STUTTGART HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 18, 2024 3pm- SHS Library

Call to Order: Meeting began at 1502

Greeting and Introduction of Committee Members and attendees

School Principal:	Michal Jimerson
Staff Representative:	Karen Mills (Vice Principal)
	Olga Sims (IAC Staff Rep/ Vice Chairperson)
School Liaison:	Brian Pappas
Parent Representatives:	Marc Lewis (Chairperson)
	Deirdre O'Leary (IAC Parent Rep)
Student Representative:	Hannah Bruce
Community Members:	Sarah Asimakopoulos
	Tracy May
	Fidela Lopez
	Christine Gelerter
	Wayne Biles
	Amy Hawkes

SAC Update

- Purpose of the Student Advisory Committee
- Recap/ Review of 2023-2024 SAC Activities (End of Year Report)- not covered.
- Goals for 2024-2025 School Year – Not covered. Will transfer to the new board.
- Elections (Open Positions)-
    - Lewis will advertise for the SAC election next month. He is looking for assistance as the SAC chairman, someone to take over. He introduced Wayne Biles as potential chairperson. Will do a media blitz for interested parties.
- Schedule of SAC Meetings/ IAC Meetings- No information on IAC Meeting Dates.

Marc Lewis proposed following SAC Dates- October 16, 2024 (election only meeting),

November 13, 2024 and January 14, 2025. He brought up the difficulty of having meeting in December and around Euro timeframes.

Another upcoming home football game- Ramstein is coming to watch the game. Predicting the same numbers as previous home game-large turnout. He suggests for community to support other organizations- several selling items for fundraising: Music Boosters, XC, Junior Class, Drumline, Cheerleading, etc.

Note: Upon reviewing the regulations, the board must be elected and in place by 15 October.

Principal's Update- Mr. Jimerson

775 students at SHS Students- they have been issued ID cards with QR code (gives information regarding schedules and counselor information). Would like parent feedback what other information would be useful. Senior Scholarship information

Course selections have been expanded with regards to CTE courses; robotics and honor society offerings have also been increased.

Passing of beloved employee. They are looking for new teachers, in the meantime, current employees/ teachers have stepped up, including Mr. Burkman to cover down on classes/subjects.

Briefed all SHS policies/rules/regulations to students on the first day of school. Freshman are staying on campus for lunch. Reported that 250 kids at lunch, lunch lines are short.

111 new students–9th graders are being paired with student ambassadors. Focus is still on new people/ students as they need the most support. Student Ambassadors are also assisting, going to new student seminars and recently brought treats/cookies.

Targeted approach for Tier 3 kids struggling to provide additional resources.

Ms. Mills: NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) test: 70% or higher means you may receive college credit; some classes are focusing on NOCTI (Biology) for certification in CTE pathways. Biology took practice test- 50% average. Career opportunities- JAVA The test is offered in the class they are taking JROTC at the end of the year.

Despite many budget cuts, SHS did not cut EDA contracts, ironing out issues with assistant coaches. Men's Volleyball has been introduced as a club.

Honors courses are no longer offered at SHS- this is a DODEA wide effort moving to pre-AP courses and AP Courses. There was a discussion on this as it was a previous SAC/ IAC item brought up by a former parent and student. The concern is that students don't have the choice to take honor classes- it is either remedial or AP, no middle ground. Marc Lewis brought up his perspective/ experience dealing with college applications. The change is driven by colleges and course selection requests. Mr. Jimerson brought up the course requests drive master schedule and- new courses offered, including robotics, video, more career practicum. Dual enrollment is not weighted and cannot be part of Honors Diploma

No headphones/earbuds during passing periods policy is going well with all freshmen remaining on campus. They are allowed to wear earbuds at lunch. Phones/ Earbuds in the classes are teacher by teacher preference.

Old Business

- Athletic Packet/ Anti Bullying video links: Mr. Jimerson stated he is working with Coach Jackson to streamline athletic packet, provide better access to packet and information.
- SHS Baseball field (ongoing/ open issue since 2022-2023)-

Baseball field update: Baseball will continue to use the field at Robinson; an elementary school is no longer being built on the Robinson field. Brian Pappas will confirm. There was only one Porta-Potty located up a hill and around a fence available to the baseball team for practice and games from February 2024- present. There is no access to running water for hand washing, the baseball field is covered with nettles/not maintained and there is no ADA compliance. Four years have not yielded any improvement.

Discussion of having both baseball and softball play at Husky Field rotating games. This is not a viable option/ solution. It is different than basketball- in the elements, the size of the field, property damage. Hannah Bruce discussed how difficult it is even practicing at the same time.

It would also need a large fence around the field.

Mr. Pappas stated it is a coordination issue. This is an issue that impacts both the SHS and the Garrison (CYS, MWR, etc.) which is why it is was raised at the IAC and is an open issue.

