School Advisory Committee

Patch Middle School

October 9th, 2024

**2024-2025 Committee Members**

School Principal: Shawn Knudsen

School Liaison: Brian Pappas

Parent Representatives: Melissa DiNola

Mikayla King

Elizabeth Reukema (Secretary)

Melanie Wilhite (Chair)

Staff Representatives: Carmen Segalla

Robin Stworzydlak (Vice Chair)

Ioana Wagner

Merrillan Watson

**Call to order**

**Announcement of the new SAC Committee Members and their positions**

**Vote on updated By-Laws for SY 2024/25**

**Updates**

1. Installation/SLO
2. Principal/Assistant Principal
3. SAC Chair

**Old Business (Carried over from SY 2023/24)**

1. MFLC school services for all students.
2. Bathroom safety concerns. Follow-up: doors be propped open
3. After school activities and options for middle school aged students.
4. SAC training for the executive board - post election. School Bylaws distributed to new board members.
5. Have these been added to the newsletter? Request for additions to the newsletter:
   1. - Counseling Office Corner
   2. - Calendar (important dates of the quarter - including clubs and activities that meet throughout the month)
   3. - Tutoring Resources
6. Lockers: Updates on Mr Knudsen’s newest lockers request?
7. Club Information: Has this information been added to the adult/parent Aspen?
8. Update on the new gifted program and how it got implemented
9. Update: Student concerns: our peers are not taking the training on bullying seriously. Parent Suggestion: Has the school considered the Positivity Project?
10. Staff suggestion: PAWS.
11. Is it possible for there to be a quarterly open house for new students and their families? Plans for school tours once a quarter
12. Can SAC have virtual file space? Access for non staff members to Teams where the virtual file space is located

**New Business**

1. Addressing incidents of racially charged bullying and discriminatory language among students
   1. Recent reports of students using racially offensive language in an inappropriate manner
   2. Impact of these behaviors on student well-being, school climate, and inclusivity
   3. Current policies and procedures for addressing racial bullying
   4. Is there a system to track repeated violations of DoDEA discipline matrix?
   5. Strategies for prevention, education, and intervention to promote a more respectful and inclusive school environment
   6. Role of school staff, students, and families in addressing and preventing discriminatory behavior
2. Some female students are hesitant to use their bathroom passes because they fear being penalized for frequent or extended bathroom use.
   1. Current policies and incentives on bathroom usage by grade level
   2. Possible system where female students can discreetly request bathroom access during their periods without using their standard passes. (School wide or at the individual teacher level?)
3. Inconsistent repercussions across classrooms for managing repeated inappropriate behavior.
   1. Where does this fall on the DoDEA discipline matrix? What should happen if behavior continues?
   2. Is there a system in place to track repeated inappropriate behavior across classrooms?
   3. Discuss and develop actionable steps to address behavior across classes, focusing on appropriate interventions and support to ensure student’s understanding of boundaries and classroom expectations
4. Summary of summarized testing scores and what they mean for the school vs what do they do for the student/parent

**Open forum**

**Future SAC meetings**

December 4, 2024

March 5, 2024

May 7, 2024

**Future IAC meetings**

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**Adjournment**

Contact the SAC at: [schooladvisorycommitteepms@gmail.com](mailto:schooladvisorycommitteepms@gmail.com)

Link for community feedback:<https://forms.gle/qU5QTuFpCJqMeV4c9>