



Summary of the ISL Governing Council meeting October 29, 2020

This was a regular Council session from 16:00 -18:30 on Zoom

The Council (Belinda Mancktelow, Dominic Ibarra, Hardija Vaivade, Jennifer Robertson (honorary member of the Council, representative of U.S. Embassy), Phineas Pope, Raimonds Dūda, Stanislava Yankovskaya, Council Chair) together with the school Director Nel Capadona held their monthly session on October the 29th on Zoom.

The Council discussed the following agenda items during this session:

1. Director's report. The Director updated the Council on the school's ongoing operations and presented its readiness to face challenges in the COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. The Council is confident that the Director and the administration even in these unpredictable times are doing their utmost to follow school's vision and mission and continue students' learning in line with the IB framework and ISL curriculum.
2. Committee reports – during the month of October there were four committee meetings: Building & Grounds, Governance, Finance & Business and Strategic Development. Before its session the Council members familiarized themselves with the Committee reports and were able to provide comments and questions at the Council session.
3. The Council approved its four goals for the year and will focus its work on achieving those and supporting the Director.
4. The Council members shared their lessons learned from the Governance training, organized by CEESA last week, and exchanged opinions on how to implement regional best practices into the governance of ISL.
5. And we all were very excited to celebrate the opening of the school's new fantastic playground and thanked the school administration, especially Zigita Pauriete and Kaspars Gailis - and the Buildings and Grounds committee, chaired by Dominic Ibarra, for their rigorous oversight of the construction process. Well-done!
6. At its Special session on October, 8th the Council discussed the school's recognition and rewards practices and has decided to introduce annual Honorary awards for distinguished contribution and/or service @ ISL. Those awards will embrace all staff and community members and will be presented at the Annual General Meetings.

The next regular Council session is planned for November 26th, 2020 at 16:00.

Should you have any questions to the Council, please address them to islcouncil@isl.edu.lv

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