



Attendance:

Management/Administration: -

PTA Committee: Mira, Khaled and Birgitte

Teachers/Coordinators: Stef Fleet (Primary Principal), Elizabeth Toran (PYPKA Teacher)

Juanita van der Watt and Rose Fittler

Parents: 18

Welcome by Mira (meeting started at 08.30)

Welcome back and a happy new year to all.

Introduction to Juanita

Juanita is the Maternity Cover for Karolina. Her role is Marketing and Communications Officer – if you need to contact her, her email is JVanDerWatt@ish.dk.

Ms Elizabeth Toran (PYPK Teacher) presented on Play based Learning.

Ms Toran discussed the inclusion of Play Based Learning as part of the IB. The PYP Early Years teachers have been attending workshops about implementing more Play Based learning into the curriculum. Play based learning is important for everyone – hands on play and learning can be applicable for everyone.

Ms Toran supplied parents with a handout, which you can find here:

https://www.thegeniusofplay.org/App_Themes/tqop/pdfs/teachers/family-activity-pages.pdf

Stef Fleet presented on Parent Workshops.

Mr Fleet introduced the idea of running useful workshops for parents. He asked members of the PTA to propose any topics they would find of value.

Topics suggested were:

- Internet/E-Safety – how to teach your child to use the internet safely and how as a parent you can talk to your child about being esafe. This includes sharing any experiences and advice on how to manage the internet at home. Suggested this should include advice on how much time children should spend on computers/gaming per day/week.
- Sustainability – in connection with our last meeting and the talk by Henry Jones – how can parents support and follow through sustainable initiatives.

- Healthy lifestyle – how to teach and live a healthy lifestyle with your kids. This could include things like how to encourage physical activity, the best ways to sit (posture), eating healthy etc.
- Idea of ‘Stem Projects’ – In the US stem projects start in Kindergarten – Science, Engineering and Maths requires adult help. Good way of involving all (teacher/student/parents). Kids have a lot of fun – idea around kitchen stem projects everything you need to do the project can be found in the average kitchen.
- Idea of ‘Loose Parts Model’ – a project teachers are currently working on for implementation. This would be asking parents to send any items currently thought of as trash.

It would be good to know if there are any parents who have experience of want to be involved, Or if you have any ideas please email Stef. SFleet@ish.dk

Stef Fleet presented on End of Year Celebration

In previous years, the end of year celebration has conflicted with Ramadan so there has been a move to avoid food. This year Ramadan is on another date.

Mr Fleet asked if hosting the end of year celebration would be best on a Friday or a Saturday.

Overall consensus if it is a family style event or requires parental involvement then a Saturday is much better than a Friday.

Possible ideas: International Style Potluck/Food Sharing/Cultural Exchange.

The idea was raised re sharing food, wearing traditional dress and/or involving a learning element for example – decorating or brining items from that country/culture/nationality/continent.

This could be part of events planned for ISH 10 year anniversary (This will be school year 2019/2020).

This topic led to the idea of teaching kid more about our global citizenship and celebrating cultural events and days at school. At ISH, we try to celebrate cultural holidays, it is helpful for the teachers if parents let teachers know of any holidays in advance. Some ideas to help implement or discuss were the inclusion of a section in the newsletter, a general campaign run through whole school, class mum involvement.

Any other business

Welcome Committee

Mira raised idea of organizing a welcome committee to introduce new families to ISH. This would include providing parents with a welcome kit to help answer any Frequently Asked Questions and ISH community information such as the Mums Coffee Club.

The new student's teacher could ask the new family if their contact details can be shared with the Class Parent, who can then reach out to the new family and help them settle in to ISH.

Next steps would be to figure out what information to include, the best way to connect with new families and to work on organizing coffee catch ups for the ISH parents but also with teachers/coordinators and principals attending where possible.

Teacher Thank You

On Thursday 7 February – idea to organize a coffee/tea catch up for parents between 8:30 and 9. This will also include a special thank you for the teachers. Teachers will receive flowers and/or a little snack as a thank you.

Birgitte looking into special chocolates that could be ordered. Ms Toran has asked Principals for a staff list and will help facilitate students signing their names. More to be discussed...

Parent Innovation Hub

Juanita raised idea of a parent innovation hub. She will get in contact with PTA Treasurer, Khaled Shaikh to discuss what this could involve.

School lunch service

An item that has been brought up before, some parents are interested in sourcing lunch services. Parents commented that the current lunch service available has improved and increased their variety. Need to share information – Rose to include in the next newsletter.

ASCP Friday Meal

Food provided is not enough to feed kids on a Friday – currently just fruit and dry crackers. Are there any other food options that can be provided as well? Mira to talk to ASCP coordinator to see what is available.

Meeting ended 9:40

Next PTA Meeting:

Thursday, February 21, 8:30-9:30

Location: Conference room (by the reception).

If you would like to add a topic to the agenda for this meeting, please email pta@ish.dk.