Regarding the conditions of the field and the porta pot, Deirdre O'Leary stated she does not believe that coordination is the only reason/issue of the field conditions. Although there was not a DoDEA sponsor until close to the beginning of the season, she had been reaching out to SHS. Many requests were sent to MWR/ CYS. They stated that the truck got stuck due to inclement weather conditions and couldn't deliver the port a pot that day. It took many people getting involved- EUCOM HQs (Roseberry), DPW, School to get a one port a potty delivered- up the hill from the field. There was one delivered for the entire season and the CYS season. It was not the variety with water (to wash hands). The baseball players (and spectators were told if they needed to use the bathroom facilities, they should go to the commissary. Deirdre O'Leary stated that isn't acceptable- we need to do better for our student athletes and the community. The field was also not maintained- students were doing field maintenance and digging out stinging nettles. It is also not ADA complaint/ accessible.

- Sports/ Clubs Activity Fundraising- Excerpt of document was found and provided to Mr. Jimerson to review recommendations/ proposal.
- Drivers Course Inquiry- No update, not offered at SHS.
- Computer Access Flexibility- Not Covered
- PDL Training Request
- Course Selections- School Links,- 4 year plan, we lead the organization in AP Courses, dive CTE. Can gain job certification

New Business

Open Forum

Brian Pappas:The nature of the SAC is advisory

September 19, 2024 there is an Installation-wide SAC training (for all SAC members). Discussion that there is a breakdown in communication. People were unaware of the SAC meeting and the training, including SAC members. Marc Lewis agreed it was not well communicated/ publicized in advance, except in the Panther Express. Moving forward, the meetings (and upcoming elections) will be publicized more. Brian Pappas doesn't know why the SAC training was not communicated/ shared with the SHS SAC members. It will be held at SHS in the middle hallway from 0830-1130 tomorrow (September 19, 2024). They will have a follow on training for the new elected SHS SAC representatives.

Four parent and four teacher reps are needed based on SHS's enrollment numbers. The members are elected and from there positions are chosen (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, IAC Representatives). Historically, the Vice Chair is a Teacher/ Staff member, but Brian Pappas said that does not necessarily need to occur. Hannah Bruce has volunteered to be the student representative. It is important to get the student perspective. Previously there were two (because of sport/ club involvement and availability to be at the meeting and one was the Student Council VP). Mr. Pappas said that is also not necessary, it is just how it occurred.

Open forum:

Request to publish school clubs and sports activities guide (fundraising, coaching, food handlers, etc.) to help and guide coaches/parents/students

If Stuttgart Public Health Nurse (Ms. Priscilla Hobbs, RN Patch Clinic) is notified, she will provide a food handler training class. One recommendation is to have it for all students in seminar via video (ensuring students can work with food at concessions and obtain volunteer hours). The new regulations directly impact student volunteers (i.e, JROTC) where food handling/ concessions are one of the main ways students earn volunteer hours.

Deirdre O'Leary said she would like to go back and discuss the SHS and Garrison Baseball Field (s) issue. we should be doing better for our kids. Amy Hawkes brought up the lack of toilet facilities also impacts visitors- people traveling 3+ hours.

Going back to the one porta potty- MWR stated they couldn't deliver porta potty due to weather conditions/ truck getting stuck. Then due to pressure and coordination, one porta potty was delivered and remained through CYS season. No other attempts to deliver occurred. Its sad because if there was some type of drinking festival, toilet facilities (trailers) are provided/ available. Baseball players are told they can go to commissary.

Mr. Jimerson cautioned about complaining about conditions (safety, sanitation)- and the potential unintended consequences. If you complain about unsanitary conditions, won't be able to have concessions. Deirdre O'Leary stated they would prefer not to have concessions, that was coach/ DODEA sponsor Mandated. However there are limitations on fundraising.

Mr. Jimerson stated he didn't want to be quoted that he is taking away baseball.

Deirdre O'Leary stated it is also a lack of field maintenance on all the installations/ fields (Husky Field on Patch, Kelley Softball Field, and Robinson).

Mr. Jimerson met with MWR and at $200,000 (based on the large amount of dirt needed) the cost is prohibitive to install a fence around Robinson field. There was a discussion on having both the Softball and Baseball teams playing the same day at Husky Field, similar to how basketball (girls and boys teams play). Deirdre O'Leary said it is different in many ways- games are outside- issue of inclement weather. They are already there from 0700- 1530/1600 (est) for a double header and it would make it an even longer day- four games (warm up, etc). How would that work with the contract for busing. Logistical limitiatins. Also the field on Huscky is not conducive- safety and potential property damage issues (balls hitting people/ cars. Hananh Bruce brought up the issues moving the fence and safety issues when the two teams practice simultraneoulsy. It is already tHe will follow-up with a Reds Stadium request to have the SHS Baseball Team play off post.. There is a precedence for schools/ teams to play in alternative locations (rented) at other EUR DODEA schools

Ms. Fidela Lopez brought up an issue she is having with the Administration and a community member (not school affiliated) at the school. Brian Pappas stated this is outside the SAC and not appropriate to be discussed in this venue.

Meeting adjourned at 1600hrs. Next meeting is 16 October 2024 at 1500 for Election purposes only. No information on upcoming IAC meetings.

Minutes prepared by: Deirdre O'Leary (IAC Parent Rep)