

April 16, 2025

SAC Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: Jaci Foulke

Meeting Began: 3:31pm

SAC Members in Attendance: Jaci Foulke (Chair), Sarah Cox (Secretary), Scott Tefft (DODEA), Lisa Kurkowski (DODEA), Betty Miller (DODEA), Brittany Martinez (DODEA)
Others in Attendance: SSgt Khari Thompson (representing Camp Courtney for Ashley Hoshihara Cruz), Megan Morrison (Parent), Danielle Tock (Parent)

1. Introductions
2. Presentation of the last SAC meeting's approved minutes
 - a. All staff that wanted to continue with Bechtel can stay thru next year
 - b. Harry Potter day
 - c. Renovation – August 2027 expected construction completion
 - d. Choir performed at tree lighting
 - e. We talked about activity buses and how we can't do that for elementary aged students
 - f. AEFES rep talked about how we can limit sugar and snacks at lunch
 - g. There was an open forum where parents asked about age gaps on buses – concerns with kinder and 5th being on the same bus
3. SAC Chair Report/Update – Chair (Jaci) has nothing new to report at this time
4. Principal's Report
 - a. Renovation Update – on schedule; project manager is still saying August 2027 with confidence. There's no timeline on when they are moving back into the building. But they are saying the reno will be finished in August 2027. BUT once it's finished, there's still a lot to work through like inspections, furniture assembly, etc. which can take a while. Smart Boards get mounted and wired, systems get tested. Kitchen needs to be signed off on. Another thing with moving back into the building is bus schedules. STO not sure that can be reengineered in a short period of time.
 - b. Status of the School
 - c. Upcoming Events

- i. Month of the Military Child is going great. Purple Up days – wear purple shirts on Friday. MotMC Parade on Thursday 4/17 afternoon. Poster competition.
 - ii. Teacher and staff appreciation coming up. May 5-9.
 - iii. 5th Grade End of Year Celebration on Friday, May 9th at the Community Center on McT.
 - iv. April 23rd is the next PTO Meeting.
 - v. Robotics Competition coming up with Mr. Ebert’s club. The kids have been practicing for the competition.
 - vi. Star Wars Day is coming with Ms. Petz and Mrs. Kurkowski. Monday May 5th.
 - vii. Ms. Hoshihara supplied 2 fliers – April 20th Easter Bunny on Camp Courtney Commissary and Exchange (1300 to 1500), which includes an Easter Egg Hunt. Byron is going to put the fliers into the newsletter. There will also be a Brunch with Bunny at Tengan Castle.
 - viii. End of Year Summative Assessments are coming. All levels are in May. Mr. Tefft is really proud of the teachers and kids for how hard they are working. They get tested even on things they learned back in August/September.
 - d. Hiring - in great shape for SY25-26. Bechtel is looking to fill the IT (Librarian) position because Ms. Kurkowski is PCSing. Also working to finish Ms. Stephens LLIM position (special education teacher). Ms. Stephens is moving upstairs to serve the Ryukyu middle school.
 - e. UPK/K will be part of the Kadena Elementary staff next year. Dr. Hayes just felt that there were lots of challenges with having the kids over there, communication, etc. All of the MDR’s were executed this week for SY25-26, so UPK/K becomes part of Kadena until the renovation is done. People can email Dr. Hayes directly if they have any questions.
 - f. Buses – Dr. Hayes has been working with the transportation office, and there shouldn’t be any changes to the bussing schedule. The only change is that the kids will go straight to Kadena, instead of stopping at Ryukyu/Bechtel.
5. School Liaison Officer Report
- a. MCCS School Liaison Officer Diana Mizell
6. Camp Courtney Command/Command Rep
- a. Command Representative Ashley Hoshihara Cruz - Staff Sergeant Thompson came to fill in for Ms. Cruz. SSgt Thompson is the volunteer coordinator for Camp Courtney. They are moving in a new direction, so instead of having just a community specialist, there’s now a bridge that will have volunteer

opportunities for spouses/kids/Marines. So it's going to be more integrated where people are welcome to join. They're going to start venturing out to do more cleanups off base and also on McT and Courtney. SSgt Thompson is looking for Mayors (neighborhoods) and Tower Seniors (tower) – those people will get LOAs and prime parking spots in lieu of their efforts. Command Influence instead of command authority – it's highly encouraged that people on base housing become an active member. People should look on the McT and Courtney Facebook pages for more information and to sign out. Ms. Miller also said a lot of DOD Civilians also want to help, and they sometimes feel disconnected from the greater community – a lot of them would dlove to help.

7. Old Business

- a. Lunch Account Concerns with AAFES Rep Mark Inocentes – no new business
- b. Bus Concerns – we talked about making a bus inventive (like Caught in the Act or Challenge Coins on the bus) → there already is a bus coin which Jaci had when she did bus duty, and MFLACs have them ... Ms. Miller suggested putting them in the hands of the bus monitors so they can give to kids. Mr. Tefft said that we might not be able to do it because the STO won't let us direct their monitors on what to do/how to do their work. Mr. Tefft proposed to STO to get monitors some training like in classroom management, but a lot of suggestions were shut down, and so Mr. Tefft thinks the coins would get shut down. Mr. Tefft will check with Nate on whether they can do that.
- c. Is there a better way for the bus to notify parents when they are going to be late? Right now the problem is that STO doesn't require kids to be supervised, so kids are unsupervised and they could be waiting without any supervision. Communication has been a constant problem with the STO. We need STO to pass the information to Bechtel so Bechtel can disseminate it. HQ has even had reps come to island over this. Parent suggested getting Nathaniel's email out there for parents to message directly.

8. New Business

- a. Are there any other items for discussion?
- b. SSgt Thompson said that on McT and Courtney, there have been complains about people running the bus stop. SSgt Thompson said that won't be happening anymore because there is going to be PMO presence. Parents have noticed them rolling by. MO is now hiding to catch people.
- c. Mr. Tefft thinking about next year for SAC, it would be good to get the SAC team in place before the year starts. Also, do PTO and SAC meetings back to

back to get better engagement. When people realize that they have a voice for the school, they might stick around and share.

- d. SAC chair would manage the email account for SAC. Jaci can sit in the position until fall. We will also need a secretary if anyone wants to take notes, because Sarah is PCSing this summer. Mr. Tefft said we'll push out information in August.
9. Open Forum – Each presenter/speaker will be limited to 3 minutes
 10. Closing – Jaci called to adjourn at 4:10 and Ms. Miller seconded.