

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

January 7, 2020

Final

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, Guillaume Yoboue, Suzanne Isgrigg, Marina Sweany, Les Knox, George Morgan, Peggy Lull, Tonya Thompson, Dean Eckberg, Randy Peacock, Alicia Ward, Mary Jane Starks

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Sharon Garofanello.

Order of business: The order of business was reviewed and accepted without change.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Board Members approved the minutes from November 2019 without change.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports.

- Deadline for financial aid requests was 12/31. To date, none have been received.
- To date, no AO application fees have been received.
- Responses to the annual solicitation for donations are slowly coming in, including the following gifts in honor of or in memory of:
 - From Ann Brown in memory of LaMoyne and Margaret Beardon
 - From Marti Eggers in honor of Les Knox
- Thanks to Bob Wason, Les Knox, and George Morgan for their help with this project.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

As a now we have two new files for next year, a girl from Majorca and a girl from Turkey. Alejandro from Majorca was not placed last year and he is going to update his file for September. Majorca got our information about accepting a third student if there is room. They have a request that needs board action. The younger brother of Vicente (who was here last year) wishes to come. The Bennetts have indicate that they would host. The situation is that the boy will not be 15 1/2 until October. That is fine with the US State Department but not with our ATAD rules. I am asking that we wave the rule for this boy if we have a host family. We have heard of students from Poland and Russia that wish to come. Please let Sue know as soon as possible about paperwork.

Sue will be in Florida January 15 to February 5. Most of the time you can reach her by phone or email.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

I have received only one School Evaluation (form F) for one RCSD student

State Department: Debby Allwell

State Department requested 2020 Spring Semester Placement update in Sevis by January 15, 2020. Since ATAD has no IA's for the spring semester no update was needed.

The annual verification of users who access the State Department system was verified December 15, 2019. Debbra Allwell is listed as the Responsible Officer (RO) and Suzanne Isgrigg is listed as the Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) for ATAD.

CSIET:

Nothing to report.

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Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

The P&P committee met in December and began working on revising the HF orientation documents.

Website development: George Morgan

The website is up to date and there is only blurb from a prospective student.

Social Media: Mary Jane Starks

Nothing new to report.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

The applicant for Garry Simon has decided not to pursue the opportunity.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

International Dinner is in March. March 1 is the tentative date for the event. Everyone is invited.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Randy Peacock

Nothing to report.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Lena is doing well, she went to Vermont with her family and saw a tradition Christmas. She is happy about getting lots of presents. She was sick for part of the break. She started practice for the musical. Luka did not do much. His New Year's resolution is to start making friends or at least start talking more to people. It is not easy for him to start conversations. He read three English books over the break.

Rennes: Guillaume Yobo

November visit

I met with Carol, Carl, Paige and Florian for their November visit on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm.

Florian started Nordic Skiing (Cross-country). He is also doing piano and robotics in school.

His host sister Paige Cunningham is interested in the Network of Complementary Schools. The Network may take her to New York City, Texas and Arizona during February Recess 2020 and one week of school. Paige is also interested in visiting France in the future.

Florian has been in touch with other ATAD students. Florian will meet his family in Florida during this February Recess, and that is OK with Carol Cunningham.

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Carol will call Peggy Lull of ATAD for Florian's ATAD orientation, as a make up.
Florian's current joke: " Sauce is not food!" because Carol makes a lot of sauce that is kept in the refrigerator while he is not too crazy about raw vegetables.
Overall, all is well.

December visit

I met with Carol, Carl, and Florian for their December visit on Monday, December 23rd at 1:00 pm.
Carol and Florian will meet on 1/6/2020 for Florian's orientation at Peggy Lull's house. Florian will leave for Miami, FL to meet his family visiting from France on 2/14/20. He will return to Rochester on 2/26/19.
Carol and Carl hosted a Christmas party with other ATAD Exchange students on 12/15/19.
Florian is still doing Nordic Cross-Country Skiing, and playing piano in school.
Carl noticed that Florian's English has improved a lot.
All in all, all is well. The visit was over at 2:00 pm.

Krakow:

Nothing to report.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

Miki is doing great .. He made honor roll this quarter and is still part of Track. He said he had a wonderful vacation. He and his family went to Quebec for the New Year. He continues to do well and school and he loves his host family!

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

Marina is doing well. Her first quarter report card is good with a 90/100 average. She has had episodes of homesickness and has felt ignored by her host sister.
Both girls are very shy and have not bonded yet, but Marina has a great relationship with the host family and Mike and Joyce are happy with hers
During Christmas break Marina traveled with her host mom to Philadelphia and to Dallas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.
I have received the file of a girl applicant for next year and there might be another one coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM January 7th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser