

**ZAMHS SAC**  
Meeting Minutes  
18 February 2021

SAC Members in Attendance:

1. DeJuan Burns, Chairperson
2. Callie Jackson, Co-chairperson
3. Heather Carlile, secretary
4. Jodi Hernandez, teacher representative
5. Jenae Giles, parent representative

Other Attendees:

1. Mr. Henry LeFebre – ZMHS principal
2. Ms. Latasha Tita – ZMHS vice principal
3. William Brown – student body president
4. Ryan Rayos – student body vice president
5. Hannah McCarthy – SLO Atsugi
6. Bryn Burkert – teacher
7. Alex Ala – student body executive board
8. Ms. Russell - counselor
9. Chef Moore
10. Catherine
11. Guest

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson DeJuan Burns

Student (S), Teacher (T), Parent (P), Administrator (A), Chairperson (C), Co-Chair (CC)

1. Welcome/Meeting Norms/Introductions
2. Presentation of last meeting's approved minutes
3. Reports – None
4. Old Business
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - C – Did everyone receive Mr. LeFebre's email regarding how the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be integrated into ZMHS?
    - A – It is official that 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be at ZMHS. Currently working on the logistics.

C – This will start in August 2021.

A – Counselors have gone out to the elementary schools to gather data.

A – The building across from the main office is where middle schoolers will be located for most classes, except for band, PE, etc.

S – Will middle schoolers participate in sports?

A – Will need to speak with athletic director about which sports middle schoolers are allowed to participate.

- New Dress Code

C – Mr. LeFebre will discuss the changes.

A – No specific date to finalize decision.

S – Under the impression that a vote would be taken today.

A – That is correct.

A – Concern about dress code regarding length and headgear.

#### Headgear

A - principal feels that headgear should be removed when inside and follow standard military guidelines, as we are a part of a military installation.

S – Agree with the principal's thinking

#### Vote – headgear changes

Yes: Chairperson, co-chairperson, parent rep, student rep, teacher rep and secretary

No: none

Approved

#### Length of apparel (skirts/shorts)

A – discussion

C – recommendations?

A – length – between the knee and hip

S – What is the beginning of the hip?

A – Where you measure right below the belly button. Will find pictures to publish for clarification.

#### Vote – Length of apparel (skirts/shorts) – midway between knee and hip

Yes: Chairperson, co-chairperson, parent rep, student rep, teacher rep and secretary

No: none

Approved

Length of apparel (shirts)

A – no mid-drift showing

T – what does this mean

S – The student proposal was no mid-drift shows when the arms are at rest. The old rule was that no mid-drift can show at all.

P – What is the difference if the arms are lifted and the stomach shows?

S – Students with large shoulders, when lifted, the stomach area will always show and will be in violation of the dress code.

P – There could be an issue of modesty and things getting out of control

S – Thank you for your comment. That would need to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. This rule would make the dress code gender neutral.

A – Have seen students who try to bypass current dress code policies by wearing a hoodie that covers up a mid-drift baring shirt beneath and zipping or unzipping the hoodie at will. Can see and understand the concern since any movement could show the mid-drift area.

S – Can this be changed to when sitting because the shirt pulls up?

A – The concern is standing or sitting. Not in favor of changing it for sitting.

T – This could put administration and teachers in an awkward position. In favor of no mid-drift showing.

A – No mid-drift showing during regular activity with an exception for PE and sports.

P – Agree

S – Examples?

A – Yes, that would be advantageous. Students could take pictures of what is appropriate for reference.

Vote – length of apparel (shirts) – no mid-drift showing during regular activity with an exception for PE and sports

Yes: Chairperson, co-chairperson, parent rep, student rep, teacher rep and secretary

No: none

Approved

S – Except for the change, all other wording will stay the same as the student council's proposal?

A – Yes

T – Does that also include revisions from the staff?

A – We will add what was voted on and merge the two. We will send out to all interested parties again.

T – Thank you

## 5. New Business:

- Evaluation of and faculty by students

C – Interested in this topic. Informed by Ms. Tita that this does not happen within DODEA

A – Does not exist

T – Teachers operate under a CBA. Appraisals and evaluation do not include student feedback.

S – This is not a good idea since students could use this unfairly in a reactive manner.

T – Thank you for your comment.

- Early dismissal

A – Brought to attention – currently students must be checked out by a parent. This counts against attendance.

A – Proposal – No parent is required to sign out students over the age of 18 because they are adults. They would be able to leave with a parent email or written communication to the school. All minor students would continue to need to be signed out by a parent.

S – How would you verify that the student is 18 years old?

A – ASPEN would be able to verify

P – Agree

T – Would younger siblings be able to be dismissed with a sibling that is 18+? Or would they need a parent?

A – That would need to be stipulated by the parent.

Vote – No parent required to sign out students age 18+

Yes: Chairperson, co-chairperson, parent rep, student rep, teacher rep and secretary

No: none

Approved

## 6. Open Forum

- Seminar period for school year 2021-22  
T – Will there be a seminar period?  
A – Yes
- Seminar rules  
S – Would like clear communication of seminar rules. What can and cannot be done during seminar.  
A – Will work on getting that information to the student reps.
- Candy sales  
S – Would like to get candy sale proposal in writing.  
A – Yes  
T – Chef Moore – This was due to the healthy food initiative begun by Michelle Obama.

Chairperson DeJuan Burns adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: 29 April 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Carlile, SAC secretary