

Brussels American School Advisory Committee (BASAC)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Nov. 2, 2006 BASAC Meeting

- 1) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.
- 2) Members attending: Three parent representatives, three teacher representatives, and a student representative.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) School Medicine Policy: Since an announcement earlier in the year, the policy has been clarified. Of primary concern: over-the-counter medicine does not need to involve the school/school nurse; but for prescription drugs, the school must be notified and involved in the administration of the drugs during school hours and during official school sports and activities trips.
 - b) Driver's Ed Program for local teens: The SAC Chair has formally requested the USAG-Brussels Commander to explore how the Garrison may be able to help make such a program available.
 - c) School Improvement Plan: A teacher representative reported that BAS is currently in the first year of a five year plan, during which new goals and a new mission statement will be agreed upon. During a recent In-Service Day, teachers, parents and students agreed on a preliminary goal for K-12: "All students will improve in writing and problem solving abilities across the curriculum." The next steps will include pre-tests, treatment, and eventually post-tests.
- 4) Principal's Report: In the Principal's absence, a teacher representative noted that an assortment of research on Block Scheduling had been compiled and provided by the Principal, in order to assist with the SAC's discussion. The Student Liason inserted that the Student Council has discussed the issue informally, and thus far there are mixed feelings among students.
- 5) Assistant Principal's Report: In the Assistant Principal's absence, a teacher representative reported the following:
 - a) New Parking Lines around the school are expected to be completed this weekend.
 - b) MILCON will visit on 7 to 9 November for the second phase of the new Gym/Fine Arts Building Project. After some discussion concerning who will be involved in the visit, the Chair indicated a commitment to follow-up with the Principal and MILCON in order to ensure that all essential school and community stakeholders will be involved in the visit.

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- c) New keys for the Gym, Weight Room and Front Office Building were recently distributed to personnel. If community members wish to access these buildings, approval for checking out any keys must come from the Assistant Principal's Office.
 - d) The sinkhole near the library has been repaired and adjacent to the sink hole a new sidewalk was christened last week.
 - e) An Area Office Representative is scheduled to visit next week to address Life Safety Codes Changes for BAS.
- 6) Athletic Director's Report:
- a) The Men's Cross Country Team repeated as Division III & IV Champions.
 - b) The Men's and Women's Tennis Team won the Division IV Championship.
 - c) The Volleyball team is currently defending their Division IV #1 seed at the European Championships. (They went on to win the European D IV crown for the first time in BAS Volleyball history.)
 - d) The Football team earned a playoff berth this year with only 15 players.
 - e) The Fall Sports Banquet will be Nov. 9 in the MPR.
 - f) Dead Week—the one week between seasons during which students are not to be involved in any school-sponsored athletic activities—is Nov. 6-10. Nov. 13 is the first practice date for the Winter Sports Season. Competition begins on Dec. 1.
- 7) Student Liaison Report:
- a) The Middle School recently held elections for Student Council.
 - b) The Sophomore Class has chosen a theme for Winter Formal.
 - c) The High School SCA is looking to acquire a drink vending machine. If this is approved, the SCA would like to split the cost of the machine between classes and student organizations.
- 8) USAG-Brussels Commander Report:
- The Commander was not present.
- 9) Open Forum Issues:
- None.
- 10) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Secretary