

Committee: Communications

School year: 2019 - 2020

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Committee objectives (goals of the committee) are:

1. To provide information to the school population about all school events and accomplishments
2. To inform about the school's philosophy, mission statement, educational program and other important school matters
3. To serve as an online publication committee (advertisement of the school, its events and students' work)
4. To enlarge choices of afterschool activities for Secondary students

Activities held:

#	Activity	Description	Person Responsible
1	Schoology	A) Parents have been notified via email of the change from Moodle to Schoology and the rationale for it. B) All teachers have created accounts in Schoology and are using it as the LMS (Learning Management System) for their classes. There are one or two exceptions for teachers who earlier in the year trained their students to use other technology platforms (Class Dojo, MS Teams, and Google Drive). C) All teachers have created online activities for their classes. D) Parents and students have been offered/provided access to Schoology. E) The platform has taken on a more significant role due to physical schools being closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is a primary way of communicating classwork and assignments to students.	Chris
2	Weekly Newsletter	The school newsletter is being published weekly and is sent to parents via email. There is a schedule for every teacher to submit an article about his/her class successes for the newsletter. The school office also uses the school newsletter to	Igor

		communicate with the school population.	
3	NHS	A) NHS advisory committee has meet to update QSIB chapter bylaws B) New perspective members have been notified of the admission requirements and applications have been distributed. C) New Member induction was tentatively set for April but postponed due to COVID-19 D) Current members have completed all required individual service projects and are planning additional service projects before the spring. E) Members meet every Wednesday during lunch to discuss chapter business. F) Yearly dues have been paid for the 2019-2020 school year. G) NHS graduation garments have been purchased.	Jason
4	MUN	A) QSIB students participated in Bishkek International School 1st MUN in October 2019. B) One of our students got The Best Delegate award. C) Students participated in ASTMUN in Nursultan in November 2019 and had a nice experience demonstrating their knowledge of MUN procedures. D) MUN club met twice a week in preparation for BIS MUN and ASTMUN Conferences E) BIGMUN in Copenhagen was cancelled due to logistical issues. F) It was discussed with the MUN members that the club will possibly participate in MUN/debate in Almaty in the Spring of 2020. It was cancelled due to COVID 19 logistical issues.	Zhanna
5	Art Exhibition	According to the Calendar of school events the art exhibition of 2020 is going to be held on May 8 th . I am collecting students' work beginning from August of last year. Parents and students will be notified about that event at the beginning of March	Elnura

		(letter, invitations). Students' work was collected and ready to be displayed. The Art Exhibition was canceled due to quarantine.	
6	Yearbook	New Yearbook Crew has been formed with 8 members. A) The theme of the Yearbook has been chosen. B) Each member has been appointed to be responsible for taking pictures at various events. C) Yearbook page divisions have been finalized. D) An editor has been working on/improving completed pages. E) Due to the physical school being closed, individual and class photos will not be included in the yearbook. F) Yearbook will be in a PDF format and an electronic copy will be distributed to all families of QSIB. G) Yearbook should be finalized at the end of May.	Bermet
7	Concerts	Students have been practicing for two month and created an amazing showcase. Secondary students were working on the script and acting parts, elementary students had a chance to demonstrate their dance and sing skills. The end of the year Talent Show was cancelled, so some ideas were not implemented.	Yana
8	Facebook, Instagram	The school news, updates, interesting class and school activities and events, students' accomplishments are highlighted on the social media three times a week.	Iuliia
9	Zoom	A) Zoom teleconferencing software has been used by most classes to meet for periodic synchronous meetings during the distance learning period caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. B) All meetings implement a password and waiting room feature to ensure child safety. C) Zoom has also been used for weekly online teacher meetings.	Chris

What worked well:

Teachers constantly contributed with information to post online.

Students practiced for the concert with enthusiasm, sharing many ideas, taking responsibilities. They demonstrated leadership and trustworthiness.

What can be improved:

- 1) It would be nice to have a schedule for teachers to submit information for online posts – to make sure that all grades are presented on the school social media. Some teachers are more active than others.
- 2) A uniform LMS for all students 12-up.
- 3) A more grade-level appropriate LMS for students 5-8 years old (possibly Seesaw).
- 4) Due the physical school being closed; a lot of Yearbook ideas were not implemented.
- 5) The end of the year Talent Show was cancelled, so some ideas were not implemented as well.