

Vicenza Elementary School
School Advisory Committee
Caserma Ederle Vicenza, Italy
SAC Minutes 09 December 2010

School Advisory Committee Meeting Attendees

- M H Parent Representative (Chair)
- I A Parent Representative (writing the minutes)
- B L Teacher Representative
- P S Teacher Representative
- N M School Liaison
- Chris Beane Principal
- Dr. Lorena Reinhardt Vice Principal
- A S SAS Director

Call to Order

Mrs. H called to order at 15:14.

Agenda

- Corrections to Previous Minutes

Block leave is between 15 December 2010 and 13 January 2011. The Minutes were approved.
- SAC Lunch

The first SAC lunch was a success.
- School Lunch

The cafeteria added pasta choices to the school lunch. AAFES is considering leaving the feeding authority.

- Italian Exchange Program

Two new schools (one of them is Farina) are interested in this program. Only students who are in the immersion classes can participate in this program. The administration wants to start the program next school year.

- Crossing guards

The drop-off and pick-up point needs to be "cleaned up". The area in front of the school is a no-stop zone for parents. Only delivery personnel are allowed to use it for loading or unloading. An attendee suggested to ask the MPs to guard the road in front of the school during drop-off and pick-up times. The question came up whether older children or volunteers from the community could be crossing guards. The liability in case of an accident is unclear at this point. This topic will be continued at the next meeting.

New Business

- Lunches

It is AAFES policy not to give children a second helping if their lunch account is in the negative. For any questions, Gary Ross is the contact person.

- Teachers' Leave

Since some teachers go on leave a couple of days before the Christmas break, the question came up what the school's policy was in terms of the teachers' leave. Teachers have three days of APL (Any Purpose Leave) per year. They are allowed to take this leave any time of the year except for the first or last week of the school year. Parents are not to worry about the curriculum. The school has enough substitutes.

- Library

One member asked why children in kindergarten are allowed to check out only one book per week. Administration will talk to the librarian to see whether more books could be checked out. Kindergarteners and first graders are not yet allowed to walk to the library by themselves yet. Instead, they go with either the teacher or an aide once a week at a set time. Starting in second grade, children may visit the library during the school hours with a pass. So these children may check out more than just one book. Classroom teachers may find individual solutions for their class. Parents may volunteer and walk with the children to the library or may check out books themselves.

- Recess

All classes have certain times assigned to them for lunch recess. Teachers decide the times for additional outdoor recess from KG through third grade. Six monitors are watching the children during recess: Initially, three are inside and outside. Towards the end, when more children are outside, four monitors and Mr. J are outside. Two monitors and Dr. Reinhardt remain inside.

Next Meeting

The next SAC meeting is 24 February 2011 at 15:00.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 16:15.