



Parent-Teacher Organization



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2020-2021

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Statement of interest for PTO President

Kristina Tadic

My name is Kristina Tadic. I was born in Croatia but living abroad for more than 10 years now. I am married with 3 children. Ours is a truly international family with roots in Croatia, Hungary, Sweden and now Russia as our two youngest daughters were born here in Moscow.

We arrived to Moscow in 2012 and this is our 9th school year in AAS. As mentioned above, we have three daughters. Our eldest is Helena and she is 14 years old and she is in 8th grade at the AAS currently. Eva is 5 years old and she is in PK at the AAS. Matilda is the youngest, 3 years, currently at the Montessori kindergarten at Pokrovsky Hills.

From the very beginning I was active in the school, first helping in Helena's class whenever it was needed, and later on being a room mom for many years. I was a substitute teacher in the school for a year and, at the same time, a volunteer in the PTO shop. Meanwhile, I was also working as representative for Schoolwear International, company that used to sell school uniforms. During school years 2013-14 and 2014-15, I ran the PTO Shop. Since the beginning of 2019, I have been the VP Internal within the PTO.

Before we moved to Santiago in 2010, I had a very successful career in numerous companies. By education, I am a lawyer and, in the very beginning of my career, I worked as such in two Croatian companies. In 2001, I was employed as the Sales and Marketing Director for the Croatian market by Oriflame, a well-known Swedish cosmetics company. In 2007, Tiens, a company selling food supplement, being fully P&L responsible for the countries of former Yugoslavia.

In both Oriflame and Tiens I got excellent experience in leading people, motivating them, setting and following budgets and broad range of activities. As both companies are in Direct Sales I also got great experience in organizing events, but also a very useful hands-on training on how to work with people of different cultural and social background. I have been able to take advantage of this experience when being responsible for organizing or supporting events such as Quiz Night and other events.

I have also been active in creating and executing charity events outside of the school but mainly for AAS community here in Moscow. Currently I have started a small company organizing private events.

Having the above mentioned experience, as well as a great track record of being an active member of both the community in general and the PTO in specific, with already 2 children in AAS and the third one soon hopefully entering, I am well motivated and I believe qualified to become the President of PTO.

As President, my goals and commitments will be:

- To continuously improve the relation and the cooperation between the school and the parents,
- To continuously support the school to improve the learning environment and motivation for the children
- To work on creating a blossoming international atmosphere and community, with leading words respect, curiosity and exchange
- To continuously improve the already great reputation of AAS as both an excellent school but also as an amazing community

Thank you for your attention,
Kristina Tadic

Statement of interest for PTO VP External

Elena Tretiakova

My name is Elena and I would like to express my interest in the position of VP External with the PTO at AAS for the school year 2020/2021. I trust my qualifications and my desire to serve our diverse community will be a good fit for this position.

I am from Moscow. I have three children at AAS – David in Pre-K (at AAS since August 2019), Daniel in 2nd grade (at AAS since January 2018) and Anastasia in 5th grade (at AAS since August 2019). Having three kids of different ages at school gave me an opportunity to meet many other parents and get to know the faculty and the community in a pretty short period of time.

I have master's degrees in economics and psychology and have a ten-year working experience in administration of the City of Moscow in management of properties. Also, I have extensive experience in organization and control of business processes. Now I am working in private practice as a psychologist and conduct trainings in family psychology.

In addition, I have extensive experience in organizing various events and celebrations. This school year I volunteered to be a Class parent for my daughter's 5th Grade and I enjoy contributing to the class events.

I believe that my native knowledge of Moscow and Russians along with organizational and communication skills will serve me well in this position. As one of my strengths I would also describe my ability to find common ground with people and to get results even in most challenging situations.

I would be honored to serve the AAS community as a VP external for the school year 2020/21 and would appreciate your consideration of my interest.

Elena Tretiakova

Statement of interest for PTO VP Internal

Marjo Vaessen

My name is Marjo, we are a Dutch family of 5, who arrived in Moscow Jan 2016.

We left the Netherlands about 13 years ago and lived previously in the Vietnam, Malaysia and Romania. Our three boys are currently grade 6, 8 and 10.

