

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the April 02, 2009 BASAC Meeting

- 1) Members attending - Three parent representatives, three faculty representatives, the student representative, the Principal, the Vice-Principal, the USAG Brussels Commander, and the School Liaison Officer. The MILCON Project Manager and one parent were also in attendance.
- 2) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 17:36h, welcomed everyone, and reiterated the announcement of the call for nominations to the BASAC. The call went out in the DB and the nominations will be accepted until 25 April.
- 3) MILCON Project Update –
 - a. Construction is well underway. Next week during Spring Break, the contractor will be drilling the pilings.
 - b. Completion timeframe is set for April – May 2010. Construction was delayed by about a month due to some environmental testing done on the soil.
 - c. Additional funding was found to award to all options that had to be cut preciously. These included bleachers, lockers, cabinetry, and a storage system for the wrestling mats.
 - d. For safety reasons the contractor will be erecting a fence to define a walking area to bypass the construction area.
 - e. The contractor seems to be very responsive to requests to scheduling around major testing dates such as AP Testing in May. There was a problem at the beginning of the Tera-Nova testing, but it was resolved.
- 4) Principal's Report -
 - a. Stage renovation – Funding has been made available for stage renovations. The only items identified at this point are the stage floor and curtains, but there is a plan in development to improve the lights and sound as well. The Friends of the Arts Organization has offered to help wherever they can with the improvements.
 - b. Exams and Testing - Tera-Nova testing was completed, the ASVAB was re-administered, and AP Exams are scheduled from 4-16 May.
- 5) Vice-Principal's Report –
 - a. Doors – The doors exiting the HS building (north) have been locked by request of the contractor until they can install the gate to keep students from walking into construction traffic patterns.

- b. Water Fountains – The water fountains that need to be replaced have been identified, but have not been purchased yet. The fountains to be replaced are of different sizes, so a decision had to be made on which model to order. Bids have gone out and come back so we should be getting them soon.
- c. The roofing of all buildings will be redone this summer.

6) Student Representative's Report-

Army Family Action Plan Meeting – The students identified three items of interest to them to bring up to AFAP: 1) extra-curricular activities such as voice, drama, or dance, 2) more field trip options, 3) school options for DoD Dependents.

7) Garrison Commander's Report - Nothing to report.

8) School Liaison Officer's Report -

Driver's Education – Specific information is now available and four students are now enrolled. Once we get a handle on the exact numbers, materials will be ordered.

9) Old Business

- a. Homework Policy – The homework policy as stated in the Student Handbook does match the DoDDS homework policy, to a certain degree, but its implementation does not. The Principal said that this will be an agenda item of the next in-service day. [OPEN]
- b. Team Teaching – Due to the size of this school the option of team teaching presents a particular challenge. We are not sure that this is an option for us, but the school administration is still looking into it. [OPEN]

10) New Business

- a. Practice Drop-Off – With the construction underway, dropping off students for sports practice in front of the gymnasium is interfering with construction traffic. It is recommended that parents utilize the clinic parking lot to turn around and drop off students there. [CLOSED]
- b. Locker Rooms – Due to renovations of the gymnasium floor, the locker rooms are not available. Construction will continue through May, but the locker rooms should be available after spring break. This particular issue is due to the contractor using the locker room to transport materials into and out of the gymnasium, and was not anticipated. [CLOSED]
- c. Baseball at BAS – Results of a poll taken from the students indicated that student interest in a baseball team was not sufficient. [CLOSED]
- d. Youth Facility – A question was asked in regards to plans for the new youth facility location. The only available location for a new facility is on the softball field across from

the gymnasium and the weight-room. The decision on the location was not made lightly, and only after comparing the use of the facility to the use of the field. The return on investment was greater if the land was to be used as a youth facility. The plans have been announced and presented at the town-hall meetings. Recreational land will not be available until the land next to the school can be rezoned (summer of 2010). It will then be leased and made available as sports fields. [CLOSED]

11) CLOSING REMARKS - The meeting adjourned at 19:15h. The next meeting will be on 7 May at 1730h in the Library at BAS.

Secretary