



PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES September 5, 2017

PTO President Chantal Kool opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the first PTO meeting of the school year. Everyone then introduced themselves to the group. A total of 37 parents were in attendance.

Guests:

ISL Director *Eric Larson*, ES Principal *David Callaway*, Athletics Director *Sergejs Baltmanis*, ISL Counselor *Rebecca Joslin* and PK-12 Curriculum Coordinator/MYP Coordinator, *Elizabeth Phillips*

The school's upcoming events:

- September 8 (8:45-10:00 am) – MYP Parent Meeting
- September 9 – HS Student Council Leadership Retreat
- September 11-15 -- Kindergarten to Grade 9 MAP Testing
- September 15 – One month at ISL lunch for new students
- September 16-17 – MYP IB workshop
- September 21-22 – HS Trip

Elementary School - David "Cal" Callaway (dcallaway@isl.edu.lv)

- September 28 (3:00 pm) – ES Assembly at the library K-2
- September 29 (2:50 pm) – ES Assembly at the library Grades 3-5

Secondary School – Mark Robertson-Jones (markrobertsonjones@isl.edu.lv)

- September 8 (8:45-10:00 am) – MYP Parent Meeting (more details will be sent out)
- September 9 (8:30-1:00 pm) – HS Student Council Leadership Retreat (the purpose of this retreat is to solidify themselves as a team and a community)
- September 21-22 – HS Trip (this is to better understand CAS for the diploma program)

School Counselor- Rebecca Joslin (rjoslin@isl.edu.lv)

- September 20 (8:45-9:45 am) – First Counselor Parent Coffee of the year (topic to be decided)

PK-12 Curriculum Coordinator/MYP Coordinator Elizabeth Phillips came in to talk about "Accreditation: A Parent's Guide". This was to enlighten the parents of the accreditation that the school will be undergoing. She further discussed how parents can help – one primary thing to do is to complete the Parent Opinion Survey which will take between 15-20 minutes to fill out.

Approval of the Articles of Association. As sent out in the mass email to parents, there were amendments needed on the PTO Constitution. This was made in consultation with then interim director, George Robinson. A vote was needed to either approve the articles of association or not.

PTO Board Election. As stated on the PTO Constitution, election of PTO board members can be done in April or September. The former board decided to hold it in September, to give the new parents a chance to serve on the board. A total of eight parents sent their intent to serve this school year. Two can share a position but it has to be stipulated on the minutes the specific board member present in the meeting. There were 37 individuals (representing 35 families) present during the board meeting

Athletic and Activities Coordinator *Sergejs Baltmanis* welcomed all the new parents to school and talked about the start of Fall Season ASA. The swimming ASA will open this week. He also mentioned that he relies heavily on the PTO especially in hosting participating athletes in ISL-hosted tournaments. Here's a line-up of tournaments in the fall:

- MS Boys Soccer Tournament in Kiev (November 2-5)
- MS Girls Soccer Tournament in Skopje (November 2-5)
- HS Boys Soccer Tournament in Sofia (November 8-12)
- HS Girls Soccer Tournament hosted by ISL (November 8-12)
- Hosting FLL (First Lego League) Latvia meeting at ISL (September 30)—**Tentative!**

ASA Coordinator/CAS Coordinator *Ulvis Kravalis*. If you have any questions regarding ASA and CAS, please contact Mr. Kravalis.

PTO Treasurer *Carola Solter* reported that the PTO money on hand is € 1, 270.41

Room Parents. We are happy to announce that majority of the grade levels already have volunteer parents who would act as room parent. However, the PTO is still looking for parent volunteers for grades 2 (J), 3 (G), 5 (L), 6 (B), and 11. If you are interested, please contact the PTO.

PTO Events

Last month:

- Jurmala Bike Ride – Thanks to all those who participated and enjoyed the wonderful weather in Jurmala.
- Beach Walk

Upcoming Events. Mark your calendars!

- Riga City Tour – Thursday, September 21/10-12:00 pm
- PTO Lunch – Tuesday, September 12/12:30 pm (please sign up before Friday – September 8)

- Parent-Teacher Night Out – Friday, September 29/ 7:00 pm (more details will be announced later)

October events:

- Riga Market Tour – Wednesday, October 11
- Apple Bake Sale – Thursday, October 26

Results of the PTO Election: A total of 35 votes were cast (one vote per family). All eight parties were voted to the board. They will decide amongst themselves the position they will be serving on the board. Congratulations to the new set of board members:

- Chantal Kool
- Kendra Tutunjian
- Monica Ussia
- Jingky Lowe
- Carola Solter
- Eva Tsukiroglou
- Vija Pugule
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Thank you all, for voting!

After the PTO Meeting, a short assembly was held by the new room parents. This was to further discuss the roles and future activities that room parents are to coordinate.

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, October 3/ 9am @ the Media Center. Please join us and bring a friend.

- If you have any questions, please contact us @ pto@isl.edu.lv.