

SAC Minutes*

Sept 22, 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. Minutes of meeting, 20 May, 2008 will be emailed to members for approval
2. Reports by individuals

A. Principal reported on:

1) Shared a SAC slide show for policy, procedure, and regulations of SAC.

This slide show will be posted on the school's website.

2) Budget- The budget should be out after Oct 1st. The Isles DSO did not fund any of the GK UFR's. Money has not been released.

3) Kindergarten date change- The cut-off birthday for children entering Kindergarten has been changed from Oct. 31 to September 1st. There is a PPT program that will be on the school's website for those interested in the details of the study results and why the change. The suggestion was made to share this PPT display with parents' future Kindergartners during this year. Flyers will be posted around base and be included in the local media and bulletins.

4) New Report Cards- Grades 4-6 has a new report card starting this year. Teachers have received training on the web based program for grades and attendance. Teacher for grades 4-6 should be up and running with the program NLT the end of the first quarter.

- 5) Staffing-We have 193 students. Fifth grade is a large class with 29 and Second grade has two classes, with one being a 2/3 split. Overall grades K-6 are within DoDEA guidelines for class size.
- 6) Playground- Repair is top priority. Money is not yet available for this project but it is a high DoDDS-E priority.
- 7) Extra Duty Compensation- Filling the positions and offering after school activities. Dr. Emerson will give details of these activities at the next SAC meeting.
- 8) Lunch program- Two entrée choices- a little hectic at beginning of year but teachers and students have a good routine now.
- 9) Director of DoDEA- Shirley Miles
- 10) TERRA NOVA- The test scores are posted in the hallway by the door to the courtyard. Over all scores are above the "norm". Terra Nova graphs show GK students are scoring well.
- 11) NCA will be visiting in Spring 2010. If any parent sis interested in serving on our school improvement committee they are asked to contact Principial.
- 12) SLO- L.S. is the SLO. She will be on board within the next week and will be invited to the next SAC meeting.
- 13) Commander- Col M., Gen S. and LTCol G. will be invited to attend the SAC meetings.

B) New Business-

- 1) The next SAC meeting will be 8 Dec, 2008. The remainder meetings have been set as follows. March 9th and May 11th. There will be an Election Subcommittee established in April for voting of a new Committee Chair and new teacher representative.

2) Parents expressed concern over the Sept 11th memorial and the living overseas video. Some students were deeply effected and parents request that they are advised of this information in advance. Principal will include notification of these events with the Parent handbook at the beginning of the year.

3) Read 180/ Math Spec Ed. – C.W. is continuing the Read 180 program and Principal will discuss potential Math assistance should the teachers have students that need help.

4) HOSTS- Tutoring, 2 individuals have been hired for GK. Teachers will put in requests for the tutoring assistance.

5) Brief discussion about teaching the students cursive writing. What grade should they begin learning? Is there time in the day to include teaching cursive?

6) School Gate key – Anyone signing out the school gate key should return it to the YELLOW drop box outside the supply office. It should be returned when the function is over and not the next day.

7) Concerns over receiving the Falcon Flyer were expressed. One was written but several parents state it was never received. We will resend it and when M.H. returns L.M. will ask her about the publishing schedule.