

PTA Meeting 2 Minutes

29 September 2016

Topics of discussion:

1. Recap from prior PTA Meeting (included)
2. PTA Meeting dates changed to Wednesdays
3. School Parties
 - a. **Halloween Party (October 31, 2016)**

A shared Google Doc will be setup for parents to state what they will contribute, time/food/cleanup duties.
(Jennifer Olivarius will setup and a link will be placed on Managebac).
The donated food will be sold to the students during the party and the funds will go to PTA determined needs for the children/school.
The entire school is invited (To be confirmed by the ASCP)
The party will begin at 2:30; non-ASCP children must be supervised by a parent/guardian.
More details to follow.
 - b. **Winter Party**

Same as above.
4. Suggestion - Monthly Gate Code Change

It was suggested to School Management that the gate code should be changed monthly on a specified date.
It was stressed during the meeting that parents should not share the code with students.
However, it is highly unlikely the behavior will change.
Suggestion of a parent electronic badge is an option.
5. Traffic/Parking Situation Update

Katrina has received route-planning maps from the Kommune. The maps have been given to each of the students (for lower PYP, they will be sent home) to state on the map how they come to school and by which mode of transportation. They will be returned to the Kommune and evaluated for next steps.

The traffic situation has improved over the last several weeks. However, speed bumps and crosswalks would be very much welcomed.

A sub-committee has not yet been formed as only two parents expressed interest during the week of 26 September.

We will wait until the Kommune evaluation is completed to create a sub-committee.
6. Further **“strong”** requests by parents for morning greeter by Head Master/ Principal, etc.

Parents would very much appreciate a morning greeter. They believe it would be a definite value-add for the children and parents to see someone from school management greet the children/parents in the morning. Welcoming them to school.

As more parents are transferring in from other International Schools, this was something they have always experienced. They have found it to be highly appreciated by not only the parents but the students as well.
7. The OEIS Facebook Page is up and running.

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It is an unofficial site for communication, selling items, local questions, etc. Please use PTA meetings to voice suggestions, concerns, etc.

8. Bicycle storage is installed and located on the opposite side of the main entrance of the school.

9. Parent request to discuss OEIS Policy on racism. Parent who requested discussion was not present.

It was discussed as a group and felt this should be handled on a case-by-case basis. The children should be advised as to what to do should they believe they are experiencing racism.

It was also suggested that the school conduct an "anti-bullying" campaign as they did several years ago as a refresher.

OEIS is a globally minded school.

10. Car Pooling or Train-pooling (take/pick up parent assistance)

Parent suggested a car-pooling note to go out on ManageBac. The parent has offered to manage the car-pooling inquiries should parents be interested.

Katrina will send a note out once the parent has supplied her with details, etc.

11. Request for Morning Club to open at 7 a.m.

Katrina: Discuss with Chiara to see if OEIS could accommodate. If so, send out a survey to see how many parents would be interested and determine next steps, if necessary.

12. Several parents have inquired on why is there such a long Winter Holiday Break?

The break is quite long and the extended time, especially after the New Year can be difficult for parents to manage from a work perspective.

If it is for make-up days, can they be spread out throughout the year?

Will ASCP be offered?

13. Better communication for new families. Quite a few new families feel once their child was admitted, the information stopped. No complaints about the process, just the follow-through afterwards. Big concern for parents, not a great way to start off their year with OEIS.

Welcome committee suggestion??

New Family Coordinator, suggestion of current parent linked up with new parent for Q&A, etc.

14. Better communication between School and Parents

Example: Parents insist on OEIS ensuring that children that are traveling for PE class or any other school sponsored activity are being supervised by a teacher or aid. Several parents were not made aware their children were traveling unsupervised to/from Svanemollen to Ryparken thus compromising the safety of the children.

15. Class Rep Role

Expectations need to be communicated and defined.

Class reps need to be assigned?

16. Parents would like rules about bringing Pokémon Cards, Beyblades and Toys.

Parent suggestion to have a class discussion and/or a note goes out about stealing.