

**Naples High/Middle School SAC
Meeting Minutes
01 May 2012**

Members Present	Position	Representation
[REDACTED]	Chair	Parent
[REDACTED]	Vice-Chair	Parent
[REDACTED]	Secretary	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Representative	Parent
[REDACTED]	Representative	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Representative	Teacher
[REDACTED]	Union	Lead Union
[REDACTED]		Representative (LUR)
Sandy Daniels	Principal	
David Martin	Assistant Principal	
[REDACTED]	School Liaison Officer	
CAPT Scott Gray	Commanding Officer	
Kent Wolford	Assistant Superintendent	
Duane Warner	Prospective Principal	

Community Members Present: [REDACTED]

1. Welcome - Chair called the second to last meeting of the year to order at 4:32.
 - a. We will wrap up in June and finalize our end of year report.
 - b. The SAC welcomed Duane Warner from Vilseck High School. Mr. Warner is the new principal who transitions to Naples on August 1.
 - c. We also welcomed the Mediterranean District assistant superintendent, Mr. Kent Wolford.
 - d. With the impending departure of [REDACTED], the SAC alternate, [REDACTED], will become the new parent representative. [REDACTED] may also be departing and will let us know when she knows.
2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes - Secretary. The minutes are approved as written and are posted to the website. In the future, the minutes will be more of a synopsis and less of a transcript.
3. Old Business

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a. Honors Course Credit Consideration Request to DAC
- Vice-chair.

(1) No other SAC has expressed an interest in joining us. Input from the Fairfax County school board indicates that they are not far enough into the process to determine the results. The letter written by the SAC will go on the record but it is similar as the year before so it will not be sent.

(2) The chair would like to see the fruits of the recommendations at the honors teacher convention. Questions were raised but not answered regarding how GPA reductions due to no weighted honors grades would affect eligibility for NHS and scholarships.

(3) Action Item: The co-chair will look at the letter and highlight the NHS and other academic impacts (NHS, BGCA Youth of the Year) and add them to the letter.

(4) The honors weighting issue was readdressed: SAC had recommended weighting only classes that DODEA weights. The principal highlighted one issue with weighting honors grades: there is no end of course assessment. The assistant superintendent addressed the fact that there are many grading issues for incoming students: we have schools whose grade scales stop at 70% and a 69% is not passing. We have so many international, non-DODDS and home-school students. Transcripts are a major issue and we have a review committee. The vice-chair asked what higher level recommendations are public record and the superintendent will seek and provide that information.

(5) Action Item: SAC will report out any findings at higher levels that are public knowledge.

b. Installation Advisory Committee input - Vice-chair

(1) The IAC is rescheduled for May 9 at 1600.

(2) An issue to be sent to IAC: the electronic meal plan system due to roll out next year.

(a) CAPT Gray shared from the NEX manager that Rota has implemented the system and there have been some problems.

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(b) The incoming principal, Duane Warner, stated that his school has used the electronic meal plan system for 3 years. There have been some glitches but it works well now. One issue is collecting on overdue bills.

(c) The school liaison has as a goal that parents are able to set up accounts at the NEX this summer.

(d) Side note: The price of lunch is going up 50 cents again to comply with a congressional order.

c. Class of 2012 Graduation Plans - Principal

(1) The school received the bill for graduation at Carney Park and it was more expensive than anticipated - but the school saved 5000 euro by using our own risers. MWR continues to help us and is making suggestions. Many parents are also helping.

(2) Students are fundraising in many ways and DODDS is putting in the maximum that they are allowed to. Graduation will cost the school \$5000 US dollars.

4. New Business

a. CSI Update - Principal.

(1) May 4 is early release with teachers splitting into 3 groups with all teachers rotating through 3 sessions. Parents are invited to come 1300-1500.

(2) 6+1 is being reintroduced and will be presented to teachers. The other two sessions will focus on technology integration and use.

(3) Polya's 4 step problem solving model is embedded in the school and is being replaced by the 6+1 intervention.

b. Schedule.

(1) The assistant principal reported that 99% of course requests have been met and 91% of courses have been scheduled.

(2) The principal reported that registration is up from last year; the school has three times as many students registered as it did at this time last year. This

is due to an increase in early registration vice an increase in expected enrollment.

c. SY 2012/13 Election Plans - Chair

(1) In accordance with the governing instruction, no one that is a sitting member can be on the election committee. Our alternate will fill the vacancy. Therefore, we will not need a parent election, only a teacher one. We will need two teachers.

(2) A parent, [REDACTED] volunteered to run the election if necessary.

(3) A discussion followed on how to incentivize professional educators to be involved. The secretary commented that a more active, positive visible role would encourage teachers to be involved citing the open forum as a step in this direction.

(4) The possibility of an e-mail election using SurveyMonkey was revisited. A reliable e-mail address list is required to utilize the anonymous voting features of the service. The SLO felt the existing address list use to deliver the school's newsletter may be sufficient since the list includes parents only. The incoming principal commented that they have run electronic elections for the last 2 elections using the AP government teacher as the clearinghouse. The consensus was we should elect one teacher now and one in the fall to allow new people the opportunity to become involved.

d. End of Year Report - Chair

(1) A subgroup has met to begin the report. Ms. Daniels will request the approved and updated format from the district offices to save us some time. [Note: The reports of an update format were inaccurate; the format used last year will suffice.]

(2) The subcommittee will present the end of year report at the next meeting.

e. New items for next meeting

(1) A question was raised by a parent who could not access the parent handbook online. The administration responded that it has been updated so it was taken down and

will come back up in the next few days. [Secretary's Note: as of this edition of the minutes the handbook is available online.] The principal will put in the newsletter that the handbook is updated and currently available on the website.

(2) Dress code.

(a) CAPT Gray raised asked if a precise dress code could be published.

(b) The school liaison stated that some schools have pictures of what is acceptable.

(c) The principal suggested that this issue should be raised with student council.

(d) The incoming principal commented that he has been impressed during his two days in the building - he has not seen dress-code problems. He stated that we need to look at dress code but agreed with Ms Daniels: common sense should rule.

(e) Ms Daniels commented on the great improvement since NOSC donated items were provided for students found to be in violation of the dress code to change into.

(f) The discussion of polish has also had a huge impact. Ms Daniels said the school will support any community effort to reinforce professional dress. Permanent posted pictures would be effective.

(g) A parent commented that at the NEX it is very difficult to find young women dress code appropriate shorts.

(h) The chair stated that he is not in favor of dress code: "We are socializing parents as well as students with the goal of preparing students to dress professionally as adults."

(3) A parent representative raised the issue of theft in the school.

(a) The assistant principal takes a report from students regarding each theft and advises students to fill out a report with security. If it is reported as stolen the next day, it is very difficult to track down.

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(b) Ms Daniels emphasized: "We tell the students at least twice a year that if you bring high value items, we are not responsible to see that it in not stolen. We are sorry about the theft of high value items but we cannot be responsible for them. We also talk about consistency in all of our meetings. We work hard not to send double messages to students on I-pod use. Students share lockers even though it is not permitted."

(c) Mr. Martin: "We have started the good Samaritan plan so that student get a \$20 gift certificate for turning in valuable items left out.

(d) Reiterate: if you bring it to school, keep it secure. Superintendent Wolford supported this: Constant education!

5. Adjournment - 1742