

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the March 05, 2009 BASAC Meeting

1) Members attending - Three parent representatives, three faculty representatives, the student representative, the Principal, the Vice-Principal, the School Counselor, the USAG Brussels Commander, and the School Liaison Officer. The AAFES Manager and two parents were also in attendance.

2) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 17:30h, welcomed everyone, introduced the new School Liaison Officer, and the AAFES Manager. He also stated that all six BASAC positions will be up for election this year, and that we have identified an individual to handle the elections that will take place in May. Expect to see a call for nominations in the PNL and the DB.

3) Principal's Report -

a. Enrollment is at 295 students. Due to low enrollments and budget constraints, we will lose teaching positions. Two of our teachers will be retiring. So we are losing one teaching slot. As a result, there will be a combined Kindergarten and First Grade class. This decision was based on current and anticipated enrollments.

b. New Kindergarten entry cut-off date. The date is changing from 31 October to 1 September to align with most of the states in the US. This will take effect next school year.

c. Tera-Nova Testing from March 9-12. Parents should encourage students to eat well and get rest.

d. Winter Sports - we ended a successful season. Wrestling got first place, Girls Basketball got second, and Boys Basketball got third.

e. Spring Sports - the season is underway. We are hosting our first and only home track meet on 25 April.

f. Senior Dinner success. Thanks to key people, we have been getting good feedback.

g. International Dinner is this Saturday.

h. MILCON. Temporary walkways are in place. Construction will be ongoing. Drilling for pilings will soon commence, expect noise.

i. Gym floor - The Garrison will be replacing the gymnasium floor. Work is scheduled to commence on 27 March and is projected to end on 11 May.

j. DoDDs Survey- No update on results or feedback. We will provide update when it becomes available.

4) Vice-Principal's Report - Funding approved for new roof, refurbish stage, water fountains, classrooms painted. Most to be complete over the summer. The water fountains are here, but the Garrison will work on installation.

5) Student Representative's - Nothing to report

6) Garrison Commander's Report

a. Sand - New sand in long jump pit.

b. Moles - Something will be done to take care of the moles on the sports field.

c. Town Hall - the next town hall meeting will take place on April 16. It is military child month, so expect activities for kids.

d. Land Lease - We have run into zoning problems with the commune. It is possible that by summer time, they will rezone the land for recreational use.

7) School Liaison Officer's Report

a. Driver's Education - Funding has been provided for a Driver's Education class through the garrison. The driving simulator and instructor are down in SHAPE, so the garrison is going to arrange to bus students to SHAPE for the class. Class dates are yet to be determined, but the tentative schedule starts over the summer break. The priority will be to 18-year olds first.

8) Old Business

a. SAT Prep Course - The SKIES Program will offer an SAT Prep Course for students in tenth through twelfth grades. The current plan is for a week long "intensive session" from August 17-21 (times TBD), and another weekly course in the Fall to meet Sunday from 13:00h-16:00h. The cost will depend on the number of students participating. Look for more details to come from the CYSS. [CLOSED]

b. Locked Doors - Doors are opened prior to events. [CLOSED]

9) New Business

a. BAS Handbook - Currently there is no requirement to acknowledge receipt and agreement to the guidelines in the Student Handbook. Based on recent violations, it seems that it would be a good idea to have parents and students acknowledge receipt and agreement to the guidelines. There is a page of the book dedicated to just that purpose. Efforts will be made to collect the agreements. [CLOSED]

b. DoDDs Homework Policy - Recommend BAS relook their homework policy contained in Student Handbook to align with DoDDs policy. Changes will be made in the Student Handbook to reflect what DoDDs policy states. [OPEN]

c. Team Teaching - Can BAS explore the idea of Team Teaching? Some teachers are already using the concept informally amongst themselves. The fact that our school is small makes it easier for teachers to coordinate, but the key ingredient to most successful Team Teaching efforts is a common planning period and that is very difficult to facilitate in a small school. [OPEN]

10) AAFES Food Manager

a. Currently serving about 138 lunches per day on average.

b. A parent representative brought up the fact that school lunches seem to be less than nutritious. The school lunches are approved by a Nutritionist. AAFES does offer a secondary main course, which may seem repetitive and could explain the problem. All items such as fries, corn dogs, and chicken nuggets are baked as opposed to being fried.

c. A faculty representative brought up the fact that we seem to be running out of choice items.

d. The last Food Manager was going to arrange an Open House for parents. Is it possible to readdress that idea?

11) CLOSING REMARKS - A MILCON Project Update will be on the next meeting agenda. The meeting adjourned at 18:45h. The next meeting will be on 2 April at 1730h in the Library at BAS.

Secretary