

**School Advisory Committee
OAES Meeting**

Subject: Meeting Minutes

Date: 23 October 2008

Time: 1500 - 1600

Location: OAES Room 107

Members in Attendance: Linda Weston, Chairperson
James Lloyd, Vice Chairperson
Katie Stephensen, Secretary
David L. Petree, OAES Principal
Rebecca Westlake, School Liaison Officer
Clover Stephenson, Teacher
Kristin Mitchell, Teacher
Monica Thompson, Parent

Guests in Attendance: Leslie Tervin, Parent
TSgt Damian Lovio, Traffic Safety

Meeting called to order: 1500

Welcome and introductions were made.

The September 2008 SAC minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

David Petree reviewed the new Temporary Organizational Chart, showing Doug Kelsey as the Interim Superintendent. Peter Grenier remains as the Acting District Superintendent.

Mr. Petree reviewed the following upcoming events:

- 30 Oct – KAYA program for students from 1100 – 1300, rotating activities.
 - Halloween Parade at 1315
 - PTO Family Fun Night 1800-2000
- 31 Oct – No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 6-7 Nov – Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School for Students

Mr. Petree reviewed the \$75,000 budget for Sure Start/Kindergarten Playground Equipment to be replaced in 2009. The equipment will be moved to the new school. Mr. Petree will purchase a lock for the playground once the GPC card has been funded.

Old Business

Walkway Route from Towers (see attachment 1)

Mr. Lloyd reviewed the current walk route and the proposed walk route. The Committee recommends keeping the current walk route with the recommendation to re-paint the following sidewalks:

- A. The crosswalk from Songtan Blvd crossing the road to building 1012.
- B. The crosswalk in front of the one-way road to Seoraksan Tower, a continuation of crosswalk A.
- C. The crosswalk in front of the MVV park entrance.

- D. The crosswalk crossing the one-way road from Seoraksan Tower.
- E. The crosswalk speed bump from MVV to the school grounds.

TSgt Lovio recommended Route 2 (the current walk route) for those walkers with strollers and Route 1 for walkers without strollers (from Songtan Blvd. up the stairs by Building 1012 to avoid the traffic). The Committee discussed the possibility of putting up a railing, but funds to pay for the railing are not available. The Committee also discussed posting a parent or teacher at the corner to help with the students crossing the street in front of Building 1012 and the one-way road up to Seoraksan Tower.

The Committee agreed to re-address the walking route in December 2008, before the stairs are re-opened in February 2009.

Student Crossing Guards

The sixth graders have been trained and are positioned at the crosswalk E mentioned above, at the crosswalk/stop sign by the Commissary and by the crosswalk from the school to the drop off area by the Main Entrance to the school. The Committee expressed gratitude for the stand-up sign that discourages drivers dropping off students by the pool.

Current Traffic Flow (see attachment 2)

Ms. Westlake reviewed the Current Traffic Flow and the Proposed New Elementary School Drop-off. The Committee discussed the drop-off would not be safe without supervision. The Committee recommends keeping the current drop-off for students, which is through the MVV by the pool.

New Business

District Advisory Committee Meeting

Ms. Weston discussed the quarterly District Advisory Committee (DAC) that she attended with Ms. Westlake. Concern for the high student-teacher ratio was discussed. Col Hall and Col Ellis backed more teachers to lower the student-teacher ratio.

The DAC discussed the possibility of adding a preschool program for 4-year-olds to the DODDs schools. Ms. Mitchell stated that OAES needs a preschool program more than the current Sure Start Program, since it is limited by rank and not as many enlisted are here accompanied with families, who are ineligible to use the Program. It is recommended that the Preschool Program have at least 2 classes to accommodate the number of 4-year-olds. Ms. Westlake stated that though the number of command-sponsored families may increase, it will not increase above the capacity of the hospital to care for the families. At this time the hospital does not have enough space to grow with a large increase in command-sponsored families.

The Committee recommends to the DAC to add a Kindergarten teacher to make the Kindergarten classrooms smaller, and also to initiate a Preschool Program instead of the Sure Start Program.

Ice and Snow Removal

The Committee discussed the potential for accidents on the potentially slippery crosswalks. The Committee discussed the possibility of asking parents to volunteer and help with ice and snow removal. Ms. Westlake will ask Civil Engineering about the priority of ice and snow removal as it pertains to the schools and safety of the students.

It was recommended that bins of sand be placed at the Commissary crosswalk and the crosswalk by the pool. It was recommended that the PTO get involved and ask for volunteers when the time comes. The

Committee discussed the crossing guards helping spread the sand, but that the sand may need to be spread earlier than when the crossing guards arrive. The Committee also discussed asking the Tower Floor Leaders to get involved with the ice and snow removal.

Fog

The Committee discussed the fog delays and how to notify the parents in the event of another fog delay. Mr. Petree noted any school delays are announced on AFN. The MSG Commander drives around the base to test for visibility, and it was recommended that he also drive the bus route off base to test for visibility. Ms. Mitchell stated that the fog off-base tends to be thicker than on-base and driving the bus route would be a good way to test the visibility. The committee suggested that perhaps Mission Support Group should consult an individual off base regarding visibility and safety.

Next Meeting: 20 November 2008, 1500, OAES Room 107

Meeting Adjourned: 1600