

AAS BOARD

SY 2017-2018

Board Meeting Briefs

March 23, 2018, AAS St. Petersburg Campus, Library

IN ATTENDANCE: AAS Board, AAS Administrators, AAS Faculty Observer substitute

PRE MEETING SESSION : Music program developments and musical presentation at AASSP

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS AND MINUTES APPROVAL The minutes of February 02, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

A. ACTION ITEMS

B1. Finance and Facilities Committee Report.

- The Board heard the report on the current work of the Committee.
- The Board reviewed enrolment survey feedback and discussed financial implications in Moscow and St.Peterburg
- The Board received an update on insurance coverage; the difficulty of obtaining affordable political risks coverage was shared.

B2 . Policy & Governance Report.

- The Board had the first reading of the Faculty Observer' role guidelines.
- The Board had the first reading of proposed changes to Chapter 3 Fiscal Governance.
- The Board received an update on the progress with the PG Committee's Goal on defining the induction program for new Board members.

B3. AASSP Advisory Committee The Board received information and discussed suggestions and action steps to keep the enrolment level at AASSP at its current level.

B4. Director's Report

- The School Director and ES Principal shared feedback on the recent PYP re-accreditation visit to the Elementary School.
- The School Director and Director of Learning informed the Board of some calendar changes to accommodate the upcoming Tech for Education Summit (Envision Now) and the Strategy Partners meeting, both rescheduled for the end of May. The importance of Board members participating in both meetings was stressed.
- The Board received an update on the transition plan for the new Director.
- Actions.
 - The Board adopted the school calendar for SY 2020-2021
 - The Board approved the correction of a minor inconsistency on calendars for SY 2019-2020 and 2019-2020 (to do with whole school closure days only).

B5. Office of Learning Report.

The Board received a report on **operational work** in three critical areas: curriculum, assessment and instructional methodologies, on the success of Problem Based Learning workshops for AASM and AASSP teachers, and a breakthrough with the Learning Board educational platform at AAS.

Strategic work:

- The Board displayed consensus on adding a new impact focusing on student academia
- The Board gave formal approval to the strategic plan for the current 2017-2018 school year on consensus

B. CONSENT ITEMS.

The Board heard reports from ES, MS, HS and AASSP divisions and the PTO.

As usual for the March Board meeting there were no HR, Admissions and Communications reports. The reports were accepted by consensus.

AASSP Principal' report

- The Board heard the report on the current work at the campus, primarily the work around school wide goals, and the success of their Career Day.
- The ever growing interactions between the two campuses, and the support of the Board, were appreciated.

ES Principal's Report. In addition to the earlier feedback on the PYP visit, the ES Principal shared the importance of the upcoming PYP exhibition. The significance of the Student Led parent-teacher conferences was shared.

MS Principal's report

The Board received information on the growth of the service learning program and the PTO supported elective initiative that links well with 21st century learning objectives. MS Discovery week planning with students from AASSP joining AASM students was highlighted.

HS Principals's report

- The Board discussed the report on the HS Discovery week program and the visit from the Oxford Study Course, helping AAS students getting well prepared.
- The HS transition to the new grading system (to join MS and ES) and the objective to provide evidence to external audiences, precisely college admission specialists, were shared and discussed.

PTO

The PTO President reported to the Board that the PTO slate for the next school year had been finalized, the PTO finances were on track and enhancement grant requests will be voted on in April
PTO major fundraising has had somewhat of a new format this year. There will be a survey to see if the changes have been successful.

- **CLOSED SESSION.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.