

Minutes of Meeting		
Date:	19/09/2024	
Subject :	OIS Participation Council	
Chair :	Kevin Lobbezoo	
Attendees :	Anne Marie van Holst	Kevin Lobbezoo
	Cheryl Embleton	Denisa Stoican
	Angelique Podstavnychy	Arnaud Meunier
	Bethan Chewter	
	Marielle Weltings	
Absent with Apologies :		

Meeting Notes:

1	<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome ● Introduction of new PC Member ● Prioritisation of the topics for the meeting
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2	<p>Activity Plan Subsidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anne-Marie restates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope of the subsidies - Collaboration with Optimist Basis School (OBS). - Each School has its own project, and share as well a mutual
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	<p>project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OIS focus is on Multilingual, specifically Language Arts and DEP. - Funds are already allocated - 2 people would need to be recruited, internally or externally for this and next school year. - Multiple objectives: improve teachers' didactical skills; overall Dutch skills. - Government oversight will be done on the usage of the funds and meeting the criteria of the subsidy. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne-Marie to share detailed plan/scope of work. - PC has asked if the focus will be primarily on speaking skills or writing skills.
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<p>3</p>	<p>Traffic Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools in the Floriande district are establishing/have established Traffic Committees. - The Gemeente is involved as well, and discussions have taken place. - As of this school year, the cycling rules will be taught to all children / all age groups. (https://vvn.nl/help-mee/zelf-aan-de-slag/schoolomgeving) - Discussion around the skills for children and parents, and overall safety around the school, including the bike path in front of the school, which is a risk to pedestrians and bikers. - Restatement of the focus from the local parking police, due to parking congestion/risks at OIS and around. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arnaud to reach out to Jeannette, to review the current status of the different activities that have taken place/Gemeente suggestions/actions, etc.. - Arnaud to reach out to Katia, as she has shown interest in contributing.
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<p>4</p>	<p>Parent evening 22nd of October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will take place at the Haarlemmermeer Lyceum. Information will be shared with parents soon.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Participation Council will be introduced. - Program yet to be finalized, but will cover topics such as Leave; Sports & Health, with the presence of the school doctor.
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5	<p>Mobile phones policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New law as of 1/1/2024 to ban phones at primary schools. - Policy has been established (Floerer) and was discussed. - Changes proposed and implemented: <p>Definition of all devices concerned by the ban. Guidelines for management of devices, to be put in backpacks rather than having teachers manage lock boxes. Adding this topic to the next Newsletter.</p> <p>Action Item: Restate this topic at the Parents' Evening on October 22nd.</p>
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5	<p>Privacy and GDPR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around GDPR, exchange of photos within Parro, Whatsapp Groups and Events: how do we respect parents' privacy choices in the best possible manner, without putting more burden on the teachers. - Suggestion to have "one" parent designated to have events' pictures taken, and shared with teacher for distribution via Parro, with the applicable privacy settings. <p>Action Item: Kevin to reach out to Jules and Anne-Marie so that privacy policy is updated/restated.</p>
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4	<p>World Crisis Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around the policy proposed, and agreement where it comes to world crisis/communication/contribution to make sure the school remains neutral and apolitical. - Proposal to update the end of the document, with regards to Charity/Volunteering. - Suggestion to participate to NL Doet: https://www.nldoet.nl/aanmelden-als-school
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	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin will send an action plan to Cheryl and Anne-Marie to discuss next steps.
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	<p>Other:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growth of the number of students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne-Marie states that the challenge is not with staffing, but with space/rooms. - Temporary solutions are being looked at to accommodate more students when necessary - Marielle indicates that Group 8 students are a bit cramped at the moment, while it is still a small group of students. - There is a “board-to-board” negotiation happening, as different schools are looking at moving, and therefore could “free up” space. Negotiations are confidential. - A plan should be available by January 2025 2. Participation Council Governance Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More information required on the proposed training to decide if we will take it.
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Next Forum :	
14th of October	Onsite at OIS