



Attendance:

Management/Administration: Nedzat, Monika

PTA Committee: Mira and Alana

Principals/Teachers/Coordinators: Monika Pedersen (Upper School Principal), Ms Lindsey Stende (Pre-K 3A Teacher), Ms Stine Hybler (Learning Support Teacher), Juanita van der Watt and Rose Fittler

Parents: 16

Welcome by Mira (meeting started at 08.40)

Welcome and thank you for coming from Mira PTA President. Going forward meetings will officially start at 8:40.

Upper School Open Questions

Communication - transition between PYP to MYP with the responsibility of sharing communication shifting from the parents to the child. Parents would like more info or tips about helpful ways to manage the transition re sharing communication and responsibility.

Homework - managing the homework to be more even throughout school terms. At ISH it is something we try to work on. Often the homework is project work – Teachers are working with students on project planning their homework. The implementation of diaries has been a useful tool for planning. For reference unit lengths approximately 4-6 weeks, formative assessment (first draft) and Summative (final) - opportunity for learning. Learning process, and apply it to the next project.

PTA and Upper School – How can the PTA engage with the Upper School - events - Monika will speak to the Upper School advisors and ask for ideas from them. For example, field trips typically related to subjects. Advisory Programme is evolving. Support potentially on field trips. Need for consistent support - and build and foster greater community between Upper School and Primary School.

School Culture

ISH is 10 years old next school year (2019/2020). The school has been at Hellerup for 3 and a half years ago and was started to support the expat families and build a school with a set of values and a vision. The school is where we shape the next generation to come.

Building our school community – there are lots of opportunities for parents to get more involved - showcase our own and knowledge share. Especially important with the expat community who are new to the area and don't know the are/lay of the land.

Parents will be invited to two brainstorming events to discuss different community projects – one in the evening and one on a Saturday morning.

Some suggestions to note:

- Importance of **micro changes** - more sustainable and meaningful for works. Keep projects manageable and accessible.
- Mentoring programme with older and younger kids to clean up or be part of the local community.
- Connect with International Schools - pen pal programme with other schools to exchange ideas and build global mindset.
- Sustainable - catering items for events. Workshops for creating your own beeswax paper. Sustainable projects of using everyday items - bags, lunch boxes and cleaning products. Easy alternatives and we can do easy healthy lunches.

Kitchen/Canteen

The school is investigating some options to use the canteen to provide students with healthy food options. Parents will receive a survey of no more than 10 questions to gauge general interest and prices. Survey to include an open-ended question with 'Any Suggestions'.

Things to note:

- Consider impact on other school activities such as baking club
- Payment options
- Allergies Best Practice
- 60% of food will be organic
- Lunch and more? Breakfast? Snack? Afterschool?

Morning Safety

All parents received an email about morning traffic on Managebac – this will also be included in the next newsletter.

The suggestion of a Kiss and Fly zone – needs to be looked in further.

Alternative lunch solution

A company is now delivering Empanadas for students on a Friday. They would like to organize a tasting with parents – this could be at one of the *School Culture Workshop Nights*.

Welcome Committee

It would be great to see if any parents are interested in car sharing/car pooling with other parents who live close by. We will suss out initial feedback via FB/Managebac and then the PTA can discuss a plan with the school.

Easter

Previous year Easter egg hunt at a park on a Saturday - Easter celebration with an egg hunt and egg and spoon races. BYO - a plate - Paske Picnic - Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 22 April - From 10:30 onwards - Easter Hunt at 12: 00. BYO Picnic lunch, blankets and chairs and some eggs for the hunt.

Any other business

- Suggestion for a Food Policy for the whole school
- Netto – it was reported that some older PYP students are sneaking out to Netto at lunchtime. This will be discussed.
- The possibility of organising social occasion such as yearly dance/dinner so parents from all year groups have the chance to mix and mingle.

Meeting ended 10:25

Next PTA Meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 8:30-9:30 (meeting will start at 8:40)

Location: Conference room (by the reception).

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