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MEMORANDUM FOR TEAM OSAN

FROM: 51 FW/DS

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, Osan AB Town Hall, 09 September 2026

1. The following memo provides the meeting minutes for the Osan AB Town Hall that took place on Wednesday, 09 September 2026.

I. Event Details:
a. **Focus Topics**: Housing
b. **Date:** 09 September 2026
c. **Time:** 1700
d. **Location:** O-Club

II. Attendees: This meeting was hosted by Col Stretch, 51 FW/CD. Various agencies and individuals attended, including:
a. 51st Fighter Wing Staff
b. 51st Mission Support Group
c. DoWEA

III. Opening Remarks: Meeting opened with Col Yoon's introduction and agenda overview and inviting additional questions during the Q&A session.

IV. Agenda:
a. OSW/DoWEA PacWest Updates
b. Osan Elementary School Updates
c. Osan Middle High School Updates
d. Child & Youth Programs Updates

VI. Next Meeting: The next Town Hall will take place on Wed, 14 October
a. **Focus Topic**: Medical
b. **Date:** Wed, 14 October
c. **Time:** 1700
d. **Location:** Officers' Club

VII. Open Forum Q&A: Included below.

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51st Mission Support Group

1. Could the Korean police stop parking their buses in the right lane where we turn into the main gate?
    a. The KNP that is posted outside the gate are not from Pyeongtaek, they are from Seoul. We requested support from the ROK government and that is the support they provided. We can relay to them these concerns so that it is not impeding traffic, however, please understand they are here to support the safety of our families.

51st Force Support Squadron

1. How much cash has the thrift store/LIFT got from sales vs donated back to Osan? Not stuff, but cash? Per their own Facebook, barely any this year, and no other private orgs get business space.
    a. Revenue generated from Osan Thrift Shop sales, after covering operational expenses, is directed back into the community via community grants, scholarships, and community outreach initiatives. From May-August 2026 (the first 4 months of our fiscal year), the total cash reinvested in the community was $16,942.40. We are always looking for opportunities to support and partner with the Osan AB community. Grant requests can be submitted through our website www.liftosan.com. Applications for continuing education and high school scholarships will reopen in early 2027. Suggestions for community outreach initiatives can be emailed to community@liftosan.com. Thank you for supporting your community through your thrift shop donations and purchases!
2. With more families coming will there be more FCC or CDC spaces available for care on Korean holidays?
    a. We are actively hiring and getting people on board. We have 2 potential FCC providers coming soon.
3. The K-CDC has open spots. Are there talks to partner and allow all USFK kids to enroll, even if parents are on the Korean side?
    a. The CDC center on the ROK side can't be used. In Korea, there are national/public, private, and workplace daycare centers. While national/public and private centers accept all applicants, workplace daycare centers only admit the children of employees working at that specific workplace.
    b. The ROK Osan Air Base Daycare Center is registered as a workplace daycare center. Therefore, only children of Korean military personnel stationed at Osan Air Base can register.
    c. Some children of U.S. military personnel are currently registered. Children of the U.S. military dispatched to the Korean military who can obtain a 'service verification certificate' are eligible for registration.
    d. Since it is a workplace daycare center, all costs are free. It uses the Ministry of National Defense budget. That is why it is even more difficult for our children to get admitted. The daycare center has a capacity of 142 children. Currently, 80 children are attending because they are unable to find teachers. It is said that children of ROKAF personnel are also on the waiting list for admission.

4. Is there a list of off base day care providers?
    a. There is on the FSS website on the family childcare page. No endorsement intended.
5. Has there been any movement on the off-base FCC providers?
    a. We are currently still waiting on that authorization from the U.S. Army.

51st Civil Engineering Squadron

1. When will the base take responsibility for the crosswalk outside the school? It should be staffed daily, morning and afternoon, however it usually only has volunteers one out of ten of those time blocks. Follow-up: what about the kids that need to leave off base? It is impractical for them to go all the way to the middle high school to cross the street and then back towards the main gate.
    a. The long-term goal is to have them use the sidewalk down to the high school crosswalk with the light to cross the street. It's disappointing to hear the volunteer system is not working. Thank you for bringing these concerns to us and we will look to see what we can do.

