## **Optimist International School**

**Participation Council** 



Minutes of Meeting				
Date:	25/04/2024			
Subject :	OIS Participation Council			
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Chair :	Peter Mihm			
Attendees :	Cheryl Embleton	Kevin Lobbezoo		
	Bethan Chewter	Denisa Stoican		
Absent with Apologies :	Anne Marie van Holst	Angelique Podstavnychy		
	Tuscany Labuschagne			

Agenda	
1	World policy Document We briefly discussed the world policy document, and it was unanimously approved.
2	Normalization Formation Update The stichting board has drafted a letter for schools to send to parents regarding the impact of next year's budgets. We've assessed the school's situation, and due to the private funding aspect, we can maintain the usual small student numbers per group. There will be no changes to group sizes, and the financial impact on the school is minimal. Therefore, we've concluded that no communication with parents is necessary.

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3	Policy documents We have reviewed three policy documents: Admissions, School Fees, and Withdrawal Form. All three documents have been unanimously approved.	
4	Dutch Enrichment program (DEP) Staffing for the DEP program is almost complete. A new Dutch teacher has been hired, and some current teachers will move from the international program to the DEP. As a result, the school will need to fill these positions on the international side. However, there is confidence that the school will successfully fill these vacancies.	
5	Taskforce IGVO Floreer and Anne-Marie are advocating for the IGVO licence for secondary school. A task force has been established to promote this initiative from all perspectives. Discussions are ongoing, and further updates will be provided as developments arise.	
6	PC Succession plan Peter's initial term has concluded, and he has expressed interest in continuing for another year. The team has unanimously agreed and is pleased with this decision. Additionally, Kevin has suggested ensuring more consistent teacher presence within the PC. Denise has proposed inviting a DEP parent to join as an observer. It's crucial to gather feedback from DEP parents to identify and rectify any significant issues that may arise in the early stages.	
7	Concept year plan Will be addressed in the upcoming meeting.	
8	Any Other Business We briefly discussed LearningLadders and noted the considerable negative feedback from parents. Kevin suggested initiating the development of a document detailing our observations and recommendations, which he will share with the PC once a first draft is completed.	
	Denisa raised concerns about the ongoing parking issues. One proposed solution is to have a volunteer parent assist children from the parking area to the school. Currently, the municipality is assessing the situation for all schools on our street. We will await their findings and conclusions before discussing next steps.	
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22nd of May	Onsite at OIS	