

Daegu American School
School Advisory Committee **MINUTES**
4:00 PM November 2, 2012
Room 412, DAS



Principal Report, SAC
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Attendance: All members present except for Tess Garza

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Principal's Remark (see attached)
- III. Old Business
 - a. AAFES lunch program
 - i. Survey will be sent out by next meeting to address concerns in a general SAC Survey.
 - ii. Paula Henderson will be invited after the survey has been returned.
 - b. Combining Open House and Meet & Greet due to low attendance at Open House
 - i. Will be sent out to parents in the SAC survey
 - ii. Parents will be asked if they want both the open house (explaining what this is) and the Meet/greet or only the Meet/greet
 - c. Scheduling of Open House
 - i. Not our decision; that is based on Garrison's calendar (CLOSED)
- IV. New Business
 - a. AAFES Lunch program—will be addressed in survey
 - b. Letter requesting 3 most pressing issues
 - i. Reply separately (CLOSED)
- V. From SAC members
- VI. From educators and administrators
 - a. Pilot program seeking endorsement and support from SAC to have a half-day once a month, beginning in January. It would be the last Friday of the month. It would be a staff training day for curriculum alignment, team planning, professional development, and school improvement. It would not be used for classroom work.
 - b. Motion to support/endorse made, accepted, and passed.
 - c. Question will be included in SAC survey to parents about their support.
- VII. From Parents/Guardians
 - a. Why can't students do homework on bus?
 - i. Principal committed to following up with Mr. Dudley and, if needed, follow up with the DSO. Email was sent Fri 11/2/2012 7:25 AM and cc'd to all SAC members. Awaiting response from Mr. Dudley.
 - ii. Motion to table until further communication can be obtained.
 - b. Why can't educators have access to Wifi on the base?
 - i. Principal explained that DSO has extensive regulations regarding Wifi and access, and we must abide by those regulations. This is not a SAC issue (CLOSED).
 - c. Numbers in 3rd and 5th grades are a concern.
 - i. Request by parent to elevate this to the DSO.
 - ii. Further clarification by Laurel says she has revisited the math; we are not at 22. She says in an email dated 11/2/2012, "I went back and re-calculated and the student per teacher ratio/PTR for third grade is 17 students to one teacher. I have requested additional staffing for fifth grade." (CLOSED)
 - d. Concern about communication between the Garrison, DSO/DAS about numbers and who is coming/not coming.

- i. Request that there should be a central reporting agency to give better information about who is coming to the installation. More communication about incoming numbers and grades by Garrison commander.
- ii. Poses a problem for hiring teachers, planning for space, classrooms, etc.
- iii. Motion to send this matter to the IAC as there's nothing we can do about it at our level. Motion accepted. (CLOSED)

VIII. Next SAC Meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday, January 10, 2013.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.