



# School Advisory Committee

## INTRODUCTION

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) at Cayman International School is represented by CIS parents, faculty and community who meet periodically throughout the school year to discuss a variety of topics and issues regarding all divisions of the school. The purpose of the committee is to aid CIS in realizing the school's strategic plan and to enhance communication among constituents. The committee provides a summary bulletin to the school community in an effort to inform and clarify.

**Constructive discussion and additional points of view regarding these topics and other issues are welcome. Please talk with a representative of the School Advisory Committee to share your input.**

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# SAC BULLETIN



## ***Issue/question: Why do parents have to pay for the ‘off-island’ field trips?***

***Information:*** CIS offers numerous opportunities for students to engage in overseas sports, service, adventure and university trips. Not all students participate in these trips; they are optional and are therefore not included in tuition. Every effort is made by all organizers and administrators to reduce the costs of these trips, yet still ensure that they fulfill their intended purpose and provide a positive experience for students.

## ***Issue/question: Why doesn’t CIS offer all of the IB courses?***

***Information:*** There are numerous IB courses and the list has continued to grow in recent years. CIS has added IB courses (i.e. Chemistry, Physics) offered on campus as high school enrollment has increased, but there are not enough students to offer all courses. Some courses would likely have less than 5 students and would not be viable without greater numbers. Many students choose to take IB courses online through Pamoja, and this has been a successful option when a specific course is not offered at CIS. Plans for adding new IB courses are developing as projected enrollment increases and the expansion come to fruition.

## ***Issue/question: What is happening with the Elementary Playground?***

***Information:*** CIS is currently working on plans to enhance the current Elementary playground. Two pieces were donated by the CIS PTA in the past and incorporation of these pieces is part of current planning. The playground could be renovated as early as fall of 2019.

## ***Issue/question: Is standards based grading being considered in the Middle School and High School?***

***Information:*** CIS is discussing, in initial stages, a form of standards-based grading in middle school and high school as well. There are no eminent changes, and all of these discussions are in their infancy. As with many initiatives, we use various methods to gather parent opinions and engage in discussion as we consider how to move forward. Feedback and assessment techniques continually and regularly evolve, but as we consider reporting changes, parents will certainly have opportunities to learn more and share their thoughts. We always value parent input, and we want the community to understand what we are doing and why it is important.

## ***Issue/question: Why was the increase in fees not consistent across all grades?***

***Information:*** CIS engaged in a process of streamlining the overall fee structure. The structure changed from 9 very disparate steps to a much more logical structure with 5 steps that are more consistent. The change in structure did not generate additional revenue for the school, but it did accomplish a logical framework for the future. There is recognition that the change negatively impacted some parents, and positively impacted others, but this was a one-time change that was necessary to alter the fee structure. The structural change was in no way related to the expansion and did not result in increased fees because of the new buildings.