

**Yokota Middle School
School Advisory Committee Notes**

Location:

- **YMS Conference Room**

References:

- [SAC Training Presentation](#)
- [SAC Community Information](#)
- [SAC Awareness Poster](#)
- [DoDEA SAC Website](#)
- [Meeting Notes](#)
- [SAC Feedback Form](#)

SAC Voting Members:

- Parent Rep: Ms. Deatta Harris, Ms. Rodden, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Snider
- Teacher Reps: Ms. Audra Kirkpatrick, Ms. Marietta Epps, Mr. Robert Forbes, Mrs. Sawyer
- Student Rep: Cocoro Jones, Reagan Miguel, Cassandra Jazabek

Non-Voting Members:

- Principal: Ms. Hilary Simmons
- FRS: Mr. Paul Lundy
- SLO: Mr. Josh Fly
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Quarterly Meetings:

- / Teams [Link](#)
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- / in-person
- / in-person

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Time: 1500

1. **Minutes - see below**
2. **Chairperson's Report:**
3. **Principal's Report:**
4. **SLO / Installation Report:**
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
7. **Open Forum -**
8. **Closing**

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Attendees: Ms. Simmons, principal; Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Rodden, Mrs. Harris (president), and Mrs. Snider, parents; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Forbes, teachers; Mr. Fly, school liaison officer; three student

representatives: Cocoro Jones, Reagan Miguel, Cassandra Jazabek.

Ms. Simmons began the meeting by reviewing the agenda for today's meeting, which will be annual training for the SAC. Attendees introduced themselves. There are six voting members on the SAC- three teachers and three parents. Ms. Simmons reviewed the purpose of the SAC and frequency of meetings, which will be quarterly unless there is an issue that needs to be resolved before the next meeting. Members received training on what the capabilities and limitations of the SAC are, as well as responsibilities of each member. SAC policy will be posted on the school website following this meeting.

Unresolved from last year:

Move awards ceremonies to each semester, with recognition each quarter. Recognize character awards in addition to academic. This has been implemented.

Dress code- revise dress code to be more body inclusive and available for purchase locally. Additionally, students are no longer held in the nurse's office to wait for a change of clothes. Students are directed back to class. This has been implemented.

Dress code- check for dress code A1/B1. Do not allow a student to be referred for dress code after first check in the morning. This has been implemented, but not without some challenges.

New topics:

Verbal harassment and language toward fellow students- SAC will look to implement a character building curriculum for the entire student body to address racism/colorism directed toward fellow students.

Ms. Harris recommended setting goals for the SAC team. Ms. Simmons discussed the new math curriculum and the difficulty of the Mathia. The student representatives agreed that the Mathia program is time consuming and added that Savaas is not engaging or effective. Ms. Simmons said that a new ELA curriculum will be implemented next year. Ms. Harris recommended setting a goal of more in-person activities and events.

Ms. Harris will be responsible for the agenda. She will solicit topics two weeks before meeting date. There will be at least 4 meetings per school year before the IAC. Mrs. Harris proposed an interim meeting to review and revise the bylaws since they were not sent out in advance. Mrs. Dunn seconded. The team voted and agreed.

Mrs. Simmons reported that the school year has started off well. Teachers had professional learning last week. Students can now view their grades so parents can also monitor. There have been several opportunities this year for engagement and character building. The counseling team meets and discusses students who are in need or at risk and plan to intervene. Two staff have been hired, and an additional teacher has been recruited and hired, along with several additional support staff.

Mr. Forbes moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mrs. Dunn seconded and minutes

were approved.

Other outstanding business:

Continuous School Improvement- PAC-East has been awarded District of Distinction by the Accreditation team. Internal Review Visit concluded and was part of accreditation.

Parent/Student Comments- none were entered this period

Students posed the question about availability of sports teams for the middle school. Last year the SAC was told that middle school sports are not available because Youth Sports fills the need. Currently, there are only sports clubs that are not competitive, only instructional. DODEA has a safety policy preventing contact sport competition for any middle school student, and non-contact competition only for 7-8th grade students and only “space-available” with the high school team. Mr. Fly recommended pushing the sports issue to a higher level since school level cannot change this policy. Cassandra clarified that the athletics issue should be addressed at a higher level and asked whether it was a COVID policy. Currently, sports clubs are the only option for middle school students. Ms. Simmons read guidance from DODEA about middle school sports, which aligns with what we discussed.

Ms. Simmons proposed choosing the next meeting date for an interim meeting to review and revise the bylaws. Ms. Simmons proposed November 10 @3pm. The team agreed.

Ms. Harris reviewed how to access the bylaws and said that she will ensure everyone has access before the bylaws meeting. Ms. Simmons asked whether we should make it a public meeting. The team agreed.

Ms. Harris proposed December 1 @3pm for the next regular SAC meeting. Ms. Harris proposed February 16 for the 3rd quarter. April 27th was proposed for 4th quarter. These dates were chosen two weeks in advance of the IAC meeting. The team agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

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