

SAC Meeting Dec. 10, 2025

Attendees: Kristi Weniger, Betty Miller, Scott Tefft, Ashley Hoshihara-Cruz, Laura Boles, Grace Mickles, Geanene Golden, Jeanne Laurin, Megan Morrison

SAC Chair Report/Update

- Discussed extra purchases allowed at lunch. Principal Tefft reiterated that the school is not allowed to restrict student purchases at lunch. He said he will send an email in the near future to outline/remind parents about how they can control student accounts regarding food purchases.

Principals Report:

- a. Renovation Update
 - i. On schedule for completion July/Aug. 2027. However, opening date is uncertain due to necessary inspections, installations and final touches.
 - ii. Discussed community priority for families with Kinder and pre-K students to move at the same time as the rest of the school. Because the buses are linked it is anticipated that any move to the new building would include pre-K and Kinder, but it is too far in the future to even be concerned with.
- b. Status of the School
 - i. Mr. Tefft shared information about recent postings in DODEA connects. Compliments were shared about the recent choir performance, STEM day, and many other things we are all grateful for. No upcoming events were discussed, other than winter break, which we're all looking forward to!
- c. Staffing Update
 - i. Bechtel will have one teacher excessed in the 4-5 grade band, as enrollment down district wide.
- d. Food Drive
 - i. The Pups Club with sponsors Mrs. McNeal (staff) and Liz PTO will be hosting a food drive this Saturday from 10:00-4:00 at the Camp Courtney Commissary. Proceeds will be donated to the Camp Foster and Kadena Food pantries.

School Liaison Officer Report: MCCS Liaison Officer Diana Mitchell was unable to attend, but plans to attend our February 25th meeting.

Camp Courtney Command/Command Rep: Ashley Hoshihara-Cruz

- Tree lighting for next year will likely be on Saturday Dec. 5th to avoid the overlap with our school choir concert the past two years. Each year more and more activities will be added. (Possibly a movie next year.)

- Group discussion on various logistics involving the parade: Overall, the kids LOVED it! However, there were some concerns regarding parade route, crowd control, traffic, gates, etc. Next year's tentative date is Saturday, December 5th.
- Courtney fest has been moved to April as a one day event. (Most likely April 11th, but not confirmed yet.) The theme will tie in with Month of the Military Child with a child-friendly headliner, family games, rides, etc.
- Exercise Season is coming up so camp trainings and exercises will be ongoing.
- Vice-President of Red Cross is on island to assist in spreading awareness about disaster preparedness. He is willing to come to schools for presentations, etc. Mr. Tefft and several teachers shared how much students enjoyed the presentation last year, and we are looking forward to another one.
- Deployment Readiness Coordinators are being phased out through MCCA, Courtney is down to one. This may make connections to families more difficult than it has been previously.

Old Business: Holiday store is wrapping up. It went well enough that they went to buy more gifts today.

New Business/Open Forum: None

Next Meeting dates: February 25 and April 29