



Attendance:

Management /Administration: 0

PTA Committee: Yones Anas, Conrado Climent Fernandez, Karolina MacAulay

Teachers/Coordinators: 2

Parents: 8

Welcome by Karolina (meeting started 16.00)

PYP Festival of Lights parent hygge- Karolina

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the Christmas hygge after the PYP Festival of Lights on December 6th! The æbleskiver were tasty and the gløgg went quickly once it was ready. We need to remember to allocate a lot of time when using the hot plates in the kitchen as they heat up very slowly! The food sale was a fundraiser with proceeds going to the music department. We charged 15 kr for a plate of æbleskiver with condiments and a cup of gløgg and we raised 940 kr.

Lost & Found – Karolina

Remember to check the Lost & Found area from time to time. It is located by the main staircase on the lower ground floor. Nicola has kindly offered to organize this space to make it easier for everyone to find lost items. Expect some changes in the next few days! Lost valuables are kept in the reception area. Goods that have not been claimed before the summer break will be donated to charity.

Treasurer's report – Karolina

Karolina presented the PTA income and expenses for December.

PTA goals for the spring term – Karolina

These goals were discussed at the meeting:

Increase attendance at the monthly PTA meetings

- What is the best time to meet? The meeting time survey is a step towards finding a meeting time that works for as many parents as possible. 66 parents responded to the survey (the results are presented later in these minutes)
- Is more communication about the meetings necessary? Most parents at the meeting seems to agree that the current communication model is sufficient (two ManageBac messages and announcements/reminders in the ISH Community Facebook group).
- Can there be an incentive for parents to come to the meetings? Two ideas were a raffle with prizes and having student performances at the meeting.

More parents involved in the PTA Committee

This would make it easier for the PTA to run smoothly and would make it possible for us to organize bigger initiatives.

More school-wide PTA events (not just for PYP)

Some ideas:

- Readathon
- Mathaton
- Career fair support
- Prom support
- An all school sports event

Make a plan for the PTA fund

We currently have around 80 000 DKK in the PTA account and we need to decide how this money should be used. Some ideas:

- Distribute some of the fund in annual PTA grants (students and teachers could submit grant proposals for specific projects)
- Use some of the fund to support community events. In that case each spending should be approved by as many parents as possible at the meeting and/or in a survey.

Mentor/buddy programme

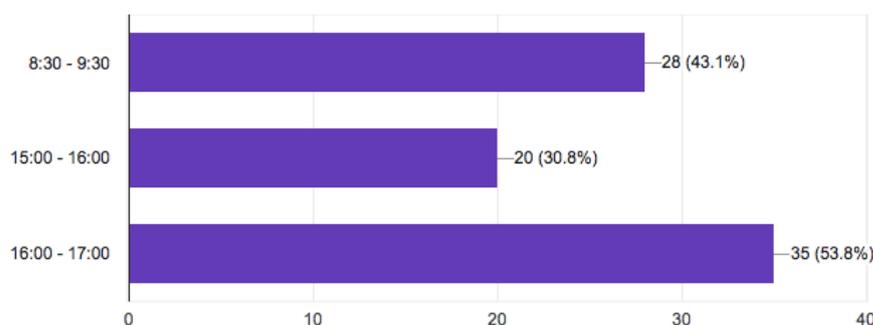
Having a mentor/buddy programme in place would make it easier to welcome new families to our school. Is anyone interested in matching current families who are willing to help (we can send out a survey) with new families looking for a mentor/buddy (the admission office can help with making a list)? Email pta@ish.dk.

PTA Meeting Time Survey – Karolina

This is a summary of the responses from the survey:

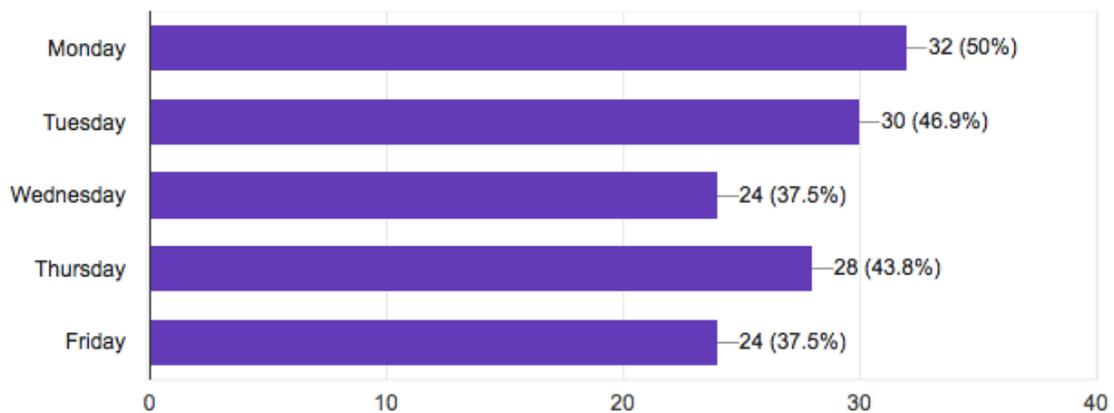
What meeting time works best for you? (You can select multiple options)

65 responses



What weekday works best for you? (You can select multiple days)

64 responses



We have scheduled the PTA meetings for the remainder of this school year based on the responses in this survey and the following factors:

- Teachers are usually not available in the mornings
- Teachers and administrators can't stay in school too late
- Whole school staff meeting last Thursday of every month

The meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of every month (with the exception of June since the Tuesday is a national holiday) and the timing will alternate between mornings and afternoons. The dates are:

Tuesday, February 5, 8:30-9:30

Tuesday, March 6, 16:00-17:00

Tuesday, April 3, 8:30-9:30

Tuesday, May 1, 16:00-17:00

Monday, June 4, 8:30-9:30

PTA Event Calendar – Karolina

We discussed a couple of ideas of events that PTA could organize or support

- PYP Fastelavn, February 2nd – food sale at the PYP event + additional food sale for MYP/DP at a suitable time. Karolina, Conrado and Nicola will meet after the break to organize this.
- International Day/Food Fair – interested families prepare a table/booth with food from their home country in a food fair for the whole school. We would need to do this when it's warm enough to be outside in order to have space for all families.
- Fundraiser for the CAS trip to Kenya and the Marifiki orphanage. This will be a student led fundraiser but perhaps PTA could support it?
- Flea market (organize together with the student council?)

Meeting ended 16.50

Next PTA meeting: Tuesday, February 5 from 8:30. The location for the meeting will be announced closer to the date. If you would like to suggest a topic to add to the agenda for the next PTA meeting, please email pta@ish.dk.