Participation Council



Minutes of Meeting		
Date:	14/10/2024	
Subject :	OIS Participation Council	
Chair :	Kevin Lobbezoo	
Attendees :	Anne Marie van Holst	Kevin Lobbezoo
	Angelique Podstavnychy	Denisa Stoican
	Bethan Chewter	Arnaud Meunier
	Marielle Weltings	
Absent with Apologies :	Cheryl Embleton	

Meeting Notes:

2 Parent evening 22nd of October.

- Presentation from the PC would be led by Denisa
- Presentation will focus on the role of the PC & planned duration for 5 minutes

Action item:

- Denisa to share the prepared slides
- Arnaud to share a slide on Traffic Committee





3 Traffic Committee - Update

- Report expected from Anne-Marie, following the meeting with the municipality on October 07th
- The plan is then to schedule a startup meeting with the municipality, with other traffic committees, and prioritise actions/activities.
- There are several volunteer parents at OIS, and suggestions have been made to involve families/students in the process, such as promoting biking/walking with sustainability objectives, etc...
- Anne-Marie mentioned as well the possibility of bike lessons organised by Unikidz, outside of the scope of BSO.

Action Items:

- Anne-Marie to share the report & contacts of other TCs.
- Arnaud to set up the startup meeting with the municipality afterwards, with other TCs

4 | School Hours "Extra Time"

- Anne-Marie mentioned that there is an "extra" 15 minutes per day at the moment, due to rules of counting school hours.
- Some of the current lunch (not sure if I got this right) would count as school time.
- The extra time could be reallocated as holidays, but the topic needs to be further discussed and agreed upon.

Action Item:

- Anne-Marie to share updates during the next meeting.

5 New School Location

- Anne-Marie mentions that discussions on the topic are ongoing, and no decision has been made at this time.

Action Item:

- Anne-Marie to keep the PC up-to-date, when possible.

6 **2024 Budget**:

- Budget not discussed, as it is not final, will be discussed in the next PC meeting.
- Anne-Marie mentions some work will be done on the bathrooms of the ground floor during the October vacations

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

7 2023 Results:

- Questions from the PC on the housing costs, and gaps between the budget and actuals (extra 50,000 EUR)
- Anne-Marie explains the reasoning and unpredictability of some of those items:

There is a "rent & repair" allocation to the municipality, and while rent is fixed, repairs can sometimes be not predictable, and will add to this line item

There is also a dependency on public/private funding, when funds are actually allocated to the school and can displace some actuals.

- Anne-Marie restates the objective is to be budget neutral.

8 | Surplus of Private Funds

 Topic has been brought up as to the surplus of the private funds (fees paid by parents)

Action Item:

- PC to follow up during the next meeting,
- Anne-Marie will elaborate on a proposed scheme for utilizing the private funds, allowing them to be spent or allocated towards initiatives that benefit the school while children are still enrolled at OIS.

9 International Secondary School

- Discussions are ongoing with boards of other international schools, which are in a certain radius of OIS.
- The general position is that OIS should move forward with its plans, which would require a minimum of 120 students to establish a program (IVGO requirement)

Action Item:

- Anne-Marie will keep the PC informed during the next meeting.

10 | Extra Study Days:

- Anne-Marie indicates that two extra study days are to be planned, and sought PC feedback on dates.

Action Item:

- Kevin, Denisa and Arnaud discussed the matter after the PC meeting.
- Kevin proposed March 06th and 07th as extra study days to Anne-Marie.
- Communication to be sent to OIS community to confirm.

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December 04th	Onsite at OIS

