

New Topics of discussion:

1. Request for Danish homework assignments to be included in Upper PYP Friday Letters if not in Managebac.
(teachers have been notified)

2. Managebac Request (parent communication class request)
 - A. **Participating parent will send a note to Katrina with specific information.**
 - B. **Monthly Homework View Request.**
 - C. **Progress Area / Request for consistency of feedback.**
(Teachers have been notified)

3. Several parents have inquired on why is there such a long Winter Holiday Break?
Announcement regarding 2016-2017 Calendar pending in the next several weeks. Please refer to oeis.dk Upcoming Events for current calendar.
The Christmas Holiday break is quite long. The extended time, especially after the New Year can be difficult for parents to manage from a work perspective.
Will ASCP be offered during this extended time?
Also there are concerns with school fees for those parents who also have children in ASCP to have to pay double ASCP fees for the holiday break, if offered.

4. Grade partner collaboration to ensure consistency between teachers of the same grade regarding Friday letters, being excused from class, etc.

Regarding consistency with school folders (**Participating parent used Ms. Mclean (PYP 2) as a positive example**)

5. Request surrounding teachers being on time to class. MYP Student(s) have mentioned to parents that teachers are late and they are waiting outside.

Action/Updates from September PTA Meeting

1. Suggestion - Monthly Gate Code Change (**Pending Response**)
It was suggested to School Management that the gate code should be changed monthly on a specified date.

It was stressed during the meeting that parents should not share the code with students. However, it is highly unlikely the behavior will change.

Suggestion of a parent electronic badge is an option. Electronic gate plus personal code. Parents can decide if they want to purchase a card.

2. Traffic/Parking Situation Update (**Pending Response – Waiting on Kommune to provide update**)

Katrina has received route-planning maps from the Kommune. The maps have been given to each of the students (for lower PYP, they will be sent home) to state on the map how they come to school and by which mode of transportation. They will be returned to the Kommune and evaluated for next steps.

The traffic situation has improved over the last several weeks. However, speed bumps and crosswalks would be very much welcomed.

A sub-committee has not yet been formed as only two parents expressed interest during the week of 26 September.

We will wait until the Kommune evaluation is completed to create a sub-committee.

3. Further “**strong**” requests by parents for morning greeter by Head Master/ Principal, etc.

Recently, Principal Toran has been greeting parents and students. Looking to further expand on a more regular basis.

Parents would very much appreciate a morning greeter. They believe it would be a definite value-add for the children and parents to see someone from school management greet the children/parents in the morning. Welcoming them to school.

As more parents are transferring in from other International Schools, this was something they have always experienced. They have found it to be highly appreciated by not only the parents but the students as well.

4. Car Pooling or Train-pooling (**take/pick up parent assistance**) **Awaiting follow up from parent**)

Parent suggested a car-pooling note to go out on ManageBac. The parent has offered to manage the car-pooling inquiries should parents be interested. Katrina will send a note out once the parent has supplied her with details, etc.

5. Request for Morning Club to open at 7 a.m. (**Currently under discussion**)

Katrina: Discuss with Chiara to see if OEIS could accommodate. If so, send out a survey to see how many parents would be interested and determine next steps, if necessary.

6. Better communication for new families. Quite a few new families feel once their child was admitted, the information stopped. No complaints about the process, just the follow-through afterwards. Big concern for parents, not a great way to start off their year with OEIS. **(Currently under discussion)**
Welcome committee suggestion??
New Family Coordinator, suggestion of current parent linked up with new parent for Q&A, etc.

7. Better communication between School and Parents **(Communication went out immediately with a permission slip)**
Example: Parents insist on OEIS ensuring that children that are traveling for PE class or any other school sponsored activity are being supervised by a teacher or aid. Several parents were not made aware their children were traveling unsupervised to/from Svanemollen to Ryparken thus compromising the safety of the children.

8. **Class Rep Role (Teachers need to follow-up with parents)**
Expectations need to be communicated and defined.
Class reps need to be assigned?

9. Parents would like rules about bringing Pokémon Cards, Beyblades and Toys.
PYP team meeting. Action by having class discussion on case by case.
Parent suggestion to have a class discussion and/or a note goes out about stealing.