

SAB MINUTES

Aviano School Advisory Board Minutes

November 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by LtCol Victor Moncrieffe at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance

Cristina Echevarria – Principal, Aviano MS/HS
Kent Worford – Asst. Superintendent, Mediterranean DSO
Ken Younkin – Asst. Principal, Aviano MS/HS
Lisa Andler – Kindergarten teacher, Aviano ES
David Andler – Administrative Officer, Aviano ES/MS/HS
Deborah Pionk – First grade teacher, Aviano ES
Rachel Carpenter – parent, Aviano ES
Cindy Murray – Asst. Principal, Aviano ES
Lillian L. Hiyama – Principal, Aviano ES
Donald Evans – Student Transportation Office
Samuel Maglio – parent, Aviano MS
Kevan Seamans – parent, Aviano ES
Ann Maglio – Student Liason Officer
Karen Mackenzie – parent, Aviano ES
Colleen Knight – speech pathologist
LtCol Victor Moncrieffe – deputy commander, 31 MSG and parent, Aviano ES

Board

The meeting was opened by LtCol Moncrieffe, who summarized the purpose of the School Advisory Board (SAB) and its role. The board was then chosen on a volunteer basis. Three parents volunteered to fill the officer positions of the board and were introduced in this new position – Kevan Seamans as President, Samuel Maglio as Vice President, and Rachel Carpenter as Secretary.

The board continues to recognize its current parent members – Beth Petty (ES) and Col Sansone (MS/HS) – who had volunteered last year to serve on the board for a 2 year term. The board is still looking for parent volunteers and will continue to advertise the regular board meetings to encourage more involvement with the community.

New Business/Open Floor

- *Lillian L. Himaya, Principal Aviano ES* – it was brought to their attention that there is a discrepancy between the current guidelines for child supervision at Aviano that have been established by Italian law and are documented on AF 40-301. There are children walking around Area 1 unsupervised, signing themselves out of the AYP and not returning. According to the policy, a child under age 14 must be supervised. The school also wishes to remind parents of this same policy in regards to children staying home alone or taking responsibility for younger siblings. Donald Evans from the school transportation office also supported this need with examples of incidents of this nature.

The board recommended bringing up the discrepancy in ages for supervision and the ages for signing in/out of the AYP to the 31 FSS and reinforced the idea of a policy reminder to parents. The suggestion of making this policy a part of the school registration process was also suggested.

Upcoming ES school events – Nov 17-18: parent conferences

Nov 22: Crisis Conference with school psychologists and special educators

Nov 30: SAC meeting, agenda includes, 1) meeting with commissary staff to discuss food prices, reasons for buying local or international, etc. and 2) introducing and discussion of new math programs

- *Ken Younkin, Asst. Principal Aviano MS/HS* – there are a variety of volunteer positions open at both the ES and the MS/HS that can be pursued by members of the military community. He mentioned that the administration had been working on a partnership with groups such as 31 MSG and 31 MXS to develop mentor programs, adopt a class, volunteers for school lunches and playground supervision, etc. All administrators for both the ES and MS/HS in attendance reiterated the use and the welcome of volunteers for their schools. The POC for the ES is Bernadine Wilke; the POC for the MS/HS is Dee Olsen. For more information, it is advised to call the school offices.
- *LtCol Victor Moncrieffe, deputy commander 31 MSG* – the Wing Orientation held last week was a great success, and LtCol Moncrieffe offered a thank you for all those that participated. The feedback was still being reviewed, and the next Wing Orientation has been tentatively scheduled for Jan 27, 2012.
- *Cristine Echevarria, Principal Aviano MS/HS* – parent conferences are held on Nov 17. The school notes less involvement in the conferences, since they are not mandatory at this level. Conferences are encouraged, as well as other opportunities for parents to volunteer, encourage, and mentor their student(s). The principal cited the efforts made to keep students from failing – a 2.0 GPA is necessary for graduation – including academic contracts with students, tutoring, and reduction of school and extracurricular activities. LtCol Moncrieffe added that Gen Zobrist is encouraging more time for airman and officers to attend parent conferences and other personal/family activities.

On Nov 18, the high school will hold the CSI, the Continued School Improvement exercise, which hosts visitors and staff to work on development, teacher leadership, and school governance.

Closing Notes

President Kevan Seamans asked for any other questions, concerns, etc. Upon no further business, the next meeting date was set and the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Next Meeting

December 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the MS/HS information center/library.