York Meeting Agenda

School Advisory & Accountability Committee

Thursday, December 9 (5:00-6:30)

SAAC Purpose:

The SAAC at York International takes pride in working collaboratively with families, students, teachers and administration to inform future planning, problem solve, and work on continuous improvement.

Committee Norms:

1. **Expectations -** Assume positive intent that all decisions are being made in what's best for students. Focus on a solution-oriented mindset to make actionable decisions; above all else **show respect**.
2. **Time:** Purposeful use of time:
   a. Start and end on time
   b. Stick to an agenda
   c. We will use our time purposefully by collaboratively identifying high priority and meaningful topics.
3. **Participation**: Respectfully engage in each meeting honoring opportunities to take risks, disagree, and hear all voices.
4. **Listening:** We will assume positive intent while actively listening and will remain open-minded to new ideas and perspectives, mindful of the K-12 lens.

Today's Meeting Objectives:

- York Winter Newsletter Q&A
- Parent SAAC Website
- Student Engagement Initiative
- Cell Phone Usage Initiative
- Open Forum

VISION

As an International Baccalaureate School, the York International Community firmly believes that through each educator's unyielding commitment to academic excellence and personal growth, **all students will be empowered to lead purposeful lives.**

MISSION

In partnership with the community and families, York International commits to:

- Fostering the unique potential of every child.
- Ensuring that all students are challenged and supported in their pursuit of academic success.
- Implementing engaging, rigorous instruction.
- Building on a foundation of meaningful relationships and joy in learning.

Time	Topic	Details	Notes
5:00 – 5:15	York Winter Newsletter Q&A	https://bit.ly/3pPdArM	• We projected this website for the group and spoke about some of the highlights of next week and calendar updates.
5:15-5:30	Parent SAAC Website	https://bit.ly/31UlEPG	• This website is NEW • Projected on the white board. • Updated with the 4 major projects we would like to focus on for semester II.

5:30-6:20	Student Engagement + Cell Phone Initiative	• Mr. Schneider shared a draft of the Student Engagement Commitment Document for feedback..	Feedback: • Needs a cover letter to explain "the why" • Scrub the document for redundancies • Can it be more focused? • It is direct and covers most important points. • It is timely! – teacher / parent communication • We like the 3-way code of conduct feel. • Optics are appealing
6:20-6:30	Open Forum	• These are a collection of notes gathered throughout the entire meeting.	• Book Resources – Tattered Cover, Anything Library • Can students/parents join academic supports or school events virtually during this stage of the health and safety guidelines? *(Answer is yes)* • Would be interested in looking into promoting York on social media more. • Wondering if students can help lead communication on the York Website or in updates. • Could CANVAS be teacher communication straight to email/text? *(The answer is the district has adopted Blackboard as the communication tool that is being used by administration at this time. The next step is teacher training and usage)* • How can we improve ability for parents to easily log into CANVAS?

Action Steps before Next Meeting:

- Review the four focus areas on the York SAAC Website to determine which area each member would like to commit to working on semester II.
- Look into any opportunity to invite another parent to the January meeting to continue the work of the team.

January Meeting Agenda Topics:

Spring 2022 Semester Projects

Increasing Parent Familiarity with CANVAS Lesson Plans

- Purpose + What Can it Do For Us?
- How To Tutorials
- York Student / Parent Videos

Resource Library for Approved Academic Supports

- Grade Appropriate Academic Supports Online / In the Community
- Office Hours Help Center for Students
- Library of Grade Level Appropriate Books to Read - Partnership with AnyThink Library
- Continued Education Activities at Home Flyer
- Parent Engagement Events at York

Most Effective Communication Processes

- Messaging between Teachers and Parents
- Supporting Teachers in Communication Blackboard APP

Supporting Positive Electronic Use at School & at Home

- Cell Phone Initiatives
- Online Etiquette