Optimist International School

Participation Council



Minutes of Meeting				
Date:	03/07/2024			
Subject :	OIS Participation Council			
Chair :	Peter Mihm			
Attendees :	Anne Marie van Holst	Kevin Lobbezoo		
	Cheryl Embleton	Denisa Stoican		
	Angelique Podstavnychy			
	Bethan Chewter			
	Marielle Weltings (Observer)			
Absent with Apologies :	Tuscany Labuschagne			

Agenda	
1	Introduction We welcomed one observer today: Ms. Marielle. Marielle will join the DEP program next year, which will be a valuable addition to our team. Marielle will inform us before the next school year whether she will join the Participation Council.
2	Mobile Phones A request was made by the school to create policy documents regarding mobile phone usage. Two separate documents will be drafted: one for students and one for staff. Denisa and Bethan will work on the draft proposals.
3	Traffic Committee Anne-Marie had another meeting with the municipality and the directors of all the schools on our street. The idea is to establish a traffic committee for each school, potentially combined with the student council. Focus areas include raising awareness, traffic safety lessons, and carpooling initiatives.

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	Kevin will send the newsletter information to Manon to request parents to join this new committee.		
4	School Guide The school guide is currently being updated to comply with new rules, causing a delay. The updated guide will be sent out for review via email next week. Feedback is requested before sharing with the board by 15 July, although we may miss this deadline.		
	The current version will be updated based on received feedback later.		
5	Update IGBO A meeting with the IGBO task force took place at the end of June. The survey results indicated that the school meets many of the requirements for the IGBO license. There is high demand for this license at our school, and the board is very positive about applying. The municipality is now supportive as well. A final decision on applying for the IGBO license will be made by the end of September, pending board approval.		
6	Swimming School swimming will continue as usual, but there is a need to address the issue of children not achieving their diplomas within the year. To tackle this, more efforts will be made to encourage parents not to cancel regular school swimming sessions, as diploma attainment is not guaranteed.		
7	Playground Feedback Discussions with the municipality have taken place regarding the playground. A final design, based on feedback from students, staff, and parents, can be found here: https://nl.surveymonkey.com/r/Haarlemmermeer-734-Waddenweg. We are very pleased with the new play area, which will include two swings. We hope that the new playground will be ready by October or November.		
9	Learning Ladders Feedback on our Learning Ladders document will be shared soon, and we are requested to consider this feedback and provide our input again.		
8	Any Other Business We have agreed on a new meeting schedule, holding meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while maintaining the same cadence as the current schedule.		
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