



Attendance:

Management/Administration: Esma

PTA Committee: Alana, Khaled and Birgitte

Principals/Teachers/Coordinators: Stef Fleet (Primary Principal), Elizabeth Toran (PYPKA Teacher), Ms Ming, Juanita van der Watt and Rose Fittler

Parents: 14

Welcome by Alana (meeting started at 08.30)

Welcome and thank you for coming from Alana, PTA Vice President.

School Culture

In the near future parents will be asked to complete a survey on the school community and values. We would appreciate all honest feedback and commentary. This is part of a broader school culture campaign led by Nedzat.

Other issues raised around the topic school community included doing more to be part of our community and being responsible citizens of the ISH community.

Possible community service ideas raised were:

- charity drives (bringing in basic grocery and toiletry items for those in need)
- visiting retirement homes
- visiting refugee centres such as Trampoline House - This is something Grade 5 already do.
- Putting on a concert for the kids next door
- Outside of school but attending council cleans up for example the Gentofte

Toilets Cleanliness

General questions from parents re cleanliness of toilets. Toilets are now cleaned twice daily, Management have checked that the cleanliness levels are up to scratch but the usage is a problem. Steff has written a Hygiene Policy to be communicated with students in the school year 2019/2020.

In the meantime this will be raised at a PYP assembly.

Stair safety

General questions from parents re stair safety. Children are often displaying unsafe practices on the stairs - walking in big groups, playing games on their phones, standing still and blocking the stairs etc.

Some suggestions to fix this issue:

- Raising awareness of Hall Monitors to encourage safe use of the stairs. Walking to the right hand side, not stopping etc.
- Having the green and red feet go all the way up the stairs not just the first two levels.
- Adding the plastic/sandpaper edging to the stairs to avoid slipping.

This will be also be raised at a PYP assembly and passed on to Monika for an upper school assembly.

Plastic Free School

Issue raised that sustainability and plastic free was an initiative at the beginning of the school year but now it appears like interest has dropped off.

Need to develop some action points for how to make sustainability a school theme all year round. Some ideas included:

- **Class Birthday cakes/treats:** When parents email the teacher to check an appropriate time, the teacher will remind them to if possible bring in individual finger foods (such as cut brownies, cupcakes, cut pastries, etc) or bring in paper napkins instead of any plastic utensils, cups etc.
- **Clothes Swap:** This could be something that happens at the end or the beginning of each season. The idea is that everyone brings some **CLEAN, UNSTAINED** clothes to swapped. Especially helpful with rapidly growing children and snow suits.
- **Costume Swap:** Similar to the above idea but parents before halloween 2019, and Fastelavn 2020 can organise a costume swap so costumes can be recycled instead of just thrown out.

Most importantly, a growing emphasis on documenting our sustainable acts is important. For example Ms Kristina in after school care has been great with teaching students to sew using old clothes.

Ms Toran also raised the idea of getting a sustainable practitioner from Amager to come in and talk to the PTA re how to make bags out of old T-Shirts. This could then be an initiative that the PTA supports with some volunteers.

Fastelavn

On Tuesday the 26th February, PYP will have a Fastelavn assembly, starting at 8:40, all parents are invited. The PTA will host a coffee morning tea after the assembly. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Car-sharing

It would be great to see if any parents are interested in car sharing/car pooling with other parents who live close by. We will suss out initial feedback via FB/Managebac and then the PTA can discuss a plan with the school.

February coffee

Thanks to all the parents who came to the coffee and those who were able to help deliver flowers and chocolates to the teachers and staff. All ISH staff went into the holidays feeling very special.

Any other business

Upper School Exhibition

The Upper School Exhibition Opening Night will be on Wednesday 6 March, 17:00 to 19:00. The exhibition is a great display of the Upper School's artwork. It is a great event for the whole family to attend. We will need some volunteers around 4:00pm to help set up cheese plates. Thank you to those who volunteered.

Gentofte Community 'Clean Up'



This is an invitation from the local municipality for the National Waste Collection day on Sunday the 31st of March 2019 from 11am to 2pm.

There are 5 different meeting points, you can choose the one most convenient to yourself:

- Nymosen by Vangede Church
- Charlottenlund Fort in front of Jægersborg Allé
- Gentofte Torv close to Joe & the Juice
- Skovshoved Have next to Restaurant Sejlklubberne
- Hellerup Have by Paul Elvstrøms Plads

Meeting ended 9:45

Next PTA Meeting:

Thursday, March 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.