EJ King School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Date: February 17, 2026
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: EJ King Commons
Chairperson: Tyson Baca
Minute Taker: Katherine Rocha
Attendance

- Jonathan Colley (Student)
- Claira Wiltraut (Student)
- Jude Cutler (Student)
- Imara Marti (DODEA Staff)
- Mandy Shimakura (Parent)
- Christy Johnson (SLO)
- P. Diane Danjanic (Parent)
- Erin Arocho (DODEA Staff / Parent)
- Leslie Barnhart (DODEA Staff)
- Jennifer Gamble (DODEA Staff)
- Francine Locker (DODEA Staff)
- Katherine Rocha (Parent / SAC Member)
- Tyson Baca (Parent / SAC Member)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tyson Baca at 4:30 p.m.
a. Minutes review from previous meeting – 16 December

- The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed to all attendees for review.
- No revisions or corrections were noted, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Principal's Update
Presented by Ms. Jennifer Gamble

a. Parent University

- Younger children can be dropped off at Sasebo Elementary School, where dinner will be provided.
- EJ King School will host both Parent University sessions and the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Fair. Dinner will also be available at this site.

Objectives:

- To educate parents about the diverse educational pathways available to students.
- To highlight opportunities for academic and career preparation.
- Teachers and community partners will serve as presenters and hosts of informational sessions and booths.
- Several community organizations will also participate by sharing resources and services available to families.

b. Student Feedback Initiative – February 11, 2026

- A student feedback form was distributed during school hours to gather input on school culture and student well-being.
- Participation was strong, with a high response rate across grade levels.

Preliminary results:

- 70% of students reported having at least one trusted adult in the school community.
- Student Planner Usage: Ms. Gamble conducted a random spot check among middle school students and found that most students are actively utilizing their planners. She plans to extend the spot check to high school students next.
- **Usage of Locker Concerns:** Ms. Barnhart suggested opening the gym area to allow students to drop off their musical instruments and sports equipment in the music room to reduce clutter and improve convenience.

- Some members discussed the potential benefit of introducing a 10-minute break between 2nd and 3rd periods to help students refresh and transition between classes more effectively.

While the major schedule cannot currently be modified, this suggestion will be taken under consideration for future planning.

Agenda Item 3: Chairman's Update

Agenda Item 4: Current Business
Bi Literacy Program
This program will be spearheaded by Mr. O'Mara and Mrs. Marti

- The Seal of Biliteracy program recognizes graduating seniors who have achieved proficiency in two or more languages.
- Eligibility Requirements:
  English Language Arts (ELA): SAT score of 600 or higher
  World Language: Achievement of Level 5 on the STAMP Test
  Multilingual Learners (MLL): Score between 4.8 and 5.0
- Recognition: Students who meet these standards will receive a Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma.
- Additional information will be shared with families during Parent University.

Open Forum
Agenda Item 5: New Business
a. Homework
How long do students need to work on?

- Understanding the purpose of homework — reinforcement of learning, assessment of understanding, and development of responsibility.
- Are homework primarily used for performance measurement or ongoing feedback?
- Cobra Day should be maximized by teachers as a catch up time in class.
- Some teachers are giving due dates and adjusting if needed. This is a good way to empower the students.

Agenda Item 6: Open Forum

Agenda Item 7: Future School Advisory Committee Meeting Date

a. Tuesday, 21 April, 2026

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diane Danjanic and seconded by Jude Cutler.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Katherine Rocha