Wiesbaden High School SAC Meeting Minutes
Quarter 1
September 11, 2024
Location: WHS Information Center/Library

- Meeting called to Order : 1607
- SAC Members in Attendance
  - Chair - Sara Arriaga
  - Vice Chair - Chris Heatherly
  - Secretary - vacant
- Other Attendees:
  - Mr. Zesiger, Asst Principal
  - Mr. Chris Dickson, SLO
  - Jill Watson, PTSO President
  - Teachers: LTC (R) Ring, Mr. King, Mrs. Grayson
  - WHS Parents
- Updates from Asst. Principal
  - SY24/25 positive launch into the new school year. No formal announcement has been made for a Principal. Results from last year's CCRS testing scores have improved. Results from last year's AP testing showed high pass rates. (79% of AP tests taken, scored 3 or higher)
  - Mr. Zesiger is appreciative of the community support
  - From an instructional lens, WHS is looking to improve on specific /meaningful feedback to students as well as continuing to work with students on connecting back and using evidence and reasoning
  - Looking for ways to improve and grow involvement in the SAC
- Updates from School Liaison Officer (SLO)
  - Date for Installation Advisory Meeting (IAC) meeting:
    - TBD
  - The School Liaison Office offers a wealth of information and assistance for transitioning students to help families prepare for moves to and from the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. The School Liaison Officer is here to help connect students, parents, schools and local units and organizations in supporting the education of military and civilian youth overseas.
- Old Business:
  - SAC Secretary - vacant to be filled by an election this fall
  - SY 23/24 Drivers Education Classes
    - Mr. Dickson will inquire about a SKIES Rep at the next SAC meeting (13NOV) to discuss where the program is at, where it's going and other possible options
    - Mr. Dickson mentioned the Road Code @ the Teen Center for virtual practice driving
  - SY 23/24 Student Population Predictability - Community Emerging Growth Meeting
    - Mr. Dickson offered that this should be raised in the IAC meeting (TBD)
  - SY 23/24 Behavioral Health - Natural Helpers Peer Program
    - WHS is working with WCSC Grants to support this program
    - A suggestion was made to highlight the Wellness Zone located in the HS, for students who need support from the Psychologist and/or the MFLC
  - SY 23/24 Complex SAC - WES/Aukamm ES and MS joined SAC
    - WHS will maintain a SAC at the high school in order to support the HS students, staff, admin and parents. The WHS SAC will also work cohesively with the elementary schools and WMS, as needed for Installation-wide concerns.
- New Business:
  - Additional SAC Members needed
    - More information to come out about the SAC Election
    - Per DoDI Policy 1342.15 an Election Chair was appointed for the elections to be announced soon
  - New SY24/25 WHS SAC By-Laws to be installed
    - To be voted on once the WHS SAC is formed and reviewed annually

Discussion Topic: How are student volunteer hours tracked by the school? How do students submit their hours required for graduation? Is there a system in place for this information?

Mr. Zesiger addressed this question.

There are three different processes in place to track volunteer hours – each for a different reason.

1. It is up to the students to track and report their own hours for our service clubs. For example, the National Honors Society has a system.
2. For students performing "school-based community service" as part of an administrator consequence in lieu of suspension, those hours are tracked by the Asst. Principal as it is related to progressive discipline and consequences.
3. We also use VMIS which is the USAG Wiesbaden volunteer platform and we have a staff member, Mary Ring, who provides the information for students to use the system. Please see Mrs. Ring if your student needs help with VMIS.

DoDEA does not require volunteer hours for graduation. However, it is important to keep student volunteer hours tracked for future employment or if the student isn't graduating from a DoDEA high school. In addition, volunteering is a great way to give back to the Community.

A suggestion was made to contact the ACS Volunteer Coordinator to have a list maintained of all the volunteer positions/opportunities available for students. The WHS SAC can assist with this topic.

Discussion Topic: Transportation/Safety concern: High temperatures on the buses during the summer/fall.

Mr. Zesiger and SLO agree that this is a repeated concern during the beginning of the school year. There was an SOP signed into place last year for extreme weather in the schools, it is reviewed annually. WHS SAC will bring this topic to the Installation Commander at the IAC meeting and furthermore, to the District for improvement, to include transportation. Follow up needed for this topic.

- Open Discussion - Reminder
  - Topics for discussion should be submitted at least 1 week before the meeting
  - An item not on the published agenda may be deferred until the next meeting
  - Topics can be emailed to: wiesbadenhighsac@gmail.com
- Meeting adjourned: 1725
- Next SAC Meeting: 13NOV 4PM Location: WHS Information Center/Library

Submitted by: Sara Arriaga WHS SAC Chair