

SAC Minutes*

December 8, 2008

Our goals: The School Advisory Committee of the Geilenkirchen Elementary School will support the school's CSP goal of helping every student to improve reading comprehension across the curriculum and to achieve at the highest level possible by:

- a. Developing, promoting, and maintaining a network of partnerships with families and military members
- b. Working with the Isles District leadership team to increase funding and manpower
- c. Improving the safety and security at school and on the bus

Present-

(*Names have been edited/removed to comply with DoD Web Guidelines. For an unmodified version, please contact the school office.)

1. Approval of Sept minutes

2. Reports by individuals

A. Principal reported on:

1) \$8k received for supplies. \$3500.00 allocated to the Information Center for new books.

2) HOSTS- Two individuals working with the First grade and Fourth grade. HOSTS tutors are available for all teachers. Teachers should request a HOST Tutor through Principal. The HOSTS program provides 1:1 or small group tutoring for remediation in Math and/or Reading.

3) The lunch program seems to be running smoothly now.

4) Staffing-We have 193 students. Staffing authorizations are IAW DoDEA guidelines for elementary schools. Fifth grade is a large class with 29 and Second grade has two classes, with one being a 2/3 split. Overall, grades 4-6 are within DoDEA acceptable average numbers.

5) Staffing Document will be out in January.

6) Playground repair is top priority and should be completed during the summer of '09 if funding is secured.

- 7) Extra Duty Compensations- The positions are filled. They include the Homework Club, German Club, Art Club and HOSTS to name a few.
- 8) Classroom Lighting- Most likely to be done over the summer.
- 9) DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey- Available online until February 1, 2009. The completion percentage for GKES is approx 30%.
- 10) Falcon Flyer- S.S. is the new publisher. The Falcon Flyer is a biweekly "e" news letter for the GKES community.
- 11) Dec 17th a brief assembly for a flag presentation. A US flag from Iraq will be presented to the school.
- 12) Fall Break- December 19th School ends at 1100.
- 13) DoDEA Director- utilizing task groups to evaluate programs. We will see a restructuring of DoDDS-E and DSO offices.

B) New Business-

- 1) Mission Statement for GKES- The mission statement was emailed to a random group of parents and teachers for review.
- 2) Emergency telephone- Individuals are still getting "locked" on campus. They were not aware of the location of the phone. It is on the kindergarten playground. The information and location of the phone will be added to the User's Guide. The number to dial is 9*9 for the MPs.
- 3) Substitutes for PD- Professional Development subs have been "frozen". No substitute available for covering the Information Center this week while R.B. is away for training.
- 4) Klein Brogel- The question was raised if sending the IC Specialist to Klein Brogel comes out of the Klein Brogel budget. Principal says no and that won't change as at most the IC Specialist will go to Klein Brogel about once a quarter.

5) Tree removal- Trees were removed were either infested, dead or taken out for safety issues. Lt Col G. will inquire if the base has plans to plant new trees.

6) Computer Lab- Security standards were reviewed for the computers. It was determined that the security was below standard and now ET, Ms. S., is no longer authorized to change, add or remove software from the computers. Work orders should have a response within 2wks, not necessarily fixed, so if there is no communication after two weeks, Principal should be notified.

7) Large size classes- Parents still concerned over the number of children in the 5th grade. The size of the room also has parents concerned in the event of an emergency. Evacuations are planned monthly and have all been successful. Students in a small math group are receiving special instruction from CompEd, Ms W..

C) SLO will inquire about Military volunteers willing to come to the school and read or work in science/math with the children. She also gave us the 470th's Holiday hours schedule.

D) Lt Col G.- schedule permitting will plan to attend future meetings.

E) Next SAC Meeting is March 9th, 2009.