

# MINUTES

## **Bamberg Installation Advisory Committee (IAC)**

*14 December 2011*

The meeting was called to order by Jonathan DeLong at 5:00 p.m...

### **In attendance**

BMHS Parent – Ms. Monika Lazaro  
BES Parent – Ms. Samantha Gibson  
BES Professional – Ms. Rhonda Perisee

### **Non-voting**

LTC Steven Morris  
Mr. Dominick Calabria  
Ms. Beverly Erdmann

Mr. Kenneth Harvey  
Dr. Beverly Joiner  
Mr. Jonathan DeLong

### **Meeting Schedule, SY 2011/12**

By unanimous decision meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, 15 February 2012; Wednesday, 18 April 2012; and Wednesday, 30 May 2012.

### **Review of End-of-Year Report, SY 2010/11**

The report was reviewed, including the IAC goals.

### **Committee**

The committee agreed unanimously that the BES Professional representative would assume the duties of Vice-Chairperson. Mr. DeLong volunteered to act as the Secretary until such time as one is elected from the membership. The selection of the Chairperson is delayed until after the return of the BMHS professional representative.

### **Bylaws**

The bylaws were reviewed, minor changes made, and it was the unanimous decision of the voting members to accept the bylaws with the minor changes.

### **Review and Approval – IAC Goals for SY 2011/12**

Goals established and approved by unanimous decision by the committee, are...

1. The IAC will partner with the school to increase communication opportunities with parents and community stakeholders; to raise awareness of school related issues and concerns; to assist the school in connecting with community partners; and to provide feedback about educational goals and activities.
2. The IAC will foster participation in school activities by families, members of the school and the military community.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Dominick Calabria presented his report.

- STARS trip this Friday to Nuremberg.

Principal Beverly Erdmann presented her report.

- School goals in writing resulted in three students participating in a writing competition with DeCA addressing the topic, "Why my family shops at the commissary" and winning computers for each.
- At a recent third grade holiday event (Nutcracker), single Soldiers were presented nutcrackers filled with candy and cookies for all participants. In addition, soldiers from 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB volunteer weekly to work with the first grade class. The students and the teachers appreciated all the help and support.

- Students were recognized recently for their artwork which was included in the DPW Calendar for 2012. The partnership and support of the garrison in helping all of us become more environmentally friendly is appreciated.

### **Garrison Commander's Report**

LTC Steven Morris presented his report...

1. AT/FP for any offpost events. Depending on the event and the number of participants will determine who approves (battalion commander/installation commander/USAREUR). If there is any doubt contact DPTMS either Mr. Lalonde or Mr. McCollum.

2. Winter is here! For updates to base delays and closures the best source of information remains the Bamberg website, including Facebook (<http://www.bamberg.army.mil/index.asp>). The decision is normally limited to a two or four hour delay, closure or early release by the Garrison Commander only. In addition, there are nine individuals that the garrison commander calls directly to inform them of his decision to either delay opening or close the installation. This includes both principals and the managers of the commissary and PX. The base "communicator" may begin making calls to 300 phone lines simultaneously at 3:00 a.m. (0300) to notify individuals of the commanders decision. Anyone receiving this phone call should listen to the entire message and complete the steps at the end of the message. If not, they will continue to receive calls on any phone numbers registered (home, cell, work).

The commander asked all to remember that "red" road condition means only those individuals identified as "essential (key and/or mission) ONLY are allowed to be driving on the streets on installation. For "black" road condition – NO ONE should be driving. The commander made the point that he will pull over any individual driving when this condition has been established. He made the point that the decision is made based on the Families that live off post since they will have to travel on public roads to reach the installation, and that they are usually cleared after the installation roads. He reiterated his intent is to "protect the safety of the community."

3. Student discipline has significantly improved, and he is very proud of the successes of the students. He believes overall they are doing really good.

4. He asked Mr. Calabria (principal, BMHS) concerning the rumors he had heard that Juniors would also like to participate in "open campus" during the lunch hour. He further stated that the decision to expand the "open campus" eligibility to other grades at the high school is a school administration decision. He will support their decision until the actions/behaviors of the students off campus cause him to reconsider. He recommended that if the eligibility is expanded it ensure that those same rules for participation be applied and understood by the students.

5. From time-to-time there is a need for the installation to help with transportation when the school cannot provide. He will continue to support as long as there are assets and appropriate. As an example - he cannot support transportation for a varsity team. At the same time, he has supported trying to provide transportation to fans (faculty and family).

### **New Business**

- Spring Break – the BMHS parent proposed an expansion of the spring break from one to two weeks in DoDDS Europe schools. This proposal was withdrawn by the parent. She believed it should be presented to the BMHS School Advisory Committee.
- Town Halls – the BES parent asked about installation town hall meetings. LTC Morris explained that he has done these from time to time; however the best source has been the monthly Community Resource Forum (CRF) meetings where spouses are welcome to attend. In addition, there are Tenant Unit Commander's Conferences (TUCC) to share information.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 15 February, at 5:00p.m., large conference room, Bamberg Middle/High School.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:40 p.m. and was approved unanimously.