

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the December 04, 2008 BASAC Meeting

- 1) Members attending - Three parent representatives, three faculty representatives, the student representative, the Principal, the USAG Brussels Commander, and the School Liaison Officer. The Vice-Principal was not in attendance.
- 2) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 17:30h, welcomed everyone, and provided a brief of issues discussed at the District Advisory Council (DAC).
 - a. The issue of the amount of books that students have to carry home was brought up. Three other schools are experiencing similar problems. The DAC is going to look into alternate solutions such as contacting the publisher to obtain soft copies of the books or online access.
 - b. DoDEA has a new director who is committed to reinvent DoDEA. The director has already stated that there is a glaring shortfall of automation and wants to provide more computers for the classrooms.
 - c. It was announced that there is plenty of money available for facility repair and maintenance. BAS has many requests that will be sent up for funding, so this is good news.
 - d. While the Superintendent was at the school, he commented on the stoic looks of the newly refurbished Elementary building. Teachers should feel free to decorate the walls of their classrooms and hallway.
- 3) Principal's Report –
 - a. Fall Sports – we ended a successful season with the banquet.
 - b. Winter Sports – the season is underway. We are hosting our first wrestling meet this weekend.
 - c. Grade Speed – The service is in use, so parents should be getting information on their student's progress. If parents have any questions in regards to grades, do not hesitate to contact the teacher – email is probably the easiest form of contact.
 - d. Career Day – The Juniors participated in career day at USAG. Among other events, the students took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test.
 - e. Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Results – Students received the result packets and the counselor is meeting with each of them to discuss the results.
 - f. Substance Abuse Councilor – Currently there is no Substance Abuse Councilor here at BAS. We have arranged for the counselor from AFNORTH to come down to meet with students and parents until one can be permanently assigned to BAS.

- g. High School Play – the production was a great success.
 - h. Student Pictures – Taken and distributed.
 - i. Christmas Band Concert on December 9th.
 - j. Ground Breaking – The MILCON Project starts on 18 December, but a ceremony was held on 4 December.
 - k. Roof – The roofs of all of the buildings will be replaced. The Weight Room building will be the first, and the other buildings will be done after spring.
- 4) Vice-Principal's Report – Not present, but the Principal briefed that several unfunded requests have been submitted for facility repair and maintenance: wheel chair ramp for the entrance, painting, stage floor, stage curtain, MPR floor, and sound system for the MPR.
- 5) Student Representative's Report
- a. Sadie Hawkins Dance – The dance was held, but attendance was poor.
 - b. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be administered on Saturday, 6 December.
- 6) Garrison Commander's Report
- a. Extended Mailroom Hours – For the holidays, the APO mailroom will be open from 0800h to 1800h. If the teachers need to meet earlier, they can contact the APO and arrange for pickup.
 - b. The floor of the Gymnasium will be replaced after the basketball season.
 - c. Land Lease – Negotiations are still ongoing with the Commune.
 - d. Speed Bumps – The speed bumps at the gate and in front of the school have been removed.
 - e. Drop Off Lane – The planters in front of the school will be moved next week to make the drop off lane in front of the school available for use.
- 7) Open Forum
- a. Locked Doors – What is the policy on locking the doors of the school foyer? Is it possible to have more master keys cut for teachers? [OPEN]
 - b. Dance Hours – The last school dance was scheduled from 1800-2100h. Many students did not get home from sports practice until after the start of the dance. This was most likely the reason for the lack of participation. The possibility of starting the next dance at 1900-2200h was discussed. Using the 3-Star lounge as an alternate venue was also discussed; this option would incur a charge of \$40 per hour, and could be considered by the classes.

- c. SAT Prep Course – Is there any chance of getting an SAT Prep Course for students? The principal stated that there was no room in the budget this year. Many students have hired private tutors. Next year there is a possibility for a course at BAS. The Garrison could potentially host a tutor through the SKIES program. That option will be looked at for now. [OPEN]
 - d. DoDDs Survey – In order to encourage parents to participate in the DoDDs Survey, one of the parent representatives volunteer to draft a letter from BASAC to advertise the survey. [OPEN]
- 8) CLOSING REMARKS – There is a new AAFES Food Manager and we are looking to invite them to the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 18:18h. The next meeting will be on 5 February at 1730h in the Teachers Conference room at BAS.

Secretary