



VHS School Advisory Committee Agenda/Minutes

VHS SAC Charter:

The VHS SAC advises the VHS principal on all local school-related matters, including educational programs, resources, services, and policies.

Goal 1:

Develop communication that enhances participation in school activities.

Goal 2:

Develop partnerships that enhance student experience and academics.

Goal 3:

Work to solve school issues and problems at the lowest appropriate level.

Date: March 11, 2025

Attendees:

Mark Villarreal

Jami Bahmer

Angie Perry

Amy Brock

Jackson Brock

Mark Gillett

Beth Lopez

Desiree Thomas

Michela Ambruoso

Doris Brodie

Beth Potter

Carmen - PTSA Rep

Review of VHS School Advisory Committee (SAC) Agenda

Principal's Report:

- Students at Honors Festival
- Mr. Gunn and students are in attendance at the Model UN Senate in Germany
- Hiring Freeze at the moment
- All government credit cards and spending are frozen
- Vandalism in the boys' bathrooms

- Future graduation meeting to be schedule with student and parent input regarding graduation logistics
 - Graduation must be held on base due to security
 - Possibility to hold graduation in the front of the high school at Mr. Kohut's suggestion
 - Survey was given to students who prefer to have the graduation ceremony outdoors
 - Date of graduation is set for June 7 with a suggested time of 7 pm
 - Letter will be sent out to parents with important dates for Senior Dinner, Baccalaureate, and other graduation events
 - 88 days until graduation
- Quality Assurance Visit coming up. Internal Review will be done.
- Congressional Delegation will be visiting all the DOD schools in Vicenza and Aviano. They have an interest to visit a 21st Century School. May also check that all Executive Orders are being implemented at the school installations.
- Career Fair was a great success with Ms. Rivera helming the event.
- March 11 – all juniors took the SAT
- This weekend is the first competition of sports – only two home track meets with one being this weekend.
- IACS is March 18
- JROTC Ball is March 26 (Wednesday)
- March 27 – Teacher Training Day
- March 28 – School Holiday
- April 14 – Teacher Training Day

Jamie Bahmer Report:

- Student Council – no updates
- Phone issue – Feb. 24 – meeting to discuss phones regarding academic dishonesty, safety concerns, mental health concerns, bullying.
- Spoke with a company that sells a pouch at 24 euro per pouch that self locks
- Would like to organize another meeting to discuss the cell phone usage and potential options.

- Currently holding a contest with a drawing. Once students take a screenshot of how many minutes they spend online, they are entered into a drawing.
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Beth Potter Report:

- IACS meeting on March 18
- Elementary school issue is being raised to have an ATM at Villaggio.

Carmen Report: PTSA

- Deadline April 16 – for scholarship
- Must be a member of PTSA
- Can get on Facebook page and there is a QR code to apply
- March 18 – Volunteer Breakfast is open to everyone who wants to volunteer and show what offices are going to open for the next school year and be part of the board.

Desiree Thomas Report:

- Just rewarded a support for a conference for \$1100
 - \$100 students for each student.
 - Conference will be held a week after Spring Break

Jackson- Student Report

- Bathrooms are continually being vandalized
- Instagram Gossip page is still up.
- Criteria was not reached to take it down.
- Trying to create community awareness.
- Be aware, that at age 17 years old and 18 years old, there are federal charges. It can affect your whole life.
- CID person shared the consequences with students

Mark Gillette Report:

- Thankful for the presenters regarding the Slam Page

Old Business - All caught up.

Executive Orders – DOD is implementing them.

- Students have a right to congregate for a personal group (religious, etc) like usual.
- There needs to be an adult in the room.
- Every teacher must do their five things. Local Nationals don't have to do it.

New Business – Need to vote on the SAT/ACT test dates at VHS to increase dates available to test to make it equal to other locations such as Germany. Issue will be brought up to IACS. Currently, there are only three tests offered. Aviano and Vicenza offer the tests on the same dates. Germany offers more tests but must travel

- There are just a few dates for the SAT/ACT at VHS
 - Number of SAT/ACT dates offered are limited
 - Extra curricular activities also limits the timeframe for testing.
 - College Board is now considered Stateside which equates to five tests a year.
 - Always offered on Saturday
 - DODEA pays for the in-school tests
- Voted to bring the issue to IACS to offer more tests.

Open Forum - Nothing to add