



8 September 2017

**Dear ISL Community Members,**

The ISL Council held its first meeting of the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, 6 September. In our efforts to keep our school community informed about the work of the Council, we are pleased to send you a meeting summary.

As you are likely aware, the Council is a group of parents, elected by our community and is responsible for strategic development of the school as well as supervision of its management. A current list of Council members can be found on our school website (<http://www.isl.edu.lv/about-us/governing-council/>). There you can also find more detailed information about the role of the Council.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We welcome your input and participation at ISL, knowing it helps our school provide an outstanding education. ISL Council email is as follows: [council@isl.edu.lv](mailto:council@isl.edu.lv).

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ISL Council  
Chairperson

### **Summary of the ISL Council Meeting, 6 September 2017**

1) The Council approved goals for the work of the Council this academic year. They are:

- *Ensure ISL Guiding Statements are clear, meaningful and inspire a culture of continuous improvement and the provision of an outstanding education*
- *Implement approved Financial Plan which provides for ISL's long term economic security and the successful completion of the current ISL building project*
- *Strengthen ISL governance through development and implementation of comprehensive policies*
- *Develop and implement a comprehensive ISL communication framework for the effective dissemination of information and for ISL community members to provide their input*

The Council decided to develop timelines and Key Performance Indicators for its goals for approval at the next Council meeting.

2) As part of its fiduciary responsibility, in 2014 the Council directed the school to establish a Force Majeure fund to ensure the school's ability to meet its responsibilities in the event of emergency. The fund target is 10% of annual operating revenue. The Council approved an allocation of additional €25,000 to this fund to meet stated target.

3) Elizabeth Philipps, ISL Curriculum Coordinator, acquainted Council members about the upcoming school's re-accreditation process in 2018/19 (by CIS/NEASC and the IB Organization) and the Council's role in the process. The Council also received updates from the Finance and Policy committees in regard to school finances, the construction of the new building and status of policy formation.

4) The Council accepted the resignation of Anna Carmela Guida for personal reasons. The Council thanks Ms Guida for her service and wishes her all the best in the future.

The next meeting of the Council will be in the third week of October.