

PTA - November, 2023 Meeting minutes

Senior Campus, 6th of November, 2023

PTA Board ATTENDEES

*Carlos De León, Interim Chairperson
and Treasurer
Erin Frugia, Secretary*

14 RISS PTA Members/Parents

Teachers - not present

❖ **General Updates:**

- **ACCESS:** An ACCESS coffee morning parent presentation has been scheduled for Friday the 17th of November at the Senior Campus library at 9:30 am.
 - The presentation will include a general introduction to ACCESS, navigating living in the Netherlands, healthcare, and taxes in the NL
 - It was discussed that the presentation could be virtual or recorded.
 - A big thank you to Meher for agreeing to create an ACCESS digital poster.
- A student research group from Leiden University has reached out to the PTA to ask if they can observe some of our parent meetings and interview some of us. We discussed campus security and privacy. We decided we needed to get more input from RISS leadership before agreeing to help.
- **PTA-sponsored groups**
 - Yoga: Class will be every Thursday from 16:30 to 17:30 in the flex room. Arrive anytime after 16:00 and bring your yoga mat if you have one.
 - Dutch Conversation Club: Every Wednesday 17:00 - 18:00 in the SC Library
 - English Conversation Club: Every Thursday 18:00 - 19:00 in the SC Library
 - A big thank you to Mona for creating a digital poster for our 3 clubs.

❖ **Work and Social Groups - Event Planning (and Request for Help)**

- **World Food Evening:**
 - Next event will be on 10 November during the “Glow in the Night” dance. The theme is “The American Diner” Please see the WhatsApp sign up sheet if you would like to bring a food or drink item.
 - A big thank you to Pooja for creating a digital poster for the Oct. and Nov. World Food events.

- On the 1st of December we will have Diwali/South Asian cuisine for our World Food evening in the SC Aula starting at 6pm.
- On the 19th of January we will have our Wine and Cheese Evening at the Wolfert Bilingual Aula starting at 7pm. (This location was not available on the 26th January, so we had to change it to the 19th) We will also be doing a silent wine basket auction during this event. Ben G. has agreed to help with the auction.
- If you have an idea for one of our World Food Events please let us know as we need a food theme for February, March, and June.
- We discussed using these activities to fundraise for the Green Roof project.
- Here is the new updated schedule:

Date	Event	Cuisine	Location	Comments
10 Nov	Glow in the Night World Food	USA	Sr. Campus Aula	At the same time as students Glow in the Night Dance 7pm - 10pm
1 Dec	Diwali World Food	South Asia	Sr. Campus Aula	6pm to 9pm
19 Jan	Wine and Cheese Evening	All	Wolfert Bilingual Campus	7pm to 10pm (Date has changed as location was not available on Jan. 26th)
16 Feb	World Food	?	Sr. Campus Aula	At the same time as students Valentine's Disco 7pm - 10pm
22 Mar	World Food	?	Sr. Campus Aula	6pm to 9pm
13 Apr	International Food Fair	All	Wolfert Bilingual Campus	12pm to 4pm (Date has changed as location was not available on April 20th)
31 May	World Food	World BBQ	Sr. Campus Aula	Brazil, South Africa, others? 6pm to 9pm
27 June	World Food	?	Sr. Campus Aula	Farewell Dinner and Drinks 6pm to 8pm

Cells in red have been updated from the original presentation given the latest feedback

- **Festival of Lights Talent Show:**
 - This event is coming up on 15 December. We will need parent volunteers to serve refreshments during the matinee and evening performances.
 - PTA is to provide finger food and appetisers. Drinks will be ordered through the RISS cafeteria staff so these items will be delivered to the school before this event.
- **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:**
 - The first breakfast is planned for the 16th of November at 8am. A food sign up sheet is located in WhatsApp. We will need help with set up, serving food and drink, and clean up.
 - A big thank you to Sobia for creating a digital poster for this event.
- **Friends of the Library Update:**
 - Holiday decorating at the JC and SC libraries will be happening soon. Check WhatsApp for details.

- There is a backlog of new books that need to be covered in a clear protective film before they can be circulated to the students to check out. Please see Mrs. Bier if you can help with this.
- There is an opportunity for parents to join an Adult Book Bowl. Each team can have a maximum of 5 people, but fewer is okay. Each team reads 5 books. See website for additional details or talk with Mrs. Bier.
<https://sites.google.com/isb.be/irisaward/2024-selections/2024-hs-adult-novels?authuser=0>
- **Green Roof project at JC:**
 - A meeting has been scheduled for the 16th of November with De Dakdokters Architecture firm RISS LT, Wolfert Sr. Management, and the PTA Board to discuss financing, applying for subsidies, and a possible start date for the project.
 - The school is planning on contributing approximately €80,000 to the project provided by Wolfert and the teachers themselves. We would like to acknowledge their contribution and express our deepest gratitude. The PTA has set aside approximately €30,000 for the project with a total of around €110,000.
 - The PTA is looking for help to complete some grant/community fund applications.
 - The PTA is also looking for novel and fun ways to raise as many funds as possible for this project. If you have any ideas, or if your company or organisation would do some funds matching we would like to hear from you.
- **Green Thumbs:**
 - We are looking for parents to help green up the school by gardening, litter clean up etc. We are attempting to connect with Green Team leaders and RISS facilities management to find ways to collaborate.
- ❖ **Teen Wellness**
 - After the two parent meetings, live and virtual, a summary of the findings will be presented to the RISS LT, and the parents.
- ❖ **Board Request for help**
 - Carlos De León is currently our Interim Chairperson. Nominations are open for a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2023/2024 school year. Please let the PTA know if you are interested in this position.
- ❖ **PTA Finances**
 - The goal is still to raise funds during the World Food events and other PTA events. An updated budget will be presented in the Dec. PTA meeting.
 - The goal will be to charge €5 per adult at every World Food event as a fundraiser for the Green Roof.



❖ Upcoming Events

10th November	Senior Campus	USA World Food Event
16th November	Senior Campus	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
17 November	Senior Campus	Coffee Morning with ACCESS
1 December	Senior Campus	Diwali World Food Event
4th December	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
15th December	Junior Campus	Festival of Lights
15th January	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
19th January	Wolfert Bilingual	Wine and Cheese evening

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