

SAB MINUTES

Aviano School Advisory Board Minutes

January 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the SAB Pres. at 4:06 p.m.

In attendance

Kevan Seamans – SAB president, parent Aviano ES
Samuel Maglio – SAB vice president, parent Aviano MS
Rachel Carpenter – SAB secretary, parent Aviano ES
Lillian L. Hiyama – Principal, Aviano ES
Ann Maglio – Student Liason Officer (SLO)
Karen Mackenzie – parent, Aviano ES
Cristina Echevarria – Principal, Aviano MS/HS
Ken Younkin – Asst. Principal, Aviano MS/HS
Gina Cross – FLES teacher, Aviano ES
Beth Petty – SAB parent rep, Aviano ES
Diana Woods – 3rd grade teacher, Aviano ES
McKenzie Roers – student, Aviano HS president
Lt. Col. Victor Moncrieffe – 31 MSG Dep. Commander

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were distributed and were also emailed to all in attendance at previous meeting. No objections to the minutes were heard, and the SAB president approved the minutes.

Old Business

- The SAB is continuing to look into the age requirements for release of children in the AYP. SAB president addressed the legal office and was informed that if a child is 10 years or older, there is no case of abandonment. The board would like to resolve this and find an answer, and it would be advisable to have this in writing for future reference. Ann Maglio, SLO for the schools, will address the issue at the Integrated Delivery Service (IDS) meeting on 10 January 2012. The board looks forward to hearing what information she can gain from this meeting and will discuss it at the next SAB meeting.
- The volunteer program that has been proposed will have its first meeting on 9 January 2012. This meeting will begin at 1500 at the school Teaching and Learning Center. Emails have been sent to all interested parties (SAC presidents, reps from units, etc.).
- The new lunch costs that were implemented on 3 January 2012 have been implemented and have seen no objections or problems thus far.

New Business/Open Floor

- *Lillian Hiyama, ES principal:* 13 January will be a half day with an early dismissal at 1115 to allow for a teacher inservice. The teachers will participate in differentiated instruction (DI) that teaches modified instruction for students of differing learning levels.

19 January: the second Parent Forum of the school year is scheduled. This will begin at 1700 at the school and is open to all who wish to attend. The forum will discuss upcoming testing and ways to assist students in preparation for them. This will be advertised through email, and Lt. Col. Moncrieffe requested the info to be put on the WYVERN as well.

27 January: a Teacher Work Day is scheduled; this is also the date for the second Wing Orientation.

Finally, Ms. Hiyama shared a synopsis of results from the 2010-2011 Customer Satisfactory Survey and highlighted a few areas, including 77% of parents/sponsors and 73% of students who gave DoD schools an "A" or "B" grade. Lt. Col. Moncrieffe suggested sharing this synopsis with the public. He also suggested pushing through the information for the next survey to command so there can be increased support to participate in the survey in 2012.

- *Cristine Echevarria, Principal Aviano MS/HS:* sports are in season, and the basketball team has been invited to participate in an international tournament with other Italian leagues. Final exams will also begin this month on 23 January.

The principal began the Principal's Diner, as proposed at the last meeting. She held the first meeting before Christmas with students and a meeting on 4 January for teachers; another meeting is scheduled for students on 18 January and 25 January for parents. Ms. Echevarria has been getting feedback on school procedures, policies, etc. during these lunches to work on continual improvement.

The Advanced Education team will be visiting Aviano Schools on 24-25 April 2012. They will conduct school, faculty, and staff auditing and will also be interviewing stakeholders including parents, club and organization presidents, and possibly command. Ms. Echevarria will notify those who will be interviewed in advance if possible.

5 January: the DoDDS Mediterranean Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent will visit with command and schools.

6 February: parents conferences for elementary school and CSI for the high school.

- *McKenzie Roers, student and Aviano HS president:* the board welcomed Ms. Roers to the SAB meeting and the SAB president explained the purpose of the board. Ms. Roers brought up the Wall of Fame that is being developed by the HS. This will be a wall for achievements in academics and clubs, similar to the Wall of Fame for sports. The students are looking for more funding to develop this project. She also discussed the importance of WalkABOUTs, a senior activity that must be completed by May. The board looks forward to her participation in these meetings.

Closing Notes

The SAB president asked for any other questions, concerns, etc. Upon no further business, the next meeting date was set and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next Meeting

22 February 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the MS/HS information center/library.