

Brussels American School Advisory Committee (BASAC)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the May 3, 2007 BASAC Meeting

- 1) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM and welcomed those in attendance.
- 2) Members attending: Three parent representatives, three teacher representatives, and the student representative. Also attending: the School Principal & Assistant Principal, the Community Coordinator & the Community Commander.
- 3) Old Business: The Chairman noted that ballots for the election of next year's BASAC had been distributed and made widely available. Ballots are due 29 May.
- 4) Principal's Report:
 - a) The Principal reminded the Chair that an End of Year Report is required at the end of this SAC's term. The Chair indicated that the EOY Report would be available for SAC members to review before sending forward.
 - b) The Principal noted that the Elementary School drama production of Cinderella would be performed Friday evening, May 4 in the MPR.
 - c) Regarding the MILCON project for a new gymnasium, the Principal affirmed that while the size of the facility cannot change, the Isles District Engineer is more than willing to reconsider the current configuration of rooms and the possibility of moving walls. Input from interested stakeholders at the school will be heard after the 35% design phase is complete.
 - d) In response to a question from the Chair, the Principal affirmed that she is waiting for the revised SAC Memo on Block Scheduling. The Principal will then proceed by meeting with faculty representatives in order to gauge staff interest in Block Scheduling.
- 5) Athletic Director's Report:
 - a) As seasons are winding down, Track currently has one Qualifier for Europeans on May 18-19, and Boys & Girls Soccer Europeans are scheduled for May 16-18. Both teams can clinch a Conference Championship this weekend.
 - b) The Spring Sports Banquet is scheduled for May 24, and Athletic Awards will also be announced at the School Awards Assembly on May 25.
 - c) The Chair noted that a follow-up email was forwarded to the DODEA AD regarding SAC's previous proposals for realignment of various sports divisions and formats. While most in attendance expressed disappointment at the slow response from Wiesbaden, the Chair agreed to revisit the previously sent Memo, with the BAS AD, and then to decide with SAC how to proceed.

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6) Student Liaison's Report:

The Cinderella Play is tomorrow night; AP testing will occur over the next 2 weeks; the Middle School Field Day is May 31 & the HS Field Day/SCA elections are the 25th; Prom is May 26.

7) The USAG Brussels Commander's Report:

- a) Due to rumors and widely circulating emails regarding sexual assaults at AquaWalabi, the Command is working with local police to obtain accurate information on the incident(s) for the community. An investigation ongoing with SHAPE authorities may—in a worst-case scenario—result in the Amusement Park/Water Park being placed off limits for uniformed personnel.
- b) Regarding the newly established "Teen Fitness Center," located in the lobby of the campus Racquetball Court each school day afternoon between 1500 and 1800, the Commander indicated that some students have signed up for this free service (which provides a haven for students during the time between school or sports practices and Youth Services sports activities). The Commander indicated an intention to continue advertising the service, but if there is not enough interest in this over the remainder of the school year, it will most likely end. In response to a question from the AD, the Commander confirmed the availability of the Racquetball Court—or the best possible facility—for visiting sports teams to use during overnight stays.
- c) The Commander expressed dissatisfaction with the current allotment of Summer Hire positions for the Brussels Community. According to Wiesbaden, Brussels is being allowed only 12 positions this summer as opposed to 30 two years ago. The Commander will try to encourage as many applicants as possible as this seems to be the most likely way to have our allotment increased.
- d) After reporting no news on the subject of the MILCON project for the Fine Arts/Music Building and the Gymnasium, the Commander agreed with SAC members on the fundamental importance of ensuring that a Contracting Officer Representative (COR) is assigned specifically to this BAS Construction site.

8) Other Business:

Though a SAC member—who attended last week's European Schools Council meeting in Stuttgart—was informed that a liberal release policy had been agreed upon for parents wishing to excuse their children a few days before Christmas Break 2007, the Principal had not yet received guidance of this nature from Dr. Tafoya.

9) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Secretary