



Attendance:

Management/Administration: None

PTA Committee: Juanita van der Watt (PTA Coordinator and ISH Marketing and Communications Officer), Jana Concha (Vice Chair), Khaled Abdul (Treasurer), Anna Dorrington (Secretary), Abha Praharaj (Events Coordinator), Nicola Lal (Events Coordinator)

Principals/Coordinators/Teachers: Mr Stef Fleet (Primary School Principal) and Ms Angie K (Pre-K Teacher)

Parents: 17

Welcome and Introduction by Juanita (meeting started at 08.40)

Juanita welcomed all present and gave an overview of the Agenda.

PTA Steering Committee and parent photographers 2019/ 2020

The PTA Steering Committee introduced themselves and their roles and shared something interesting about them with the rest of the parents. It was also announced that Anna Dorrington has joined the Steering Committee as Secretary and Juanita van der Watt is joining as a Vice Chair, due to her taking up a new job external from the school at the beginning of November.

The committee therefore now include:

PTA Chair - Birgitte Rossau

PTA Vice-Chair(s) - Jana Concha and Juanita van der Watt

PTA Treasurer - Khaled Shaikh

PTA Secretary(ies) - Anna Dorrington and Nitin Deshmukh

PTA Event Coordinators - Abha Praharaj and Nicola Lal

The new project-based methodology was shared with the PTA and all the parents were invited to volunteer and sign-up for projects.

Anna Dorrington and Maria Seine also volunteered to be photographers for PTA related events and initiatives. :-)

Mingle and Mix Activity

Jana Concha lead a colourful and bright Mingle and Mix activity with M&Ms - where parents selected M&Ms and got to know each other by answering interesting questions.

SCHOOL-LEAD EVENTS AND PROJECTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar: October, November and December

Juanita shared the upcoming events for October, November and December

- 31 October: Halloween Celebrations
- 20 November: MYP & DP Career Fair
- 27 November: DP2 Parent and Info Night
- 28 November: PYP Early Years Thanksgiving
- 28 November: PTA Meeting
- 4 December: MYP Mini Expo
- 10 December: Festival of Lights
- 20 December to 5 January: Winter Break

Volunteer and Event sign up.

** We invite all parents to support and or take part in all events at ISH. Remember that any parent can volunteer to become part of the project team and or support on the day.*

You can sign-up or volunteer to help at the different school events and projects at *Events and Projects list* - <https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7> . If you sign up on the easy connect form, your contact details will be passed on to the event organiser or you can get directly in touch with project owners.

* Should you have signed up as a Volunteer and have not received an email the day before the PTA Meeting from the PTA email box – please contact us – we then maybe have the wrong details for you.

Event Updates

1. Halloween Party (31.10)

- The PTA and ASCP will host the annual PYP Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct 31st, from 2.45 – 4:30 pm in the canteen.
- ASCP will bring sweets and items for trick & treating.
- Children can be dressed in their costumes from the morning.
- The event is open to all PYP students, teachers and parents. Non-ASCP PYP students must come accompanied by an adult. Come dressed in your spookiest Halloween costume and enjoy the many fun activities on offer.
- Parents were invited to provide sweet and savoury treats for all students at the party free of charge.
- RSVP: Please RSVP using this form if you and/or your child are planning to attend the party: <https://ptaish.wufoo.com/forms/ish-pyp-halloween-party-2019/>

- VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to help by cooking/baking for the buffet, serving food during the party and/or helping with the clean-up afterwards, please tick yes when filling out the [RSVP form](#).
- **Action: Remind parents to bring food to the party (done)**
- Question: Why is middle school not invited to the party? How could middle school be involved? *It was discussed with various parties since the meeting and MYP and DP have been invited to dress up and or coordinate activities. An announcement was made on 28 Oct that the senior children will have Halloween activities on the 30th - dressing up and bringing a carved pumpkin to school.*
- **Action: Quick discussion with student council if/ how middle school could be involved next week (done)**
- PTA Project Contact and Coordinator: Birgitte and Nicola



2) Careers Fair - 20 November

- PTA will support with the following activities:
 - Sign up parent presenters (Currently looking for)

- Law
 - International Relations/Diplomacy
 - Table arrangements for the event
- PTA Project Contact and Coordinator: Khaled

If you want to take part in the career fair as presenter, please email me at hkurt@ish.dk and complete the survey at following link: <https://forms.gle/wKxPrWut8eiP>

Parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the Career Fair as a support person for the project can register on the Events and Projects list at <https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.

3) Early Years Thanksgiving - 28 November (28.11)

- Teacher Angie will send a video to parents re details and requirements.
- The school will need PTA's help with two activity stations:
 - Movie room (Thanksgiving movie)
 - Crafts room (e.g. autumn leaves crafts)
- Action: Find out whether food can be heated up in the kitchen? Find out what kind of food parents should be bringing .
- More to follow soon.
- PTA Project Contact and Coordinator: Jana

4) Math competition

- School needs more parents to sign up for hosting students, assisting with the project and helping to find donations and sponsorships.
- Action: Send another sign-up form and reminder.
- Action: Sponsorship packages are being worked on, once ready can be sent to companies - as soon as possible and up to event.
- PTA Project Contact and Coordinator: Abha

Parents and ad hoc volunteers who want to be part of the International Math Competition can register on the Events and Projects list at <https://forms.gle/V3UsuWdVaK1XK1SK7> The PTA and the Project Owner will thereafter contact you directly to set up some time to discuss specific arrangements and needs.

PROJECTS

5) Playground safety walk through 31.10.

Anyone who is interested can join the walk through on the day.

6) Lunch trial

- Lunch trial concluded successfully.
- 200 sign-ups received..

- School lunches will start 4 November (PreK may start later)

PTA-LEAD EVENTS AND PROJECTS

The PTA had a discussion regarding possible projects and ideas which could be lead or be initiated by the parents.

Feedback from the PTA meeting participants included:

- DP and MYP to be invited to assist more at PTA events. Mustafa to advise how the students can get points from volunteering and assisting at PTA and school events and projects. New games and other interactions between senior and jnr students can also be introduced.
- Investigate the ClassList App wtr communications.
- Investigate a Gallery on the website or other platform to upload and share student photos.
- Review website as a whole.
- As 1h meeting is limited, no need for introductions/ icebreakers, time should be spent to brainstorming and planning future activity only.
- Huge interest in Green School project/ Sustainable project
 - Project needs a dedicated person from PTA and from the school side. (Eirini Tsaggari volunteered as lead on the project)
 - Suggestion: PTA should organise a clothes flea market at school twice a year (Oct and April), where parents could donate clothes that have gotten too small and purchase clothes for 10kr each.
 - Suggestion: School lunch should have meat free days.
 - Action: Talk to student council about ideas the students have for making the school more green and present ideas at next PTA meeting.
 - Action: remind parents and students of the green things already been done and what should be done (e.g. green breakfast etc).
 - Action: Put together a green policy for the school
 - PTA should understand about school's units of enquiry and the IB mindset and link the values to its activity
- Feedback: school communication channels should be reviewed and consolidated where possible. A weekly summary email/ newsletter covering all key dates for the school would be very helpful for parents.

Open Discussion and Matters Arising

As per above.

Meeting ended 10:10

Next PTA Meeting:

Thursday, November, 28, 8:30-9:30 (with a further 30 minutes for networking)

Location: Canteen

If you would like to add a topic to the agenda for this meeting, please email pta@ish.dk.