



“Accelerating Achievement for all Students”

Kadena High School SAC

Meeting Agenda

25 September/1600/KDHS Information Center

1. Welcome/Meeting Norms
2. Annual SAC Training/Refresher
 - Review of Robert’s Rule
3. Presentation of last meeting’s approved minutes
4. Community Announcements
 - How can we advertise SAC meetings
 - SLO can send information to commands, AFN, social media
5. Constructive Engagement:
 - Transparency between parents and teachers
 - Mutual respect
 - Open-minded vs rote learning to multiple perspectives – past practice is not always the best practice
6. Official Teacher Members
 - Ms. Alcazar
 - Ms. Hamilton
 - Mr. Malone
 - Ms. Quiroz
7. Official Parent Members
 - Ms. Frantz
 - Mr. Jackson
 - Mr. McKinney
 - Ms. Nelson
8. Reports:
 - Previous Minutes
 - Nelson – Motion to approve
 - Jackson – 2nd motion to approve
 - SAC Chair: No chair currently; will vote tonight.
 - Principal: Dr. Bleecker
 - Principal’s Report
 - Enrollment – 717 Students (4th largest DoDEA HS)
 - Staffing Vacancies:
 - Office Automation Clerk – Part time currently conducting interviews
 - Administrative Officer – GS position posted in USA Jobs
 - New Incoming Teachers – 2
 - AVID/ELA

- AVID/Math
 - Recent Successful Schoolwide Events:
 - 1:1 schoolwide implementation of Chromebooks
 - AVID schoolwide implementation with Mrs. Quiroz as the AVID Site Coordinator; Focused Collaboration Affinity Groups; Fall Sports Pep Rally during PRIME; Free Homecoming Dance – there were extra funds leading to the dance being free.
 - Worldwide Leadership Conference – 2 weeks ago
 - Discussed secondary content initiatives and suggested policy changes, i.e., graduation, etc. (possibility of AI changes to graduation)
 - Fall Sports/Activities currently underway:
 - Far East Competitions are approaching in October
 - Tennis to Iwakuni
 - Volleyball at KBHS
 - Cross Country in Yokosuka
 - Far East Drill at KDHS
 - Football TBD
 - AVID Program Growth:
 - Guest Speaker Series: Michael Phelps and one of KDHS’ own Seniors during PRIMES October 3rd during 1st session.
 - Schoolwide goals of using WICOR strategies and using technology as a tool in all classrooms.
 - Elective Expansion (4) – Recruitment and Retention
 - Contact Mrs. Quiroz for applications or additional questions.
 - Looking Forward:
 - End of 1st quarter on October 24th (16 instructional days left)
- SLO – Mr. Chance:
 - Single Parents Town Hall 26 September 2024
 - Oktoberfest this weekend
 - Fire Prevention Week begins 04 October
 - Fire Demonstration at the BX 10 October
 - Base Fire Parade 11 October from 10-12
- Other:
 - No school for student 10 October – Medal of Honor Training for Teachers
- Old Business:
 - Topic 1 – Sports:
 - Concerns: Fall Season is considerably shorter than normal, tennis has 8 scheduled matches versus 13 matches last year, football less than last year, and baseball is projected to be less this season compared to last season, soccer is predicted to be in the same situation as baseball. Sports are slowly vanishing from the lives of our students, which potentially impacts the social and emotional wellness of our children, college opportunities, and cheerleaders.
- New Business:
 - Topic 1 – How Can We Support Sports?

- Live stream the sports events. Partner with military community who need volunteer opportunities. Base Command?
 - Medical staff at sporting events. Sports are a DoDEA sponsored event, meaning DoDEA is responsible for the safety of our students and students who travel to play our team. Hospital Command?
 - More games? More travel? Partnership with local community? Intramurals with base personal?
 - Other Solutions:
 - Partner with logistics?
 - Budget increase for Okinawa since we are in a remote location and don't have the opportunities to play others outside of KBHS?
 - This was already elevated last year and denied at the RAC.
 - Topic 2 – How Can We Improve Communication?
 - Make sure information gets out to stakeholders.
 - SLOs, Commands, Oki News, Facebook, Instagram, School ET
- Open Forum
 - Parent mentioned that they were concerned about communication issues for incoming students, scheduling issues for incoming students, in particular seniors who should have priority in courses younger students can take in the following years.
 - Parent mentioned that seniors should have priority in AP courses
 - Other concerns:
 - Why is PSAT scheduled during Far East?
 - Why can't the area Athletic Director look at the PSAT schedule created by College Board prior to determining Far East Events?
 - Can there be a policy change made regarding graduation? Perhaps an exception to policy regarding location?
 - EDAs: Why were some EDAs not in place at the beginning of school – yearbook and clubs
- Closing
 - After a lengthy discussion on the degradation of sports: Lack of games, lack of scholarship and recruitment opportunities, lack of community contacts, lack of college opportunities, lack of filming, and an overall lack of concern for the social and emotional well-being of students.
 - Dr. Bleecker led a discussion to narrow the focus and wrote down three items to possibly elevate to ODAC in the future, and possible solutions to the concerns.
 - Graduation: Last year there was an exception to policy, because the bleachers were out of order. Dr. Bleecker referenced the A.I. 1367.01, which mentions that it must held at KDHS unless an exception to policy is approved. One major concern again is the isolation students in Okinawa go through. The gymnasium does not allow for students to have all their loved ones and friends to be present during graduation. Social and emotional well-being is another concern of many parents in changing the venue of graduation.
 - Roles chosen for this SAC year
 - Chair – Mr. Jackson

- Nominated by Ms. Nelson with a 2nd by Ms. Frantz
 - Vice Chair – Ms. Frantz
 - Nominated by Ms. Nelson with a 2nd by Mr. Jackson
 - Secretary – Ms. Nelson
 - Nominated by Ms. Frantz with a 2nd by Mr. Jackson
 - Mr. Jackson will need a draft agenda 2 weeks prior to the next meeting date
- Next Meeting
 - November 20th, 2024. 1600 in the KDHS IC.