



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
WIESBADEN COMPLEX SCHOOLS
SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Date and Time: Wednesday January 8, 2025, 1500

Location: Wiesbaden Middle School information center

Call to Order

Complex administrators representing each Wiesbaden school were in attendance and facilitated today's meeting. Each complex school had SAC representatives in attendance.

Old Business

Representatives from each school determined the procedures for setting complex SAC agendas and facilitating meetings. The procedures were set as follows:

Leading meetings: Chairs from each SAC will communicate two weeks prior to the complex SAC meeting to set the complex agenda. School SAC teams will rotate the duties of facilitating future meetings. The SAC team from WMS volunteered to facilitate the next complex SAC in March/April. The location of each meeting will be the WMS library. Advertising for the upcoming complex SAC meetings will be sent to admins and school secretaries two weeks prior to the complex SAC meeting. Facilitating team is responsible for taking minutes.

The order of SAC meetings was clarified. The school level SAC teams should meet prior to the complex level SAC. Any issues that require garrison support would be elevated to the IAC for action. The next IAC meeting is scheduled for Jan 29. IAC dates are tentative due to needing flexible scheduling, however Complex and School level SAC teams should plan to meet a few weeks prior to any tentative IAC dates.

New Business

Traffic and Safety: The kiss and drop lane between WMS and WES remains a safety concern. Parents requested a barrier to prevent cars from passing other vehicles in the drop off lane. The single barrier that is currently present is not sufficient. Often the

passing vehicles barely miss doors opening and students exiting vehicles. Permanent signage requested indicating NO PASSING/ PULL FORWARD/ DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN VEHICLE. Safety patrol MPs could possibly park with lights on to prevent passing in the kiss and drop lane. Dr. Harwell will request two extra barriers be placed strategically in the lane as a quick fix. Mr. Hadley can support the measure. Parents also suggested communication in the complex newsletters as a guide. Parents using the kiss and drop should ensure their children are independent enough to exit the car safely without delays/parent assistance. Mr. Dickson supports the preventative measures and will follow up.

Following up from the town hall meeting, there is a continuing safety concern with the lack of a crosswalk towards the end of the kiss and drop. This crosswalk location should be a priority due to increased traffic exiting the kiss and drop. Mr. Dickson would like to take pictures of the area of concern to share with garrison. The issue will be readdressed at the IAC meeting.

New elementary student enrollment: Concern with communication between housing/in-processing and school registration at the elementary schools. Newly arrived students are enrolling at WES, but some must transfer to Aukamm after two weeks. This creates additional stress on students as they transition to overseas living. This is becoming a more frequent issue with our incoming families. Mr. Dickson will communicate with housing to see how we can remediate the concern. Dr. Harwell advocated for the importance of the issue as WES' population is already over capacity. There is transportation between Hainerberg near the lodge for bussing to AES (bus 60), however the schools want to be certain about housing prior to enrolling students. The housing letter is required at AES for enrollment, however that is not a requirement at WES. Often parents will want to view housing options before making a decision. Admins requested a representative from housing and possibly the STO at the IAC for issue resolution.

School meal program: Ms. Johnson shared that AAFES has approx. \$4000 in lunch debt. Communication is going out to parents. School leadership was asked to ensure parents have access to the free and reduced lunch application and are encouraged to apply as many more families should qualify for free and reduced lunch. AAFES will not deny any student a lunch, so the balances accumulate. Debts may be elevated to command and DoDEA Sembach. DoDEA assumes the debt if it is unpaid. Leadership was asked to make sure the application for free and reduced lunch in the welcome packet for each school and for families as they register students. The application document is about 4

pages long so it wouldn't be a typical addition to the newsletters but may be sent out as a reminder to families who may have missed it previously.

Ms. Tobias shared the success of the Winter Wishes Market and highlighted the Creator Con event in May at WMS.

SAC chairs for each school are as follows:

WES: Pending

WMS: Regina Huhtanen

WHS: Sara Arriaga

AES:

Future meeting dates were not set but will be determined once the IAC dates are confirmed.

Adjournment 4:10