

**SHAPE Middle School**  
**School Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Friday, 17 April 2020**

**Attendees:**

SAC Chairperson – Ms. Nichole Lang

SAC Vice Chairperson – Ms. Daphne Kimbrough

SAC Secretary – Ms. Claire Carter

SAC Challenged Materials – Ms. Amber Keels

Ms. Christie Barnes – SLO (School Liaison Officer)

Dr. John Dubose – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher

SAMS Principal – Dr. Gloria Hajat

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Old Business:**

- A. Subject: Approval of 9 March Minutes  
Resolution: Approved with one change; add Ms. Kimbrough to list of attendees.

**Principals Update:**

- Digital Learning Lessons
  - Based on parent feedback, the administration had two big lessons learned that will drive some changes to digital learning after spring break.
    - 99% of students were attending class in the morning. Based on this, beginning April 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a change to the daily schedule. Classes will all be offered in the mornings and seminars for each class will be available in the afternoon. A great opportunity for additional instruction if needed.
    - Concerns were expressed about the amount of screen each day. Teachers will move towards more problem-based instruction as much as possible.
- Technology Availability
  - Good news! SAMS was able to meet the technology needs of families that requested them prior to spring break, including mobile hotspots if needed.
  - SAMS staff will coordinate with families on an individual basis to obtain additional Chromebooks to support the new learning schedule if needed. Pick up will be coordinated for **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**.
  - A link for request forms is found in the **17 April Newsletter** and via e-mail.

- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) – administrators are looking at ways to accomplish a virtual induction ceremony. More information to follow.
- **Purple Up Day – 22 April 2020.**
- DODEA Positions Open – Openings posted on the USA Jobs website. There will be permanent positions opening and substitutes are needed.
- SY2020-21 Calendar - The DODEA West calendar was published before spring break. Teachers and administrators are coordinating the addition of specific SAMS events.

### **Open Forum**

- Dr. Dubose:
  - Next year’s schedule has been mirrored to the high school schedule. For example, award ceremonies for each school have been coordinated on a master schedule.
  - One significant change next year will be a “Blue Day” between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to allow students to find their new classes and adjust to the new schedule.
- Ms. Becker:
  - Assessing adjustments for the elective schedule to better support students.
  - Look for survey soon (**See e-mail 22 April**).
- Physical Education: Some parents would like physical activity during online class sessions.
- Registration for SY2020/2021:
  - Registration is ongoing via online website.
  - All families are asked to register for next year due to current uncertainty.
- PCS:
  - Ms. Ostrander is your point of contact to coordinate documentation for your PCS.
  - Most requests can be completed very efficiently.
- End of Year Testing/Content Concerns:
  - As published, many of the typical end of year tests will not occur, including the annual College, Career and Readiness Assessments.
  - DELF is scheduled to occur.
  - Teachers are coordinating within their grade levels (horizontally) and at grade levels above and below them (vertically) to ensure students learn the content needed for the next grade level. Each subject will tackle this task a little differently. Thus, for students enrolled in high school credit courses, finals will be subject specific. More information to follow as our educators access the best way to prepare students for their next level of education.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- 4 May @ 3:30pm, Google Meet
- 8 June @ 3:30pm, SAMS Library (tentative)

**Meeting Adjournment:** Adjourned at 9:52am

**Name of Recorder:** Nichole Lang

