York Meeting Agenda

School Advisory & Accountability Committee

Thursday, August 26 (5:00-6:00)

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 Shout Outs & Celebrations
- York's 2021-2022 Focus
- Parent Partnerships 2021-2022
- Safety Guidelines Updates
- Future Logistics
  - Meetings / Committee Leaders / Parent Communication
- 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 – 5:10	York Shout Outs & Celebrations	• Team members went around sharing out 1 or 2 items from page 1 of "Celebrating York" that were meaningful to them. • Questions for clarity around some of the items were included in this session.	• Members asked questions about, new classes, grant opportunities, enrollment, staffing, IB program, college classes, and bully prevention steps.

5:10 – 5:20	York's 2021-2022 FOCUS	• Mr. Van Etten shared "What students and staff are saying about York" and then asked parents to complete "What parents are saying about York" before leaving. • Mr. Van Etten and Mrs. Dickson shared the instructional focus for all York Teachers this year within the partnership of UVA.	• Parents were asked to discuss with their students how families can get involved in the York theme at home.
5:20 - 5:40	Parent Partnerships for 2021-2022	• Mustang Mile Fundraiser • Community Communication • Supporting Academics at Home • Supporting Staff Efforts	• Parents will complete a survey by mid-September with their level of interest in collaborating specifically on the topics.
5:40 - 5:50	Safety Guidelines Updates	• Committee discussed decision for schools to not allow visitors/parents inside the buildings. – School Board Level Decision. • Discussed mask mandates only being for grades K-6 • Urged a commitment within York to safety guidelines – washing hands, sanitizing spaces, etc.	• SAAC parents would like York to develop a way for parents to meet teachers in person safely outside within the next month.

Action Steps before Next Meeting: • Parents will complete a feedback survey on involvement opportunities. • Mr. Van Etten will reach out to parents interested in supporting the Fall Mustang Mile Fundraiser.	**September Meeting Agenda Topics:** • York Administration will bring Fall MAP assessment data to share with families and discuss options for supporting academics at home. • Team will check in on the plans for the Mustang Mile.