Optimist International School





Minutes of Meeting			
Date:	22/05/2024		
Subject :	OIS Participation Council		
Chair :	Kevin Lobbezoo		
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Attendees :	Cheryl Embleton	Anne Marie van Holst	
	Bethan Chewter	Tuscany Labuschagne	
	Angelique Podstavnychy		
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Absent with Apologies :		Denisa Stoican	
		Peter Mihm	

Agenda	
1	PC Succession plan As discussed in the last meeting, Peter will continue as the parent representative for another term. Unfortunately, Tuscany is leaving the school and will not be part of the PC next year. Beth will post a message on Teams to find a new teacher representative.
2	Work division plan / formation 2024-2025 Next year, we have the option of scheduling 1 study day differently for the teachers. Instead of 1 full day, we could hold workshops spread throughout the year, adding to the existing work hours, making the study day a day off. Most staff members prefer the extra study day. The PC has approved the work division plan and formation.

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3	Parking situation The municipality has shared insights from the survey, but no concrete action plan has emerged. The biggest improvement suggested is for more parents and children to bike to school. Another suggestion is to create a traffic committee to focus on initiatives like increasing bike riding, teaching biking skills, and addressing other traffic issues. Anne-Marie will have another meeting in June to discuss this further. Kevin offered to write a paragraph about the survey and the proposed traffic committee for the newsletter. We hope to find parents interested in joining this committee.	
4	IGVO (secondary international education) taskforce Anne-Marie provided an update on the current status of the IGVO licence process. This will remain a regular topic at PC meetings to ensure we stay informed.	
5	Dutch Enrichment program (DEP) update We discussed the group sizes for next year. Group 8 will start with a small cohort of around 10 students, while Groups 7 and 6 will be slightly larger. The DEP staff team is almost fully staffed. The team is also working on increasing Dutch language integration in the international program. Many great ideas were proposed and will be trialed next year. We are also in talks with external partners like Unikids and the swimming pool to increase the overall use of Dutch.	
6	Year plan Item moved to the next meeting.	
7	Learning Ladders Kevin shared the PC's feedback document on Learning Ladders. Anne-Marie has forwarded it to the person responsible for this tool internally. We will receive feedback and discuss it further at a later date.	
8	Any Other Business Parents and our student council shared their feedback and ideas for upgrading our school playground. The municipality will develop a plan based on our feedback before the summer holidays. The aim is to have the schoolyard upgraded after the summer break.	
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26th of June	Onsite at OIS	