr. Tracy Rice
 - Pacific West - Mr. Antoine Sharpe
 - Linguafest in Seoul, Korea
 - Junior Science Humanities Symposium (JSHS) Regional Competition hosted at Kadena AB
 - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
 - Far East sports program
 - School Principal's Day
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - National School Nurse Day
- Community Partnerships and Initiatives
 - Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) – Yokosuka
 - Shogaku Gakuen International School – Okinawa
 - Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and U.S. Consulate – Okinawa
- Old Business
 - DoDEA Online Registration for Students (DORS) and re-registration
 - Yongsan School Closures – closure ceremony, memory boxes
 - Unified Law Update – on hold and looking at options without changing the law

- New Business
 - Pacific Theater Education Council (PTEC) Visit - May 13-17, 2019
 - DoDEA Pacific Region Principal of the Year - Mr. Kristopher Kwiatek
 - SY 18-19 High School Graduation Schedule
 - Revised DoDEA Elementary Gifted Education Program and Timeline
 - Current DoDEA Middle School Gifted Education Service Options and Timelines
 - Final Okinawa Re-Districting Plan Summary – no changes
 - Construction Update
 - Kubasaki HS Replacement
 - Future Host Nation Projects
- Break (1121-1133)
- AAC Member Discussion
 - United States Forces, Japan/J1
 - MFLC service to non-AD children- no changes, Mr. Lang will take issue to the DEC.
 - Utilization of a school (armed) 'Resource Officer' within DoDEA-Japan schools. How are these pilots going, and are there plans to expand? In the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility, there are School Resource Officer (SRO) pilot programs occurring at the Kadena and Kubasaki High Schools. Based upon initial reporting collected during this school year, the SROs have been well received in the schools.
 - Request update to status of joint task group that the Undersecretary of Personnel and Readiness convened to study the utilization of a School Resource Officer - The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASD(M&RA)) is leading a Joint School Security Working Group, consisting of DoDEA, Military Service representatives, and Geographic Combatant Commands. As SROs are a complex issue affecting all Military Services, the Joint School Security Working Group formed a Sub-Working Group to solely address this topic. Together and after obtaining a consensus from all members, the SRO Sub-Working Group developed and agreed upon a definition for a "DoD SRO" and the primary triad duties. The next step of the SRO Sub-Working Group is to develop minimum training requirements and a process to determine when an SRO is needed in DoDEA or Local Education Activity (public) schools on military installations. The primary Joint School Security Working Group is still active and meeting monthly to coordinate policy and review options for increasing the protection of DoDEA schools.
 - Status of Middle School Sports Program - the recommendation for Middle School Sports was recently reviewed by HQ OGC and is pending a decision by the DoDEA Director.
 - Additionally, is there an update on consideration of a change to 9 man football teams for D II schools? Due to a school not being able to field a team, the football schedule had to be amended at the last minute resulting in ICE Complaints. In addition, there was a second school that was dangerously close to being unable to field a team last year. D1 Teams will play 11 man football throughout the season. The top 2 teams will play for the championship in November. D2 Teams from Pac West will play 9 Man. Teams from Pac East will have to make a decision by end of August if they are going to play 11 or 9 man football. Anytime a team from Pac East plays a team from Pac West, they will have to play 9 Man. The top two teams from D2 will play for the championship in November. Season schedule was provided.
 - Status of Middle School programs for Gifted Students - The Middle Schools are responsible for the DoDEA 2590.2-G, January 2006 Gifted Program Guide and corresponding DoDEA 2590.1 Gifted Education Policy until a new Middle School program and policy are implemented. The 2006 GE Program Guide does provide service options for Middle Schools to grade accelerate students for specific content, or by a whole grade as appropriate to

meet student needs. The preference for students to not accelerate in math K-6 is guidance from HQ, not DoDEA policy, and does not supersede the DoDEA 2590.1 Gifted Education policy. The Gifted Education team does not have the authority to create alternate math pathways or increased staffing to support math differentiation. The Gifted Education team at HQ supports the development of advanced math pathways and is interested in working with all of the secondary content teams to offer advanced academic options for students as we begin developing a new Middle School Gifted Education program during SY 19-20.

- Policy to improve equity in access: Propose that an Advanced Math Pathway for K-8 be approved for system-wide implementation in 2019-2020 to ensure equity in advanced math access - Enrollment in Mathematics courses adhere to DoDEA's Student Grade Level Placement Regulation (2000.03). Secondary Math has advanced pathways in middle school and high school. In middle school, students can enroll in Accelerated Math 7/8 and then Accelerated Math 8/Algebra 1 to earn Algebra 1 credit. In high school, students can co-enroll in Algebra 1 and Geometry or Geometry and Algebra 2. Both options would allow the students the opportunity to access Advanced Placement Calculus.
- ES Representative, Air Force Parent, Okinawa
 - Do DoDEA employees undergo the EFMP process? No, enrollment in the EFMP is only mandatory for Active Duty Service members. The DoD Components must select civilian employees for specific positions based on job requirements and merit factors. The selection for an overseas position must not be affected by the special needs of a civilian employee's family member(s). Imposing EFMP on civilians would be discriminatory. Mr. Lang will take issue to the DEC.
- FEA Pacific Area Director
 - HS PTR increase - impact on students – right sizing classroom ratios and virtual class options
- Student Representative, Japan
 - Will we be bringing back Harvard Model Congress? Program was underfunded. We're evaluating location/venue and host options.
- DoDEA U.S. Senate Youth Program 2019 Video
- Closing remarks from the Director