

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the May 08, 2008 BASAC Meeting

- 1) Members attending: Two parent representatives, three faculty representatives, and the student representative. Also attending was the School Liaison Officer, the US Army Garrison Brussels Commander, and a faculty member.
- 2) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 17:30h. He briefed the council on the results of the Area Advisory Council (AAC). Of the two issues that we raised at the conference, only one was forwarded to the next level; the issue of AAFES School lunch selections.
- 3) Principal's Report – The Acting Principal was not present. It was mentioned that the new principal will be coming from Wurzburg, and will be here by 1 August.
- 4) Vice-Principal's Report - The Vice-Principal has not returned; no update available.
- 5) Student Representative's Report
 - a. AP Testing took place in the library instead of the Garrison this semester. Although it was convenient, it seems that other students were not aware that testing was in progress due to their volume level in proximity to the library. Next time, the testing area should have been marked externally and all faculty members made aware of the testing area to limit the traffic and noise in the area.
 - b. Queried other students in regards to the missed lunch issue, and discovered that the problem is not with AP classes and makeup work, but with extra curricular clubs meeting during lunch.
- 6) Garrison Commander's Report
 - a. Identification Card services are now offered from 09:00h to 17:00h. Patrons are highly encouraged to make an appointment because walk-ins cause backlogs with scheduled appointments.
 - b. There will be a Post-Prom Lock-in at the 3-Star Lounge for those students that attend the Prom.
 - c. Is it possible to align BAS holidays with NATO holidays like AF North and SHAPE? After discussion, it was determined that the school holiday schedule is arranged by DoDDs Europe to align with other DoDDs Europe schools. SHAPE and AF North are international schools and do not follow DoDDS Europe schedule.
- 7) School Liaison Officer – The new SLO was introduced and welcomed to the forum.
- 8) Old Business

- a. DoDDs Survey Results – This issue was the other issue taken to the AAC, but due to a problem with a privacy act error, the results will not be released. This error will be corrected in the 2008 survey. [CLOSED]
 - b. Student Lunch Period – A proposal was made by one of the parent representatives to have a discussion with concerned stake-holders to consider possible alternatives to the current scheduling practices for the lunch period. A discussion was conducted, and input from faculty sponsors was considered. Faculty sponsors determine when these meetings will be, and limit meetings to one or two times per week because of other activities. The faculty representatives do coordinate meetings between clubs and publish a calendar. Conflicts are worked out early in the school year, and continuously throughout the year. Discussion identified the only alternatives were before or after school, but those were not entirely beneficial because of the amount of students they may not be able to attend, and would conflict with sports practices. A lunch time meeting maximizes student availability. Discussion continued about the amount of activities available and the relatively small number of students to participate in them. After a motion was made to close this issue, a vote was held and the motion upheld. [CLOSED]
 - c. Brown Water - Water in the school was tested and is monitored on a recurring basis. The water at BAS is safe. The work that was done on the water pipes required the water be turned off. When water in a plumbing system is turned off, and then turned back on, sediment that is normally settled in the pipes is unsettled and comes out in the form of brown water. This is normal for older plumbing systems. The fix action for the problem of brown water is to run the water for a time period until the sediment settles again. Since the water fountains were not used, the brown water did not get a chance to settle. [CLOSED]
- 9) New Business or Open Forum –
- a. Water Fountains – While inspecting the brown water problem, several water fountains were identified that need to be replaced. The cost will be \$15,000, and is a DoDDs reimbursable expense. [OPEN]
 - b. Gymnasium Dedication - A suggestion was raised to name the new gymnasium after a former student who recently passed away. This student was very active in the BAS Sports program. [OPEN]
- 10) The meeting adjourned at 18:30h. The next BASAC meeting is June 5 at 17:30h in the BAS Library.

Secretary