

Brussels American School Advisory Committee (BASAC)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Nov. 21, 2011 BASAC/IAC Meeting

- 1) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM and welcomed those in attendance.
- 2) Members attending: Two parent representatives, three teacher representatives, and the student representative. Also attending: the School Principal & Assistant Principal, the Community Commander's Representative (FMWR Director), and the School Liaison Officer.
- 3) Minutes from the September meeting were approved.
- 4) Old Business: None.
- 5) Principal's Report:
 - Parents of Middle School students have brought to the Principal's attention the excessive weight of students' book bags, and inquired as to whether anything could be done to mitigate the number of books students must take home. Based on previous experience with this, the Principal met with some concerned students to see if perhaps organization and prioritizing could help limit the number of books which are actually necessary to carry in book bags at one time. This met with some success. The Principal also put together a list of classes in which books are available online—this list was quite substantial. The list will be placed in the Parent Newsletter, and the SCA President (Student Representative to BASAC) will also raise the issue to HS students to see if it is a problem for HS students as well.
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences in early November were a success, and particularly at the ES/MS level, conferences were fairly well attended.
- 6) Student Liaison's Report:
 - Homecoming was a success, and the SCA has learned from this experience what worked well and what could be improved upon for future dances.
 - The SCA has addressed Bullying at school in plenary session and at grade-level meetings. Bullying was clearly defined—physical as well as verbal—and grade level officers were instructed to take the information back to their respective class meetings.
 - Responding to a question about upcoming dates for school dances, the Student Rep reported that Winter Formal will be on Jan. 7 and that the SCA and junior class are very close to choosing a date for Prom (the only BAS

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dance not at the school) in May. During this discussion it was also noted that the DODEA Jazz Seminar will be hosted by BAS in January.

- 7) The USAG Brussels Commander's Report as relayed by the USAG Brussels FMWR Director:
 - The new CYS facility adjacent to the new BAS gym will not be ready for release to USAG until January or February, a delay from the previously announced goal of December. When the facility is released from the construction company, indoor furnishings will be installed. The facility is not expected to be open until the spring or summer of 2012.
- 8) New Business:

None.
- 9) Open Session: No issues were raised, no Issue Forms were submitted.
- 10) Though the Chairman announced Jan 26 as the date for the next BASAC/IAC meeting, another date may be chosen as some members will be unable to attend on that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Vice Chairman, for Secretary