



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
374TH AIRLIFT WING



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Yokota Air Base
Installation Advisory Committee (IAC)

Purpose:

Advise - Advise the Installation Commander on policies & programs in their purview.
Foster Communication - Committee serves in an advisory capacity. IACs do not have authority to direct the Installation Commander to take a certain action.
Facilitate Problem Solving - The committee creates a process to address and resolve issues at the lowest level.

Table with 3 columns: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and SAC Representatives. Rows include school names like Yokota High School and Yokota Middle School.

Agenda

Call to Order

Old Business:

a. Medical Support: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the 374 MDG and YHS concerning an agreement to provide on-site medical coverage during sporting events. It is believed that the MOU has been approved by MDG. (OPEN)
TASK - Mr. Fly will determine where the MOU is currently and determine if this item can be closed. (POC at MDG is MSgt Tshileo Ngoyi, 225-6849).

b. IAC Working Group: Mr. Fly stated that he would continue to form an IAC Working Group to promote school activities and to facilitate the schools working together to solve issues. (OPEN)
TASK - Mr. Fly will contact select members of the IAC to develop the group.

c. DODEA Civilians Being Charged Cleaning Fee: Mrs. Winder raised the concern that DODEA Civilians were being charged cleaning fees when departing base housing, regardless of if the unit was professionally cleaned prior to the final inspection. DODEA Civilians are being forced to pay out of pocket \$600, \$700 or \$800 in cleaning fees, depending on what type of unit they occupied. This appears to be a Yokota Air Base Housing Office specific issue. (OPEN)

**TASK** – Lt Col Malatesta was to contact the CES/CC to determine why the DODEA Civilians are being charged cleaning fees regardless of the unit’s actual cleanliness and push the findings out to the IAC members. This action item was not discussed during this meeting.

d. **Broadcasting School Sports:** Mr. Goodwin would like to find a way to broadcast school sports in the Pacific Region so that parents who cannot travel can still watch the games. Mr. Fly reported that AFN is not able to broadcast or record games. Mr. Goodwin mentioned that some schools have wifi support for parents to livestream sporting events, but Yokota schools do not have the wifi to support this and DoDEA was not able to fund the infrastructure upgrade.

**(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Vogeley will bring the issue to the next Area Advisory Council meeting.

e. **IAC Elected Officials:** Mr. Fly brought up the need for the IAC to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Because there were no nominees the IAC was unable to vote members into the positions. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will send out information to solicit nominees from the SACs prior to the next meeting so the IAC can vote and fill the vacant positions.

f. **Middle School Sports:** The issue was raised that there are no middle school sports available for students. This leaves middle school students unprepared when moving on to competitive high school sports. It was stated that middle school students could participate in a sport if the middle school had a ‘club’ for that sport. An issue raised was that even if Yokota Middle School had a club for sports to allow students to complete, it could only be for individual sports, not team-based sports. Another issue raised was that even if the middle school has a club and willing participants, there would be no competition unless other area middle schools also had clubs to participate in competition. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will verify the rules for the possible creation of clubs for middle school students to participate.

g. **Align School Calendar with Installation Family Days and Federal Holidays:** The school calendars do not align with the base for holidays and family days. This causes childcare issues and negatively impacts the mission. It was explained that DoDEA schedules around multiple installations, involving multiple services, for the Pacific East schools. The question was raised if schools could develop their own local schedules to align days off with their host bases. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will reach out to the DoDEA regional office to see if it is possible for schools to better align their calendars with their host installations.

h. **DoDEA Student Enrollment Policy:** Col Roddan raised the question why students are unable to enroll into Yokota schools until after they have arrived on station. By enrolling students into the schools once the member has received PCS orders, it would relieve anxiety for families moving to Yokota. One counter argument raised is that the elementary schools base their enrollment on where the family resides and families moving to Yokota do not know where they will be residing until physically arriving and receiving their quarters assignment. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will contact Dr. Knight about the student enrollment and if the policy is able to be changed.

i. **Direct Hiring Authority Pilot Program:** The issue was raised if the new direct hire program was helping in filling vacant teaching positions. It was discussed that even with the direct hiring, there were delays in filling positions due to the lengthy background check requirements for anyone working in DoDEA with children. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will share the details of the program with the IAC members and verify the background check requirements.

j. **Medical Care for DoDEA Employees and Dependents:** Mr. Vogeley raised the issue of DoDEA employees not being able to secure appointments at the Yokota medical clinic for themselves or their dependents. Specifically for the issue of youth physicals that are required for school activities. He shared his experience in attempting to get a Japanese doctor to complete the mandatory paperwork that only comes in English. **(OPEN)**

**TASK** – Mr. Fly will investigate the possibility of the clinic having a student physical line the same way they do the student vaccination lines at the schools.

**New Business:**

a. **Extending the School Day:** The Yokota School day is shorter than the rest of PAC East. Talks of extending the school day were discussed last year but were discontinued because of contracting and busing issues. We would like to revisit the possibility of extending the school day. Parents and stakeholders would like comparable school hours to that of other schools in the district. Additionally, this has caused issues within the schools at Yokota because students, teachers, and administrators are being asked to do more with less time (recess, lunch, specials, etc.).

b. **Trainings and Briefings:** Parents would like to get the support of base agencies to do briefings and trainings with High School Students. Suicide Prevention, Cyber Bullying and Cyber Safety were several topics proposed. Parents would also like to get the support of the school to incorporate these trainings into the school day.

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**Open Forum:**

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**Installation Commander Comments:**

The next IAC Meeting is scheduled for 27 Feb 2023 at 1530 in the 374th AW Conference Room.