PTA Meeting Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019, 8:30



Attendance:

Management/Administration: Mr Nedzat Asanovski (Head of School) and Ms Esma Guvenc (Finance Manager)

PTA Committee: Juanita van der Watt (PTA Coordinator and ISH Marketing and Communications Officer)

Principals/Coordinators/Teachers: Mr Stef Fleet (Primary School Principal), Mr Mustafa Gezen (Upper School Principal), Mr Hakan Kurt (MYP/DP Teacher), Ms Angie K (Pre-K Teacher) and Rose Fittler (Communications Team)

Parents: 33

Welcome and Introduction by Juanita (meeting started at 08.40)

Juanita welcomed all present as well as the guests from the school board, the specific project owners and all parents. Thank you to everyone for coming today.

School Board - Luigi Gagliardi

Luigi Gagliardi, the ISH Chairman of the Board (also a parent at ISH) welcomed all present and shared the role and responsibilities of the school board with all present. He explained that the school board is made up of a mix of parents, founders of the school and staff representatives. The board meets once a month to discuss the focus points of the year. Some of the initiatives they are focusing on at the moment are implementing the school lunch and the health and wellness of the school. He explained the different areas of responsibilities of the Board and invited parents to approach the Board should there be anything that they would like to discuss under these responsibilities. He also expressed his happiness to see parents are participating in the school community and thanked all present. *Parents can view more about the Board on the School's website.*

Steering Committee 2019/ 2020

We have had some great nominations. Juanita presented the portfolios and the nominations with each members motivation for being part of the Steering Committee. Everyone agreed to vote in the following PTA Steering Committee for 2019/2020:

PTA Chair - Birgitte Rossau PTA Vice-Chair - Jana Concha PTA Treasurer - Khaled Shaikh PTA Secretary - Nitin Deshmukh PTA Event Coordinators - Abhaprakash Praharaj

Nicola Lal also put her name forward to assist when/where help is needed and she will also help specifically with Events and the Secretary roles.

Volunteer and Class Parent Sign-up Update

Juanita thanked the parents for their enthusiasm and their volunteering spirit.

She also mentioned that we currently have **32 class parents** and still need a class parent for the following classes:

Secondary School: MYP2A, MYP3A, MYP3B, MYP4B, MYP5 and DP2.

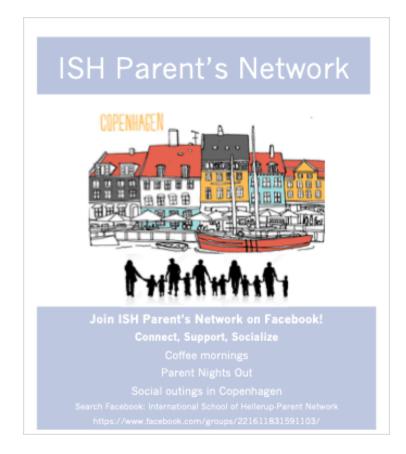
Primary School: KindergartenA, PreK4B (Ms Ming)

It was also mentioned that the class parents will be added to the website soon. (*Please note that this has been done.*)

We also had **31 Ad Hoc Volunteer Sign-Ups** and we are very excited to journey together with all of you.

ISH Parent's network

Jana Concha will be spearheading the ISH parent's network during this school year. She informed all about the Group, the planned activities for the year and she invited all parents to become active on the Facebook Group as well as the Network. She mentioned that monthly coffee mornings and once a term a lunch or evening out are on the horizon. The first coffee morning was held on Friday, 20 September after drop off.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar: September and October

Juanita shared the upcoming events for September and October.

- 23 to 27 September: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2 October: Personal Projects Awards
- 10 October: Motions Day Ryparkenidrætsanlæg (Thursday)
- 14 to 18 October: October Break
- 31 October: Halloween Celebrations

Volunteer and Event sign up.

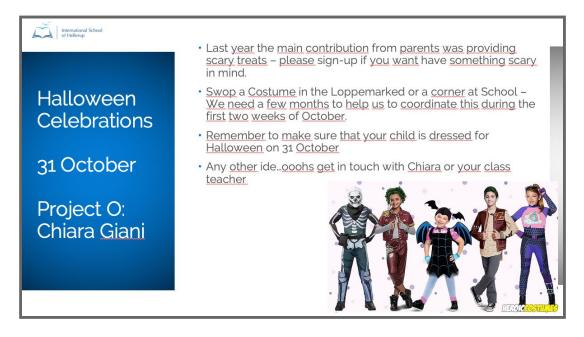
* We invite all parents to support and or take part in all events at ISH. Remember that any parent can volunteer to become part of the project team and or support on the day.

We will create a signup form after each PTA meeting so that you can volunteer to help at the different PTA events and school projects. If you sign up on the easy connect form, your contact details will be passed on to the event organiser.

