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School Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1600 Information Center
Minutes

- Welcome
 - In attendance
 - Parent Representatives
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 - Faculty Representatives
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 - Also Present
- Principal's Report
 - Enrollment – 487; have not yet met anticipated goal of 530
 - Military must provide official letter by end of October confirming that they expect enrollment to increase by “x” amount; if goal of 530 is not confirmed, 4.5 teachers could be deemed excess
 - School website continues to be modified weekly to bring information up-to-date. IAW DoDEA Web Publishing Guidelines, website may not contain “blogs” or usage counters.
 - Provide link to School Advisory Committee (SAC) on website – update community on progress of Committee; include generic e-mail address (principal's address) for community to provide input/suggestions and pose questions for SAC consideration/discussion
 - Grade Speed – so far nothing negative reported from parents/teachers/students; teachers are still learning some of the intricacies of the program. Difficult to assess if all families are accessing the site. Parents appreciate daily updates and notification of upcoming assignments.
 - Homecoming events (18 Oct) – Homecoming events were very enjoyable. A true sense of community was displayed at the events. It was obvious that the community feels pride and ownership of their schools. The High School band performing at the Football game enhanced the event.
 - Should look for more opportunities to include the band members at events (basketball, football home games).
 - Recommend Homecoming Week NOT be held during a short week.
 - New school newsletter was published in September; goal is to keep it relevant, and to showcase accomplishments of students in school, on the field, and in co-curricular activities

- Buildings 730 and 731 (Middle School portables) – work is continuing
 - Bldg. 730 has unpleasant odor
 - Analytical data on Terra Nova test results (last school year) for our school will be reviewed at next SAC Meeting.
 - Graduation – Background: Principal received DoDEA guidance that “separation of church/state” issue prevented school-related ceremonies from being held in religious institutions. A letter was submitted by our administration to the DoDEA General Council to request an exception to policy based on the historical, not religious, significance of the Collegiale (in Mons), where commencement exercises had been held for many years. Additionally, there are minimal alternate facilities in the area to accommodate the anticipated crowd of 700-800 people. The General Council considered the request, and asked for additional information, which was provided.
 - However, because of events occurring in Mons during the month of June, access to the Collegiale has been denied for public use for the entire month. As a result, the commencement exercise will take place at the site of the Beloiel Castle, in the L’Orange building. This will be discussed at the meeting with seniors, parents & faculty tonight. There is a possibility that bus transportation can be provided for families and guests. A meeting for seniors and their parents will take place this evening to discuss the new venue for commencement.
 - Report cards are completed and being prepared for mailing.
 - A long term sub has requested the parents of the students be notified of the situation.
 - Future SAC Meetings scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1600 in the SAHS Library Conference Room.
 - Next SAC Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 1600 in the SAHS Library Conference Room.
- Old Business, none
 - New Business, see bold questions above.
 - Meeting adjourned at 1645

Respectfully Submitted,

24 October 2008