From the first day in AAS, we all felt very welcome. The staff community here at school is fabulous but I also remember PTO playing a very important role in helping new families to settle in, whenever they feel ready, in their own time.

Over the last 3 years at AAS, I helped behind the scenes at many PTO-events, such as International Fair, New Comers committee and currently as VP MS. Since I have been VP MS for two years, it is time to hand over that stick to a fresh person.

One of the things I like about being part of the executive team is helping wherever I can to achieve the AAS mission and foster a strong, supportive, positive community. With the help of many volunteers, we can contribute immensely to make the school a wonderful community to be part of.

Please should you have any questions or if you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Statement of Interest for PTO VP Elementary School

Ines Cremers

My name is Ines Cremers and I am interested in the VP Elementary School position at AAS.

I'm Dutch and together with my husband, I started my expat adventure in Nigeria in 2004. After Nigeria we have lived in Houston, The Netherlands and Singapore. We moved to Moscow October 2017, together with our three daughters who are currently in 3rd, 5th and 6th Grade.

I have studied Economics and I'm a certified medical pedicure. After being active with voluntary work in the different countries I have lived in, I 'discovered' I enjoy organizing events, being part of a group, 'getting things done' and working together with persons from different backgrounds.

At the Singapore American School (SAS) I was involved with the PTA and at the Anglo American School (AAS) I have been involved with the PTO in different positions too, one of them as Secretary of the Executive Committee for the last 2 years.

These positions I did with great enthusiasm and dedication. I was happy to contribute to the community and to learn the different aspects of being a volunteer.

I feel strongly about contributing to the AAS community by giving my time and enthusiasm with the goal to be part of the development of our school community throughout the year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ines Cremers

Statement of Interest for PTO VP Middle School

Antonella Oldani

My name is Antonella Oldani, I have two daughters – one in grade five and the other in grade nine.

We have been living in Moscow since already 12 years. Before coming to AAS my daughters were in EIS, a British school located at the opposite side of the city. For our family coming to AAS was like moving to another city, we are really happy, and feel lucky to be part of such a great community.

My husband and I are Italian, and before coming to Moscow we were living in Milan. Before becoming a stay-at-home-mom I was working for an airline company.

In this last two years I've been very much involved helping out in the PTO activities. I was Room Parent in the last two years, and since my daughter is moving to middle school next year, I feel ready to take on a new challenge.

Last year I had the opportunity to volunteer in Middle School events like Socials, Treats Day, Appreciation Lunch and Breakfast, Hard Rock Cafe Dinner and Graduation Hoodies. I really enjoyed working with the other members of the PTO team.

I believe it's a privilege to witness our children's school life, and being an active part in the PTO is a chance to express my enthusiasm and gratitude.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require any further information.

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Statement of interest for PTO VP High School

Linda Corallo

My name is Linda Corallo and my family and I are from Canada. I have lived in Moscow for almost 23 years. I have two children, Madison and Orion. My daughter Madison graduated last year from AAS and is currently studying at the University of Toronto in Canada and my son Orion is currently in grade 11. We have been with AAS for 9 years and before that my children attended Russian schools.

Since joining AAS I have been an active parent working with the PTO and volunteering for number of events. I have volunteered for positions in ES, MS and HS. I have been a room parent, grade rep for MS and worked the Canadian table at the International Fair since arriving at AAS. Three years ago I co-chaired our Spring Gala Event at the Four Seasons Hotel and the following year I co-chaired the Spring Gala for 2017 at Ritz Carlton Hotel and co-chaired two Vegas Nights that we have had at our school.

My most recent position on the PTO Executive Team was VP of High school from 2017-2019. I have a lot of experience at the High school level. I have a great relationship with both the HS Administration and teachers. With next year being my son's last year I wish to help him and other grade 12 graduates have the best year possible. I will work hard for all of the HS children to make sure they have a great year.

I enjoyed working with the PTO and being involved with all the activities that are planned throughout the year. I have made many great friendships by volunteering and have gotten to know many staff, parents, and students in our school. I truly believe that the PTO and the volunteers can really make a difference in our children's education and learning experience.

I would like to contribute my knowledge and experience to the PTO next year and provide my commitment to working together with a team of parents and teachers in order to help make the year successful, educational and a fun time for everyone.

I look forward to next year and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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