- The link will be sent from the PTA email box if you have signed-up as a volunteer.
- You can get directly in touch with project owners straight after the PTA meetings to discuss or clarify matters.

* Should you have signed up as a Volunteer and have not received an email the day before the PTA Meeting from the PTA email box – please contact us – we then maybe have the wrong details for you.

Halloween - Stef



Stef Fleet mentioned how much we love having volunteers at our community events, and that Halloween is a great opportunity for parents and children alike.

Halloween will be held on Thursday 31st October. We will ask all parents to prepare scary treats and volunteer on the day. The ASCP will create Halloween based activities. We would also like to organise a Halloween Loppemarked where last year's costumes can be bought and sold.

Parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the Halloween Celebration can register on the Events and Projects list at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.



Early Years Thanksgiving - 28 November

Ms Angie from Prek 4A introduced herself and the Thanksgiving for the Early Years project.

"This will be the fourth year of a thanksgiving lunch. It started out as only PreK but moving to include the early years PYP (PreK, Kindergarten and PYP1). We set up in the canteen, parents bring a cultural dish from their home country or their child's favourite meal, or dessert and we all have lunch together. Parents, teachers and kids.

We are working on the logistics still but it will be a great afternoon so keep an eye out for communication.

Parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the Early Years Thanksgiving Project can register on the Events and Projects list at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.

Careers Fair

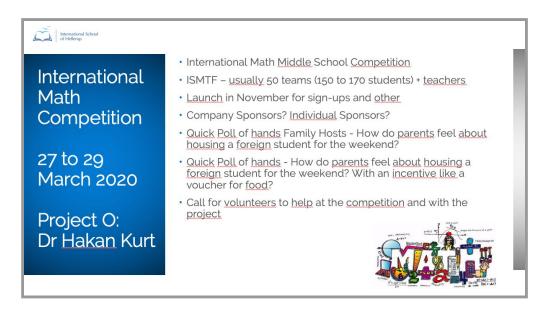


Dr Hakan Kurt introduced the Career Fair that will be held on the 20th November. "We will hold the fourth ISH Careers Festival for the MYP/DP students. We would love some ISH Community Professionals to Volunteer to help these students with advice on these fields. We need a number of professions: Architecture , Law, Psychologist, Physics - and a number of others. Please make sure to tell people to sign up! Or encourage or nominate someone.

If you want to take part in the career fair as presenter, please email me at hkurt@ish.dk and complete the survey at following link: <u>https://forms.gle/wKxPrWut8eiP"</u>

Parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the Career Fair as a support person for the project can register on the Events and Projects list at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.

International Math Competition - 27 to 29 March 2020



Next year we will be hosting the International Math Middle School Competition at ISH. This year it was held in Spain and we won a silver medal. Dr Hakan would love the PTA's support in a number of activities during the build-up as well as the event itself. We also would appreciate it if there are parents who can assist with finding sponsorships for the event as well as parents who can host kids over the period of the competition. We would love showing off the hygge side of Denmark and the parents at the PTA expressed a view that our parents will be open and welcome to host international students from across the world. Please keep an eye out for communication about hosting students or volunteering.

In the meantime parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the International Math Competition can register on the Events and Projects list at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.

IMPORTANT TOPICS AND PROJECTS TO DISCUSS

Electives Policy and Procedures

Stef would like to work with parents online and review the electives policy for ISH. Parents who are interested to assist with this project should please register at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u>

Playground safety

Stef would like to work with parents, have a meeting and walk around the playground and discuss playground safety. Parents who are interested to assist with this project should please register at <u>https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7</u>

September lunch trial

The lunch trial is going well and we have had some great feedback. We are in the third week of the trial. After each week the parents of the group that had the trial receives a link to a feedback and sign-up for. All parents need to complete this form by no later than 20 October. Lunch at ISH will officially start on the 4th of November.

PTA parent feedback requested the need for greater attention to allergies and intolerances moving forward. Parents would appreciate getting the menu each week. In the future there will be a menu sent every week so parents know what will be served.



Parents lunch trial - 15 Parents are invited to try the lunch service from 12:00 to 13:00 on Wednesday, 25 September. Please register your interest at <u>pta@ish.dk</u> at your soonest.

Open Discussion and Matters Arising

Members of the PTA raised the idea for a weekly newsletter to include matters at hand, the menu, all key dates and info for the next week. The ISH newsletter currently goes out quarterly, it used to go out monthly. We will look into the best method for different and more frequent communication moving forward. We do ask parents to keep in mind that there are a number of current channels that also need to be followed and referred to for communication from different sources and parties at the school.

Meeting ended 09:55

Next PTA Meeting:

Thursday, October, 24, 8:30-9:30 (with a further 30 minutes for networking) Location: Canteen If you would like to add a topic to the agenda for this meeting, please email <u>pta@ish.dk</u>.