DoWEA

1. Can the elementary school confirm how many substitutes are currently covering full-time positions?
    a. There are currently two long-term subs for pre-K, which will be filled by hires September 21st and early October for the other. There is one in kindergarten because it’s a new position due to growth. And then 1.5 for 4th grade also for growth. By October, we will be down to 1.5 long term subs. For aides, we have 3.5. We have 1.5 due to growth and 2 were due to PCS. There is a substitute nurse, but that will also be filled at the beginning of October, and our librarian will be here September 21st. In the next three weeks we will be down to 1.5 certified teachers and 1.5 aide positions that will be covered by long-term subs. We are bringing in additional subs, 2 of whom are certified teachers.
2. When will DODEA pay long-term substitutes more than day-to-day substitutes? Those who deserve extra pay for their work and to know they are appreciated.
    a. We have been pushing this to headquarters for quite some time and have not been able to get anything yet. They deserve the additional pay, and our region director is aware and doing what she can. We will continue to ask headquarters.
3. Who is the waiver authority to allow 7-8 graders to try out for high school sports that are not offered in middle school?
    a. They are limited to wrestling, cross country, and track and field. Those are all handled locally with your school administration. If you have questions that are specific to a different sport, please send them up and we can provide some additional clarity. The good news is we are rolling out middle school sports, starting with basketball in the winter, and then volleyball and soccer next year.

We are starting with these three as we feel they are the biggest and that's what we are getting from our constituents.

4. Is DoWEA looking at consolidating the multiple platforms, virtual platforms, etc. into one? There seem to be a dozen tools on Chromebook that my child uses.
    a. We don't have an answer to that currently; however, we can push it up our chain. This is also something that would be great to be pushed up the SAC channels as well to get traction.
5. Will the elementary school be getting a turf or any sort of sports field?
    a. Currently there are no plans to get a sports field or turf. We are just rolling out middle school sports, and we don't know what the future will be like in the agency. There are youth sports that provide that avenue for sports for the younger students. We also do our best to make sure we have playgrounds in each of our locations.
6. Is there an option for the elementary school to hold after school activities? Like what the youth center did during some of the camps this summer.
    a. They would need to fill out a building request form and then we can look at it. If it doesn’t impact our infrastructure, then we can try to accommodate.
7. What educational opportunities are there for command sponsor families at Kunsan?
    a. There are talks of increased families in that area, and what we see right now is that we don't have specific numbers. Thanks to our command team here, we can project how many students we are going to expect over the next 5 to 10 years. We don't have those numbers for Kunsan, Casey, or Daegu. Right now, they have one non-DoWEA school program called Lighthouse just off base near Kunsan. We don't currently have any intentions to stand up schools, so any families going there would need to consider that, homeschooling, online schooling or something else.

AAFES

1. Can AAFES clarify the portion sizes for each school? They pay the same amount at OMHS but receive different portions. Please give examples.
    a. Food portioning is set by the USDA based on grade level, and we follow that process. To note, a student can get additional servings of fruits and vegetables for free.
2. When will the cookie sales and unhealthy lunch options stop? Isn't dangling sugary food only making money for the food contractor?
    a. The AAFES School Meal Program operates under the USDA National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) which means we must follow their regulations and guidelines. These guidelines are based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which are updated with current research every five years. Many research studies have shown that students who participate in the National School Lunch Program have a higher-quality diet than other students.
    b. At lunch, the NSLP guidelines require we offer appropriate portion sizes of a meat or meat alternate, grains, vegetables, fruit and milk. Based on age/grade

level, each meal must provide an average daily amount of calories as well as meet specific fat, sugar, and sodium limits. Here are other nutrition highlights:

i. Levels of saturated fats must be less than or equal to 10% of calories.
ii. More than 80% of our grains must be whole-grain rich.
iii. Vegetables are offered based on nutrient sub-groups such as red/orange, dark green, legumes, etc. Therefore, students receive a wide variety of vegetables from which to choose throughout the week.
iv. A variety of milk options are offered.
v. We offer a minimum of two fruits and two vegetables daily along with a choice of an entrée and milk.

c. Nutritionally speaking, many of the foods we serve in our program are superior to the same types of foods served commercially. Additionally, all of our a la carte items are Smart Snack compliant and fit within the NSLP guidelines. Smart Snack items have limits on calories, saturated fat, sodium, and sugar. For example, a chocolate chip cookie sold in our school meal program is not the same nutritionally as many other chocolate chip cookies since our cookies are whole grain rich and contain less sugar and saturated fats than commercial products.
d. It is also important to note that our school meal program operates on a not-for-profit basis and generally operates at a loss. Neither AAFES nor DoWEA receives any profit from school meal sales. If a surplus is generated in a given year, program guidelines require those funds be retained within the meal program and used directly to support program operations.
e. AAFES recognizes the importance of providing healthy meal choices for students. We continuously review our menus and snack offerings to ensure compliance with USDA regulations while also providing options that students will choose to eat. Our goal is to provide nutritious, balanced meals that support student health, well-being, and academic success.