

Patch Elementary School

SAC Minutes

October 6, 2011

Call to order: 15:05

Present for Meeting:

Dr. Robert Allen
Mr. Ron Lathrop
Joe Holder
Brian Pappas
Robin Tessereau, Teacher Representative
Jill Beckham, Teacher Representative
Melody Gershkoff, Teacher Representative
Mike Anderson, Parent Representative
Mark Luchs, Parent Representative
Libby Phillips, Parent Representative
John Spriggs
Anna Ingalls
Barbara Anderson
Lori Smith

- I. The Committee welcomed Brian Pappas, the new School Liaison Officer for Boeblingen and Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle Schools.

New chairpersons decided amongst the committee for school year 2011-12 are as follows:

Libby Phillips, Chairperson
Jill Beckham, Vice-Chairperson
Mark Luchs, Secretary

- II. September minutes approved.

New committee members encouraged to review end-of-school year report from 2010-11.

- III. Reports

School Principal

PES has had a temporary music teacher thus far. New teacher from Norfolk, VA will arrive soon. Start date is undetermined, but a short biography will be included in the school newsletter.

Parent inquiry regarding Foreign Language program for upper classes- 4th and 5th graders:

The FLES program at PES is six years old, and initially begun for K-1 with the expectation that two grade levels were added at a time. Expectation from program funding is to teach Spanish here to k-3. Two years ago, 4th graders did receive Spanish. Program was not initially funded to its completion, and all DODDS schools do not have a FL program. With three younger grade classrooms added this year, there is a lack of space to have FL classrooms, and a lack of instruction time for upper grades. Upper-level multiage students may receive instruction as a result of 3rd graders in the classroom.

Tomorrow is a continuous school improvement day; parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare is provided. Staff and administration will be charting intervention plan for the next 5 years; parent input is recommended.

Vice-Principal

Tomorrow Mr. Lathrop will review cohort data available for parents regarding the Terra Nova scores. Self help and/or self review to be conducted.

School Liaison Officer

Enrollment is robust: 3,500 enrolled in the Stuttgart area. (350 are home schooled)

Three dates to be selected by Principal and SLO for SAC training; the final decision will be emailed to members. Please note: All local schools will have a SAC training if members cannot attend. Contact Mr. Holder for this information on alternative dates.

Jill Beckham plans to attend next IAC meeting to be held Thursday, October 20th, 15:30 Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School.

CSP Representative – no report

IV. Old Business – no report

V. New Business

1. Written parent concern expressed about information on new staff at PES:
Newsletter will now include biographies about new staff, and include goodbyes to prior staff if that is their wish. For instance, the PES newsletter is the most accessible place for parents to learn about the new music teacher coming.

2. Written 3rd grade student concern expressed regarding recycling in the cafeteria by elementary students:
After discussion of feasibility and opportunity, committee decided to initiate recycling on a small scale. Leadership on this project will be the PES Student Council as they are invested in this already in the classrooms. Ms. Ingalls, Student Council Advisor, will speak with her committee about the project. SAC Chairperson will continue conversation with House Cleaning Department about logistics of project.

VI. Close of Business

Bulletin Board updated in lobby.

Decision made to keep SAC meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 15:00.