

**Naples High/Middle School SAC
Meeting Minutes
03 April 2012**

Members Present	Position	Representation
[REDACTED]	Chair	Parent
[REDACTED]	Vice-Chair	Parent
[REDACTED]	Secretary	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Representative	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Representative	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Union	Lead Union Rep. (LUR)
[REDACTED]	Commanding Officer	
Sandy Daniels	Principal	
David Martin	Assistant Principal	
[REDACTED]	School Liaison Officer	

Community Members Present: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

1. Welcome - Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37.
2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes - minutes are approved as published.
3. Old Business
 - a. Parent Forum Review - Principal

(1) Lesson learned from the 28 March parents forum. It was too long with redundant issues. Not happy with the lack of time for parents to ask questions. One parent was quite aggressive about students not being allowed off campus for lunch. It is my watch and I am responsible. Going back to the presentation itself—it was about an hour to long. It was telling that we had only 40 people show up. The parents that did come were definitely the choir.

Side note—NOSC has provided 20 outfits for free so that students who violate dress code have something to wear.

Chair: In a consumer society if people have more issues, they will choose to come.

Principal—I still think there needs to be another parent orientation in the fall and parents and students need more time to wander the halls before the start of school. We did not want to conflict with the block party and we need to plan it correctly to honor teachers time.

Chair -I thought the block party was very successful. It would be good to capitalize on that population to provide school information. SLO-I see the block party as a celebration—marketing the school successes, sports, etc.

Daniels: We are happy to say that our schedule is finished. We will be ready.

Martin: By the end of the week we should be able to have a course matrix and we can adjust it after break. We may be able to hand out a schedule before students leave.

██████████—the danger is handing out schedules and then having them change.

Martin: We are in a position were students will have schedule for the first day of school.

General agreement: we are not having as many concerns from parents about the attendance policy. Martin: We have only had a few students referred to the Student Support Team because attendance is impacting grades.

a. Honors Course Credit Consideration Request to DAC - School Liaison Officer

We have a weekly SLO meeting. I requested that -- whether or not they endorse our proposal --we open the channel of communications between the SAC's We have still have not heard back.

██████████: It is not fair to students who are working so hard to get a B in an honors course when others can get an A in a much easier course.

██████████: In the last honors course revision (February 2011) we looked at this issue. One of the issues is the disparity not all schools have equally rigorous honors courses. We recommended that the district review the weighting issue and standardize honors courses. The recommendations are not yet in affect.

Chair: In general if you can incentivize honors and AP, College Board research shows SAT scores improve. The chair tasked the vice-chair to put together some language to take to the DAC.

Vice-Chair: Report back from Rota—they do not have passion for it or against it but would like to know how it goes.

b. Bylaws - Chair received no comments. With no objections, we are now operating under those bylaws.

c. Installation Advisory Committee input - Vice-chair

SOL-NOSC did elections by Survey Monkey. It encourages people to vote because it is easy and anonymous. It is linked to e-mail so each person can vote only once. Will forward information to election committee chair. Principal will call [REDACTED] tomorrow.

No new issues have come up for IAC.

Chair: It is important that issues have a forum; an issue may seem trivial but we can use them to communicate a bigger picture.

2. New Business

a. Graduation Venue - Principal

Due to legal changes, cost, etc. we will not be holding graduation at the Italian Air Force Academy. The parents have been remarkable working in teams to make this happen. We will have Carney Park for graduation. MWR is pulling out the stops. Students are saying, "We are special because who else will graduate on the top of a volcano?" I know that the parents are going to make it beautiful. Parents have described wonderful plans for baccalaureate and it is all about next steps and family. It is not 100% but it sure beats 8000 Euro. There will be a reception afterwards behind where the audience will be for 45 minutes and possibility a dinner for parents afterwards. We are expecting about 500 people. Our concern is getting all friends and relatives on the base in a timely fashion. [REDACTED] concern is force protection: how can we adequately protect while pulling it off in a timely manner. We want to make sure we are ahead of any difficulties with passes.

[REDACTED] said that 500 is nothing compared to an event like the 4th of July.

b. CSI Update - Principal

Daniels yielded to the union representative who has a lead role in planning the May 4th staff development.

LUR: We are having an early release day on May 4th. We will have 3 teacher presenters. [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It is different than

what we have done before. The faculty will rotate through all three sessions. It will be sort of a mini-educators day. --hopefully the first step toward a full one next year.

Martin: [REDACTED] I will both be going on QAR visits so they will be able to bring back information to brief the staff prior to next year.

Chair: As we will transition to the new ASPEN system for grades for next year. How will we communicate that to the team?

Principal: This is a point well taken. We need to raise this question with the DSO. We need to train parents and teachers so that they are ready to use ASPEN at the start of next year. LUR: This will be part of the PD that will be a part of our back to school training.

Martin: Clarification—we will not have the software conversion issue we had this year because ASPEN will be our only system with no lag time.

Daniels: Update Two new teachers coming in -one from Lajes and one from the elementary school we have 2 teachers retiring. We spent our budget and asked for more and the request was granted. Our teacher and sport requests were fully funded. Our lockers have been funded and are ordered. Middle and high school students will be separated. We still have some study trip budget. Study trips are still scheduled through June 1. Wireless will be available all the way through the stadium. Additional technology and furniture has been ordered. Prom is formal with no dress code requirement but with a conduct contract to be signed to dance face to face and student dates must have graduated within the year.

3. New items for next meeting
The election will be done before the school year is out.

4. Adjournment 5:27