

ISL PTO General Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

Meeting began at 9:02 am. Eighteen PTO members in attendance.

Welcome remarks --Jennifer Mayne

Overview of meeting agenda -- Jennifer Mayne

Election of Board Members --Jennifer Mayne

- Introduction of the six applicants for PTO board (Jennifer Mayne, Aiva Apsite, Andrea Godbey, Kim Peebles, Brandi Sarmazian, and Dina Morica).
- Motion was made and a vote by show of hands to elect all six board Members.

Vote on Constitution Amendments -- Dina Morica

- Dina spoke about all the new amendments to the constitution. (See new and old constitution documents in this Google Drive.)
- Motion was made and a vote by show of hands to approve the new amendments to the constitution.

Finances -- Jennifer Mayne

- There is 930.17 Euros in the PTO general fund.
- Last expenditure of 2019-2020 school year was announced. The previous Board made the decision to purchase SPICE gift cards for all graduating Seniors of Class of 2020.
- This year we will focus more on social events off campus and less on fundraising due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Calendar --Jennifer Mayne

- PTO Board has planned events for September and October and will conduct detailed planning on a quarterly basis due to COVID.
- Events planned so far are Morning Coffee's; Jurmala Bike Ride; Riga City Tour; Workout Tuesday and Friday Mornings; and Teacher Workout on Tuesday after school. Happy Hour for Teachers and Parents
- Event flyers and handouts for September and October were created by Aiva Apsite, Jennifer Mayne and Andrea Godbey.
- Future event ideas are museum day, zoo day, bowling and golf driving range.
- There is a great desire to have a whole family event, but due to the COVID guidelines, we are trying to balance the desire to socialize and the requirement to be socially responsible.

Room Parents --Jennifer Mayne

- Description of Room Parent duties.
- Sign up sheet circulated for those interested in being Room Parents.

Feedback, Ideas, and Volunteers for Committees are Welcome --Jennifer Mayne

- To find out about PTO events or contact PTO - PTO@ISL.EDU.LV
- PTO will post information and events on the ISL PTO Website, Facebook page and through the ISL weekly updates.

Questions from audience--

- i. Can a parent be in the cafeteria during lunch to help students do something other than be on their cell phones?
- ii. Can the cafeteria serve more international meals? Also, separate the food on the plate? Have a vegetable or meat only option? Picky eaters aren't eating the meal once food is mixed together by the server.
- iii. Could Room Parents organize events at Pinki Lake or a big park on Friday evenings or Saturdays so more families can attend?

Remarks from ISL Staff - Mr Mark Robertson Jones

- Happy PTO wants to have more input from the ISL Staff and that an amendment was made to include Teachers to be voting members of the PTO.
- Teachers want to participate too, we need more opportunities to be made available.

Meeting ended at 9:43 am.

Minutes taken and submitted by Andrea Godbey, PTO Secretary