

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

January 4th, 2022

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Guillaume Yoboue, Suzanne Isgrigg, Barbara Pellicano, Deb Allwell, Marina Sweany Randy Peacock, George Morgan, Peggy Lull, Les Knox, Alicia Ward

Call to order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:08 PM by President Sharon Garofanello. Treasurer's report and the minutes from November 9th 2021 meeting have been approved.

Updates: Randy attempted to reach out to the mayor's office in Würzburg without any response.

The board agreed that the participants in the ATAD program should be vaccinated for COVID 19 according to the then-current CDC guidelines.

Treasurer's report: There was not a new one.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We accepted a student from Australia. She starts her program at the end of January. Guillaume and Sue have met the host family.

The schools have a new policy now and would like to take a student's information by the end of May. They will not consider students if their information is submitted after the deadline.

Do we want to do post-arrival orientation?

State Department:

The annual verification for the Responsible Officer/ Alternate Responsible Officer was completed December 3, 2021.

The paperwork for the Re-Designation of ATAD was submitted April, 2021 to the State Department. This process takes place every two years, allowing ATAD to operation as a sanctioned State Department program. It was approved August 27, 2021.

As there were no second semester students needing an DS2019, there was no need to electronically file the Fall Student Report or Second Semester Student Report. A student with dual citizenship from Australia came as a second semester student in Brighton HS District.

The last annual training requirement for the State Department was sent out March 16, 2021, and was completed by June, 2021. Material for the yearly test will be provided within the next few months to the member of the Board for completion by June 2022.

Website Update: George Morgan

Change needed to say we are accepting students for 2022. Some scams continue, monitoring closely.

Guillaume

This is to inform you that I talked to Laura Cardella, Sarah's host mother today. Laura shared with me that Sarah and her mother Karen Campbell arrived on 12/14/21. They will spend some time with friends in New York City and will come to Rochester by train on Thursday 12/16/21 around 5:00 pm. David Campbell, her father will be in the U.S. on 12/21/21.

Australian kid – 02/01 starts school. Toured the school and has her schedule already, she will participate in the musical as well. Meeting with the host family this Saturday via Zoom.

Sue Isgrigg and I met with Sarah Campbell's host family, Laura and Joe Cardella on 11/20/21. Laura and Joe live in Brighton. Therefore Sarah will attend Brighton High School. Sarah is due to arrive in

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Rochester between 12/15/21 and 12/18/21. She will attend Brighton HS for the second semester, starting 2/1/2022.

All in all, the Cardella family is excited to host Sarah. We all look forward to seeing Sarah and will give you another update soon. Do not hesitate to contact Sue or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Current Student Manuel – he is doing fine; Barb is checking on him periodically. He spent the holidays in Rochester and planning a trip to California. He is doing well in school and has good grades.

Alicia Ward - Recent passing of Clyde Forbes (Past Chair of the Bamako-Rochester Sister Cities Committee) and the that of Mrs. Haby Sangare (former visitor/guest of Jean Cappellino to Rochester and mother of Altine Traore - former Association for Teen-Age Diplomat Exchange Student).

Meetings will resume every first Tuesday of the month starting in February 2022. Next meeting February 1st 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser