

PTA - June, 2023 Meeting minutes

Senior Campus, 5th of June, 2023

PTA board ATTENDEES

Carlos De León , Interim Chairperson

Erin Frugia, Secretary EFR

Owe Kroeger, Treasurer OKR

6 RISS PTA

Members/Parents

Teachers

Mr Rafael Moreno RMO RISS - PTA

representative

1. End of Year Staff Appreciation Day

- a. A date has been selected for Staff Appreciation Day: June 29th, which is Report Meeting day at the senior campus. All teachers will be attending these meetings throughout the day, and students have the day off. Approximately 70 to 80 staff members will be attending.
- b. Carlos is bringing his espresso/coffee machine. Parents have been asked via the RISS Bulletin and the WhatsApp groups to provide breakfast/lunch foods for the staff to enjoy during their meetings. At this time we will be able to briefly socialise with staff and express our appreciation for all that they have done for our children this school year.
- c. We will set up in the senior campus cafeteria. Event will go from 8am until 11am. School is providing a catered lunch for staff so we should have everything cleaned up and ready for the lunch to arrive sometime after 12pm.

2. End of Year BBQ and Sports Day

- a. Sports/Games Day has been changed to Charity/Field Day and will occur on Monday, 3rd of July. The event goes from 10am to 2pm and the school is providing a Food Truck. Parents are welcome to offer assistance, but staff seem to have everything handled.
- b. Last Day of School is July 4th and will be a half day. Students will attend an assembly and may leave for home at noon.

3. Chairperson Nominations

- a. Carlos De León is currently our Interim Chairperson for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.. Nominations are open for a new Chairperson for the 2023/2024 school year. Please let the PTA know if you are interested in this position.

4. Green Roof Project

- a. Currently Carlos De León and Erin Frugia will take over as project leads as the current leads are moving on due to their children graduating.
- b. There are currently 6 members in this committee. We are currently seeking more parents to help with this project.
- c. Project members are currently working to finalise the architectural design plans and cost with RISS (user), Wolfert (owner), De Dakdokters (design EPC firm) and will need help with applying for funding soon.
- d. It was brought up that the group would like to apply for funding for the green roof. All funding organisations will require submittals and processing in Dutch. As a result, we are seeking a parent willing to help write and/or translate in order to complete the online funding applications.
- e. To date RISS PTA has set aside €31,688 to contribute to this project.

5. Yoga Club

- a. It was discussed that parents and students could possibly use the senior campus flex room to host a regularly occurring yoga class starting next school year.
- b. Mr. Moreno asked Morana Smolcic to send a detailed plan via email to the RISS leadership team so they can work together to make yoga club a reality.

6. Small PTA Expenses

- a. It was proposed that we cancel our PTA Zoom account as this was necessary during the first 2 years of the pandemic, but does not seem like a necessary expense any longer. The group concurred that we should cancel the account.
- b. It was proposed to cancel the New York Times Subscription, €2,000 per year. It was decided that we should ask the PTA as a whole to vote on this proposal.

7. Plans for Next School Year

- a. The PTA is wanting to connect with returning and new parents better. It was suggested that we have monthly coffee meetup groups, possibly by grade level, to check in with everyone.
- b. It was also suggested to expand out WhatsApp groups to include: Book Clubs, Exercise Clubs, and bring back Culture Club etc.
- c. It was also suggested that we have our WhatsApp QR codes available at the junior and senior campus front office so all parents and new parents that join throughout the school year can connect with us easier.

8. PTA Finances

- a. The PTA has around €40,000 in their account. €7,946.83 in the account is available to spend on various projects and events. The remaining funds of €31,688 has been earmarked for the Junior Campus Green Roof project.
- b. In September the PTA will receive their yearly funding from the Wolfert Finance Department. The PTA receives a small amount of money for each child attending RISS

Next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, September 4th at 7pm (first Monday of the month)