



Yokota High School School Advisory Committee- SAC

Meeting Minutes – 1630, 5 November 2024 - YHS Commons

Attendees:	Dr. Rebecca Villagomez	Principal
	Mr. Jason Goodwin	Asst. Principal
	Mr. Daniel Roesch	Chair / Parent Representative
	Mr. Ryu Moore	Representative
	Mr. Daniel Galvin	Teacher Representative
	Mr. Joshua Fly	School Liaison Officer

Members not in attendance:

Dr. Ferguson	Superintendent
Mr. Pavell Jean-Louis	Representative
Ms. Bonnie Seeley	Teacher Union Representative

Meeting called to order: 1640

Announcements:

1. Mr. Roesch
 - a. *Welcome to the first SAC for SY24/25. Looking forward to a productive SAC.*
2. Principal
 - a. *Welcome to a new school year. Look forward to the SY24/25.*
3. SLO
4. SAC Members

Old Business:

- a. Update on Live Streaming Sporting Events. **(Update to Delivery Timeframe)**

Principal: Installation should occur during Winter Break. The hardware did arrive. The technicians will install the equipment in the main gym and outside football field.

b. Specified background checks. (Continue to Monitor into Fall 2024)

Chair: No issues noted. Still monitoring to ensure timely approval process.

c. College prep for HS seniors and roadmap for freshman-junior students. (Continue to Monitor into Fall 2024)

Chair: The guidance counselors have done a great job over the past year to ensure seniors and juniors have a pathway to college admission materials. There are no current issues with the way ahead.

Parent: First SAT was not offered in August. Request all SAT and ACT are offered throughout the entire school year.

Chair: We will remind the administration in Spring to ensure all SATs and ACT are administered from the start to the finish of the school year.

d. (CLOSED) Overall winter and spring sports are compacted prior to AP exams. This increases overall student and teacher absenteeism from the classroom. Past schedules allow 2-3 months of training/competing. Is there a better way to align sports, AP Exams and graduation? (Regional ADs met at DSO on 19 April and approved SY24/25 sports calendar)

Coach: Great news, while the fall schedule will remain the same, the Winter schedule will be expanded as well as spring. The Far East tournament will not take place the week after AP exams. Winter sports will end the first week of February.

Chair: Vote to close. Approved by voting members.

e. Dual Enrollment Process: YHS provides a pre-determined course listing managed by the Guidance Counselors/Registrar to ease of dual-enrollment opportunities. (The Regional Publication date is 1 May 2024)

Chair: How did the beginning of SY24 go with regards to Dual Enrollment?

Principal: Pre-approved classes are on the YHS website. No issues at the start of SY24.

f. Credit for PE if actively participating in YHS sports. (The local school administrators can complete/submit "new" course request to DoDEA HQ – Student Services Division to be considered for SY25-26 course catalog)

Chair: This subject remains open from last year. We left it due to the fact there are multiple concerns if a student withdraws, gets cut from the team, certifications of coaches, absenteeism from practice, etc.

Teacher Representative: This is difficult approve since there is a requirement for 3 semesters.

Chair: We will keep this open until we resolve multiple issues with accrediting sports as a PE class.

g. Class Ranking and GPA on YHS transcripts. (DoDEA approved and added to both Senior semester transcripts and second semester Junior transcripts)

Principal: second semester Junior year and both semester Senior year transcripts have student class ranking.

Student Representative: The class ranking only includes the numerator. I had to ask what the denominator was to put on my college application. It would be better to have both on future transcripts.

Chair: we will keep this action open to request the denominator be added to the transcripts.

h. (CLOSED) Align School calendar with installation Family Days. (DoDEA and 5 AF/USFJ collaborated to align Family Days with the DoDEA calendar)

Chair: DoDEA, 5 FA, USFJ and SAC were able to align the school calendars for SY24/25. In the future we will continue to align calendars as close as possible.

New Business:

- a. **(APPROVED)** New School Year Meeting Dates: Approved dates: 5 Nov, 8 Jan, 5 Mar, 9 Apr, 7 May.
- b. Elections: Welcome two new student representatives, Ryu Moore and Pavell Jean-Louis.
- c. **(APPROVED)** Vote to permit Lilly Sanderlin to wear the German Honor Society cord during graduation in 2025.
- d. Updated YHS SAC Email: yokotahighschoolsacteam@gmail.com

Open Forum:

Please limit presentation of issue to 2 minutes. For proposals, they must be in written format.

- a. Homework Policy:

Parent: Like military members, teachers need to understand the mental health of the students. During long breaks my child is given excessive amount of homework leading to stress over holidays. Is there a policy of not giving students homework over holidays?

Principal: There is no policy about giving homework of break periods or holidays from school. Every teacher has a different policy when it comes to homework throughout the school year.

Teacher Representative: In my class, I don not give homework over the holiday periods. However, my is my philosophy versus a school policy.

Chair: Is there a way to not institute a policy, but have a discussion to make teachers aware of homework over the school break periods to ensure they are cognizant of stress caused by excessive homework over break periods.

Principal: Can the SAC Teach Representative mention this in the next faculty meeting? You can discuss we the parent addressed here in SAC today and make teachers aware?

Teach Representative: I will address the next teachers meeting.

- b. Lockers in YHS Main Building:

Parent: Request lockers be installed in the main YHS building. There are lockers in the Annex Building, but this is impractical because you cannot access those lockers between classes. Kids are required to have sports bags, books, and everything else they need before and after school.

Principal: YHS is looking at purchasing lockers for the Main Building to be installed on the second floor. We have a proposal, just waiting for the budget to be approved. More to follow in the new year.

Closing Remarks:

Chair: Thank you to everyone who joined us here today. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Meeting Adjourned: 1807

Next Scheduled Meeting: 8 January 2025

Minutes Submitted by & Date: DAR, 27 December 2024