



Okinawa District Advisory Council
October 7, 2020
Virtual Google Meeting

Introduction of ODAC Voting Members

Introduction of Military Representatives

- Air Force: Mr. William Thomas – Deputy Director 18th Wing – MSG (ODAC-Secretary)
- Army: LTC Joel Gleason, Torii Station Garrison Commander (ODAC vice-Chair)
- Marine Corps: Colonel Vince Ciuccoli, Marine Corps Installation Pacific (ODAC-Chair)
- Navy: CDR Thomas Taylor, Command Fleet Activities Okinawa

Superintendents Topics

SAC/ODAC Brief: 6500 students had returned to school this year. 7300-7400 students are expected. In Pacific South, roughly 750 students who opt to virtual school, little over 10% of expected population with a virtual school. In order to support Virtual school, 55 teachers from Pac South were selected.

COVID 19- Updates: Plenty Sanitizer has been stored. Supply Discipline needs to be practiced. Spare Masks: School bought two masks for every students and adults just in case, but it is parents' responsibility to make sure that students have their masks. Virtual School Enrollment impact on Enrollments.

School Reports

Kadena High School: The entire Senior Class of 177 students will be at Flight Line to take a class picture, so thanks to Kadena Air Base and 18th Wing for the support. National Horner students packed 405 bags of candy through HelpOki.Org to help local orphanage.

Kubasaki High School: Thanks to Staff, Military Commanders, Students and Parents. Congrats on Mr. Giani Chavez, a student selected as a National Merit Scholar finalist. Senior Breakfast will be held at Torii Station and thanks to LTC Gleason for providing the opportunity. Anti-Bullying Campaign will be held in Oct and thanks to Command and AAFES. Reminder to parents that the principle will be available at 1400-1500hrs on very Monday for straight talk, any questions or concerns.

Lester Middle School: The number one goal for Lester Middle School is to keep everyone safe. Principal's Sip & See will be held on 8 Oct to navigate Schoology.

Ryukyu Middle School: Thanks to everyone for all your support. PTO plans on celebration of beginning of the quarter for students. It's Bullying Prevention Month.

Kadena Middle School: Thanks to families and community members for support. New business: Pick-up and drop-off flow are working well. New PTO brought lots of great ideas, so invite more parents to get involved. PSAT -15 Oct.

AEIS: Thanks to community members. Feedback from families how felt about the engagement of remote learning, Transition, and the group remote setting by teachers will be needed for improvement. Vote for your favorite teacher.

Kadena Elementary School: Shout out to Staff, Students and Parents for adopting changes. Huge shout out to AAFES for providing students Breakfast and Lunch to DODEA virtual Students. Celebrated Fire Prevention with the support of local fire fighter. STEAM day to be celebrated every quarter. Will have Character Pillar Power for October.

Bob Hope Primary School: Bob Hope Primary School had Fire safety day and will have Ribbon week to celebrate at the end of the month. Thanks to 10th Support Group since they are the supporting agency and Eagle scouts.

Bechtel Elementary School: Thanks to everyone, parents, students and staffs for great job what they are doing. Safety week for bike riding to inforce wearing Helmet and Mask.

Kinser Elementary School: Kinser Elementary School celebrated the first day of school with DJ. Shout out to Col Randle and everyone on Camp Kinser for supporting us to get ready for the opening. Kinser Elementary has been adopted by Seattle Sea Hawks, Football team.

Zukeran Elementary School: Thanks to SAC Committee Members. The mitigation strategies: Each classroom is a cohort group / Desk Shields / Lunch in the cafeteria socialized behind clear barriers / Face coverings and masks / Good Hygiene, hand washing and sanitizer / Social Distancing / Contact Tracing.

Stearley Heights Elementary School: Started off with really good. Staffs and Students have been great about putting COVID mitigation strategies: Social Distancing, lots of hand washing and sanitizing. Shout out to PTO selling spirit wear on-line. Parents University Virtual will be held on the end of this month.

Killin Elementary School: Thanks to Military partnerships and Ms. Diana for coordinating Volunteers. "One school, One book" started on 1 Oct. Each night, Parents read a book, or if they don't have an opportunity to read, they can listen and answer trivia questions that teacher discusses at school. Virtual Parent Conferences on 5 & 6 Nov/ sign-up is pushed out on 16 Oct.

School Liaison Comments:

- Ms. Mizell, Marine Corps Representative
- Air Force Representative – Mr. Robert Chance, New Air Force Rep. will arrive Okinawa on 8 Nov and will be in a Chair after Thanksgiving.
- Ms. McNeace, Army Representative

New Business:

- Meetings as currently scheduled. All meetings begin at 1730.

- Four sports have been offered at the High School: Cross Country, Cheer, Tennis and Golf
Extended Season: to continue until January. Winter Sports (Wrestling, Basketball which are not allowed) will be extended to spring (Jan-May). Soccer, Track, Baseball and Softball will be available in spring.
- Construction Updates (will require shifts of elementary enrollments for SY 21.
 - Replacement for Killin Elementary School is new building next to the current building – New building will be ready to move into in August.
 - New Bob Hope Primary School will be built at the place where Old Kadena Elementary School was. It'll be ready to move into in August.
- Requests from Amelia Earhart Intermediate School
 - One to One Laptops – Propose one-to-one Laptop at DODEA RAC in Nov.
 - Barriers for all classrooms not just K-3 - Need time to identify the benefits of barriers whether we need expend it. Risk Assessments by Safety Officer must be conducted.
- Topic from Kadena Middle School
 - Flashing speed limit sign near the school can the afternoon hours be extended- Base Safety and Traffic Management Meeting will be held to discuss the current issue of Flash Sign. Also, Km/h needs to be reconsidered.
 - Current hours: 0655hrs-1530hrs
Proposed hours: 0630hrs-1630hr / Other Proposed hours: 0630-0830hrs and 1355-1630hrs

Open Forum

- Regulation of Electrical bike, skateboarding and Segway will be sent out if Schools need it.
- Testing capability for the Island, the equipment has arrived and it'll be another few weeks before the Experts come and train it.
- New Middle Building on Camp Foster will open in 2024.
- Timeline for Staffing for new school – It depends how many students will be going to Bob Hope Elementary School.
- Adding Volleyball as a fall sport: It's still considered moderate risk activity. Will work with Base on that.

Closing Remarks:

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