

STUTTGART HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024 - 3:07 PM - 4:11 PM - SHS Library

2024-2025 Committee Members

School Principal:	Michael Jimerson
Parent Representatives:	Lauren Manley (SAC Chairperson)
	Maria Paige (SAC Secretary)
	Deirdre O'Leary (IAC Parent Rep)
Staff Representatives:	Olga Sims (Teacher Rep)
	Miata Coleman
	Karen Mills
Student Representative:	None present
School Liaison Officer:	Brian Pappas
Community Members:	Eric Gaulin
	Angelina Cain

a. Open from the School Advisory Committee

1. **Principal's update** - Mr. Jimerson provided an update about the school, highlighting a new bathroom pass system, maintaining tardy reductions, assessing AI, great progress with winter sports, course schedule options for next school-year, and the changes with off-campus lunch privileges.

- Ms. O'Leary asked if students are aware that their course interests drive availability of courses. Mr. Jimerson shared that efforts to make students aware of such options have been exercised and that there have been cases where exceptions have been made for lower interest courses.
- Ms. Mills noted an increase in raising awareness for AP classes as well as Career Tech courses.

2. Mr. Jimerson continued by sharing more recent updates to include a New to Stuttgart seminar class, the continuation of Tier III support for those identified experiencing challenges, and a recent baseball field meeting which presented potential use of an alternate field.

- Ms. O'Leary inquired about the safety and sanitation in regards to the potential newly sourced field. She was assured that these issues are being considered.

3. It was addressed that the SAC interest form Google Doc may not be able to be advertised on the school website or Facebook page due to current guidelines. Mr. Jimerson informed the SAC that he will assess the matter and discuss alternatives if necessary.

b. Vacancy announcements/nominations

1. Ms. Manley informed the SAC that she recently met with the outgoing SAC Chairperson and was under the impression the nominations and elections were complete.
2. Mr. Jimerson reviewed the policy and noted the requirement to vote in person.
3. Ms. O'Leary informed the SAC that a fair election is necessary to ensure a smooth transition. She also mentioned the interest of parents who weren't currently present and should be considered for election. She also shared that a concerned parent reached out to inquire as to why they weren't informed of the election.
4. Mr. Jimerson continued to assess the regulations while the SAC proceeded with other business with intentions of revisiting election topics before the close of the meeting.

c. New Business

1. **Additional Bleachers-** Upon questioning as to where additional bleachers came from for a recent playoffs game, the SAC was made aware of the additional bleachers provided by DPW for a playoffs game.

d. Elections

1. Mr. Jimerson resumed providing follow up from his findings within the SAC regulations of which he concurred that Ms. Manley's vote as Chairperson was in effect given that Mr. Lewis stepped down and an in-person vote was conducted to vote her in as the incoming chairperson.

2. Mr. Jimerson then explained that per the regulation, an in-person vote must be re-conducted for interested Parent Representatives.
3. Based on the regulations and timeline options for a re-election, the SAC agreed to the following:
 - By 19 December a nomination form would be created for presentation through school-wide channels calling for nominations of Parent Representatives.
 - The nomination form would then be distributed by 20 December.
 - Lastly, on January 9th, an in-person election will commence for in-person voting of Parent Representatives.
4. The SAC confirmed that they would inform any interested nominees of the change in election.
5. Mr. Jimerson confirmed based on the regulation that a nominee need not be present to be elected. However, one can only vote in-person.

e. Future SAC/IAC Meetings

SHS SAC 2025

February 5
April 9
April 30 or May 15

IAC 2025

January 14, at SHS
March 18, at PMS
May 20, at PES

f. New Business Continued

1. **Parking-** Ms. O’Leary inquired about the current state of parking at the school. She presented the challenge of visitors parking and leaving their vehicles along the fence-line. She asked the SAC about potential options for resolving this challenge.
 - The SAC considered the reason for potential challenges may be due to the addition of Pre-K this year and their 1-1 handoff requirement, which in-turn causes parents to have to park and hold up the flow of traffic.
 - One solution proposed for the parking and traffic flow challenge was to ask the elementary school if they could inform their parents and visitors to be cautious of the kiss and drop procedures and parking guidelines.

- Mr. Gaulin asked if Military Police can enforce the safety regulations.
- Ms. Mills proposed a staggered release as a potential solution.
- Mr. Jimerson asked the SAC if we can take this challenge for action as an agenda item in the next SAC meeting.

g. Closing

1. Ms. Mills reminded everyone about the band concert taking place this evening at 6pm.
2. Ms. O'Leary asked if we can inform PTO of our next SAC meeting to gain their participation.

h. Adjourned - 4:11 PM

Notes written by Maria Paige were used to prepare these minutes.

Respectfully submitted by: Maria Paige

Approved: January 6th, 2025