

Minutes PTA meeting Tuesday 3 March 2020

Attendance: Marije Dijkstra, Dineke de Ruijter-Eldering, Lenka Kasickova, Cathy Magill, Lara Kelly, Katia Keshishian, Stephen Dexter, Tamara Black, Nicky Sandmann, Paul Buckley

Middle School Student Representative Anita Kasickova Update:

In the upcoming weeks Student Council will be holding geography week, as well as Middle School Mock Olympics – STUCO may request help from PTA for the Olympics and will advise as soon as possible.

MS STUCO would also like PTA assistance organizing a middle school dance after the Spring break, to be held in early May. PTA will check school calendar and schedule in between Spring Dance fundraiser event for parents and Musical Café Theatre.

Nicki Sandmann Update:

Students are working on their own script for the Musical Café Theatre. Grade 7 are also working on a 'Hallmarks of Horror' production which will also be staged at the end of the school year.

Lower School Principal Update:

LS celebrated Dr. Seuss day Monday with PJs, art exhibitions, and guest readings.

Home learning is being tested across LS from PreK up using SeeSaw platform and also investigating using Google Classroom also.

Upper School Principal Update:

Virtual learning environment is taking place throughout the week in upper school (during periods 8 and 9 today). Teachers are using Google Classroom, Google Meet and Managebac. Teachers are working on the structure and should virtual learning become necessary the plan is to hold classes according the current timetable. Virtual learning is more challenging at the IB program level, IB students are taking mock exams this week.

Student led conferences are scheduled for April 1st.

Plans to expand athletic options are making headway with boys middle and high school basketball and boys and girls middle school soccer this semester.

A reminder of the neighbor to neighbor projects – students are asked to take photos of themselves with their neighbors, then email descriptions and pictures to AISZ. They will then be printed and displayed.

Upper School hiring is complete with eight new hires in total including a math/science teacher, science and humanities teachers as well as two new positions of k-12 Curriculum Director and k-12 Learning Support teacher.

Plans to diversify electives next year with new Media Literacy and Communications elective to be offered in September from grade 9.

Director Update:

Graduation day is the 29th May. School will close at 2pm and graduation is here. 22nd May is the national Croatian end of high school party “Norijada”. Last year the event took place and BundeK and AISZ closed early – this year the 22nd May is a scheduled teacher professional development day at AISZ therefore children will not be attending school.

Early enrollment for incoming local schools students learn to maintain the strength and culture of school.

Director will support PE clothing initiatives discussed between Mr. Mandaric and PTA. PTA will develop a Bearwear flyer.

PTA President Update:

Spring Dance will be at Esplanade 25th April. Discussion on the need for language in the contract in case of a need to cancel the event due to Coronavirus. The estimate of attendees will also be lowered from original estimate to approx. 90.

PTA team continued meeting and reviewed the task list for Spring Dance.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

7 April	PTA Monthly
25 April	Spring Dance
5 May	PTA Monthly
May	MS Dance
21 May	PTA General Meeting & Parent Talk
21st & 22nd May	CLUE Musical Cafe
2 June	PTA Monthly
5 June	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day
18 June	Tears & Cheers