



# Alconbury Middle High School School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Wednesday, 11 October 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

## **In Attendance:**

Col Valarie Long	423 ABG/CC
CMSgt Richard Scavola, Jr.	423 ABG/CCC
Mrs. Corinne Cain	School Liaison Program Manager
Andrianna Milionis	AMHS SAC Parent Representative
Carla Reyes	AMHS SAC Parent Representative
Emily Mickelson	AMHS Teacher Representative
Mr. Patrick Martin	AMHS Principal
Ms. Takeesha Vaughn	AMHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Scott Finlay	AES Principal
Mr. Bryan Wareham	AMHS Teacher Representative
Mrs. Christina Scavola	AMHS Teacher
Mrs. Lydia Wilson	AMHS Teacher

5:31 – Meeting convened.

## **IAC Meeting**

- I.** Opening Remarks & Instruction
  - A. Welcome and Introductions
  - B. The purpose of the IAC is to advise the installation commander on school issues within the military jurisdiction. Some examples of issues that may be brought forth are: school policies toward student & parents, student activities, instructional & educational resources within the school, allocation of resources to achieve educational goals, pupil services, student standards of conduct/discipline, transportation, school meals, and more. The committee does not address matters pertaining to personnel policies or practices, staff compensation or any employee matters and fundraising is not allowed.
- II.** Old Business
  - A. None
- III.** New Business
  - A. Molesworth bus challenges
    1. Mr. Martin reported there have been more behavior referrals for this bus

during the current school year than any other. Mr. Martin rode on the bus one morning to observe and address the behavior challenges and behavior issues seem to be decreasing.

2. This bus has been consistently late to school and the administration is tracking the data on arrival times. Mr. Martin suggested to SFS to have the buses go through the main lane of the gate when the HGV lanes are occupied in order to expedite entrance.
  3. The Molesworth bus stop will be moved to Vosler Hall once renovation is complete as the current pavilion in use will be demolished.
  4. New transportation director Gary Allen
- B. Homecoming event support
1. Mr. Martin expressed gratitude to the 423 ABG team for supporting the AMHS homecoming events.
- C. Facilities
1. AMHS has a plan in place for portable heaters as the weather turns colder as boiler issues persist in the building.
  2. AMHS lift is in design phase and projected for install in summer 2024. If a student or staff member is unable to navigate the stairs in the building, classes are moved to Bldg. 693 to accommodate, or individuals are personally assisted up and down the stairs.

IV. Next Quarterly Meeting: TBD

V. Meeting Adjourned at: 17.49

### **Conclusion of IAC**

### **Start of SAC Meeting**

1. Old Business
  - a. The Next Five implementation – parent suggestion from last meeting about weekly emails has been implemented. Mr Martin reports they have had great feedback. It is not without its hiccups but overall been good. Audience reported that it is very helpful to have both plain text and infographic form.
2. New Business
  - a. Nomination and election of one teacher rep (Mr. Bryan Wareham) and one Parent Rep (Ms. Andrea Milionis).
3. Issues raised by parent emails:
  - a. Grading System- A parent raised questions about what codes in Aspen mean and why some students might have turned things in that are not yet graded and counting for zeroes.
    - i. Mr. Martin explained the process for Aspen grading and committed to ensuring the process is clearer from teachers. A due out here for the school is to create a video tutorial for parents and students.
    - ii. Ms. Wilson explained some of the input codes for clarification and further explained

that teachers are still learning a new system that was implemented last year. Concluding that codes could be listed in the parent newsletter to assist parents.

- iii. Ms. Milionis asked if there could be reminders to staff about how the codes may be more beneficial to the student rather than the input of zeros. Also agreed that the parent training video would be a great option for future incoming parents.
- b. Sports Scheduling- A parent has mentioned that sport scheduling happens too late to effectively plan and that resulted in some families missing homecoming this year.
  - i. Mr. Martin highlighted how the Region Athletic Director picks homecoming and that those things can often change. We share the best information we have with interested parents and will advocate for a regular weekend next fall for homecoming but acknowledging that students who play on teams in the fall may play each weekend.
  - ii. Mr. Wareham sought clarification that Region Athletic Director selects homecoming and the date will not necessarily be moving earlier each school year.

#### 4. Principal Update – Mr Martin

- a. Educational Update- 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the school focus on writing across the curriculum has shown growth on summative assessments; all 4 tested grades last year have more than 80% of students meeting or exceeding
  - b. Math Curriculum Implementation showed signs of progress as students and teachers got used to the new materials last year. Mr. Martin talked about the incorporation of lessons and the online Mathia component designed for teachers to be able to see where skills gaps exist.
  - c. 65% of our students who took an AP exam last year got a 3 or better for the first time in 3 years and our enrollment and students taking tests continues to expand.
  - d. Advisory and Dragons Den have constituted a schedule change in the spirit of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) a DoDEA wide program to provide students what they need across Academic, Behavioral and Social-Emotional fronts. So far, the implementation has been successful, and we are always looking for feedback.
5. Ms. Cain supported Mr. Martin with bringing up the good press article that was recently published in the New York Times about DoDEA schools being selected as some of the best schools in the nation.

#### 6. Student Council Rep Update – N/A this meeting

#### 7. Teacher Rep Update -

- a. Ms. Mickelson- Updated the attendees on the Dragon's Den Rollout and a great homecoming week. Teachers have been excited and pleased to be back.
- b. Mr. Martin added that homecoming was a great week with well-behaved students, shared out praise for Ms. Mitchell, and discussed support at our sports matches.

#### 8. School Liaison Officer Update

- a. Alconbury Elementary School (AES):
  - i. Current Enrollment: 182

- b. Alconbury Middle High School (AMHS):
  - i. Current Enrollment: 212
- c. School Liaison Office:
  - i. Bright Future Conference: series of post-high school workshops offered 30 Oct-3 Nov.
  - ii. Continue to check community slides for upcoming information.
  - iii. Exam Jam meetup: seeking parent volunteers to assist with tutoring/supervising students at the library on Wednesdays after school for SAT/ACT exam prep.

Adjourned 1845 – **NEXT Meeting: TBD December 2023**

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