

PTA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2015

PTA Board Present:

Chairwoman: Karen Celebuski

PYP-Chair: Sarah Loddick

MYP-Chair/Class Rep: Becca Kojder

Treasurer: Angela Dauerer

Social Activities: Rianne te Winkel

Secretary: Nadine Greasley

All Rounder: Dorte Holm Egeskov

Newsletter: Petra den Dulk

Country Rep: Atie

Introduction: Karen, Sarah and Becca

- I. The meeting started with Anna Kihl the Facilities Manager discussing safety in the buildings.

Incident: Music room in the bottom floor-student has gone in with extinguisher-Mac computer gone, believe students-possibly older kids.

Door leading into the music area will now always be closed-music lessons after school-shut door and keep the area safe as we can. The main door is locked, but music room is exit to outside. Check exit plan of building in case of emergency. To get to lessons, perhaps we will borrow a key. After school activities-Anna and school need names, numbers etc to know who is in building, when and where etc. (Happens Monday after 4 and before Tuesday at 8) Still looking into the incident.

Karen will set up meeting between music teachers and Anna

Question was asked re. construction was to be finished. Anna hopes to finish outside in December, they are changing windows-hopefully by Christmas, all depends on delays.

Parents asked about after school sports: Difficult to get in, smashing doors, no one hears and waits outside. Install a bell, teacher waits for the kids...

Anna suggested that kids should be on time. Regular PE slots-some children have tags to open doors, 3 boys and 3 girls have these for each class.

It was suggested to use a door bell, plugged in when needed.

Anna said that after school activities are separate from ISGR. Leaders of the activities need to meet the students. She will discuss with the gym teachers.

- II. Karen discussed differences between PTA and the Parent Council.

Parent council is more about school issues. PTA is for fun!

Sept 30 first parent council meeting at PYP. MYP has yet to be determined.

- III. Karen mentioned that class reps were still needed for KD, KE, 1F, 2E, 4E, 4F

Book swap, discos, book club sale (Kerry), WINTER BAZAAR were also in need of volunteers.

- IV. Karen discussed principal situation and new team. Birgitta has asked parents to give feedback about what makes a good principal for PYP. Only Birgitta will see this. Parents views taken into consideration. She asks that parents contact her via this email:

isgr@isgr.se before 1st October.

- V. Winter Bazaar - request for more playground equipment at PYP, MYP would like more things like table tennis.

Discussion was had re. how to get the National side more involved in Winter Bazaar. Typical Swedish schools "bid" for money (Classes) – how do we make raising money more appealing. Shall we put aside some money for grade or class specific money-each grade gets to make a proposal (both sides) for what they want to use the money for? Perhaps an educational activity-in cross teams, someone selects winning proposal. Money goes to that grade. Percentage of funds.

One parents argued that one grade choses the winning idea, but whole school should benefit. They chose what to spend the money on.

Another said school playground. Big discussion revolved around this. Other ideas included: Art and music departments, ask the kids and classes come up with ideas-PYP and MYP, involve all kids and cross teams, award the best idea with a party, divide money into PYP and MYP/Swedish sides, 3 options to vote on A, B or C-the one with most votes is where the cash goes, students design playground ideas? Only problem is between the two campuses.

Rianne, the coordinator of the Winter Bazaar asked if this will be decided before the Winter Bazaar since people like to know where their money is going. **To Be Discussed Further.**

- VI. Evening meeting: to help with National Parents/working parents- October 19th 18:00

Birgitta will provide childcare

Another option for future that was suggested is that some people have said they will come at 8 am and go to work a bit late (kids are in pre-school already)

- VII. Sarah said that there has been a challenge to communicate our newsletters. School soft needs to give indication of new message each time.

School needs to organise school soft, managebac, emails... Will be discussed with Ingered and Marilyn with Karen and Sarah.

- VIII. At a meeting last year parents asked about differentiation. Birgitta has hired a differentiation expert to come and talk to teachers in October.

OPEN TO QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

- IX. Parent: Math in general in PYP-forgetting the basics-ask teachers to include messages about basics-has to come from teachers. (Parent Council issue). Parents discussed different techniques used to keep their children's skills active.
- X. Parent: PYP coffee mornings with Moragh and Ellen-need more parents to attend. Talk to the decision makers. (24th of September)-Petra will announce on PTA Facebook page and newsletters. Thursdays 8:40-9:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BBQ Sunday the 13th.

Monday MYP/LGRM-Pizza in park 17:30-19:30

Winter Bazaar 15th November-First Meeting Monday September 14th 2015 near the art room at PYP-email Rianne for information-need lots of helpers!

PTA Meeting October 9th