

PTA - January 2024 Meeting minutes

Senior Campus, 15th of January, 2024

PTA Board ATTENDEES

Carlos De León , Interim Chairperson/Treasurer

Erin Frugia, Secretary

15 RISS PTA Members/Parents

Teachers -

Mr Rafael Moreno RMO RISS - PTA representative

Ms. Lynn Libert LLI RISS - Curriculum Leader for Languages, Heritage and Culture

❖ **General Updates:**

➤ **Upcoming items:**

- Heritage Language Committee
 - The student-led RISS Heritage Language Committee provided a presentation to inform us of their upcoming book drive.
 - They are asking RISS families to donate novels, textbooks, or workbooks in languages other than Dutch and English for the Heritage Language section of the library.
 - Their goal is to collect 50 new books by the end of the school year. Please place the donated books in the designated book drive boxes located at the junior and senior campus.
- Leiden University students will be attending some of our PTA events to observe and ask questions related to:
 - “How do international parents in The Netherlands experience finding a balance between wanting their children to find a sense of belonging (in NL) and maintaining their cultural identity?”
 - Parent participation is voluntary, RISS LT has given permission for these students to be on campus
 - Please see the PTA @RISS Whatsapp group for the link to their parent survey.
- **PTA-sponsored groups:** Yoga, and both Dutch & English Conversation Club have been moving along well. Culture Club and Sports for Parents could use more leadership
 - Parents, staff, and students are welcome. We currently have 4 to 7 people consistently coming to each club. please arrive early/on time.
 - To learn more join the groups in the PTA @ RISS WhatsApp community.
 - **Dutch conversation:** Wed., 17:00 - 18:00 at the Sr. Library
 - **English conversation:** Thu., 15:30 - 16:30 at the Sr. Library
 - **Yoga:** Thu. from 16:40 to 17:40 in the flex room. Arrive anytime after 16:00 and bring your yoga mat if you have one.

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

- **Request for help:** Nominations are open for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the school year. Other lead positions for clubs and groups are also available.
- **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:**
 - Although the thank-you breakfasts for teachers and staff have been successful, it has been decided to move the dates to the school's Curriculum Planning Development (CPD) days, as all faculty is available all day, making it easier to reach all teachers.
- **Friends of the Library Update:**
 - Volunteers are welcome and needed to help apply a protective cover over new books. Please contact the librarians for available volunteer days and hours.
- **Green Roof project at JC:**
 - 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.
 - Wolfert agreed to pay the seed money to Het Onderwijs subsidiebureau to start seeking all government and municipal funding opportunities.
- **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.
- **World Food Evening:**
 - The next World Food event will be the Pan-European Wine & Cheese evening on the 19th of January, from 19:00 - 22:00 at Wolfert Bilingual
 - The PTA Wine and Cheese Team had a tour of the facilities at Wolfert Bilingual before the holiday break.
 - The digital flyer and RSVP form has been posted on Instagram, WhatsApp, the weekly RISS Bulletin and sent out via email.
 - We've asked parents to bring wine and snacks to share and for wine/basket donations for the auction (proceeds benefit the Junior Campus Green Roof Project).
 - PTA will provide water and non-alcoholic beverages, cutlery, paper plates, napkins, flower vases, and wine glasses.
 - Decorations will be purchased this week which will include flowers, table clothes, and name tags
 - Fourteen CAS students have signed up to help during the event. Additional PTA parents have also signed up to help with set up and clean up of the event.
 - A couple of RISS students have volunteered to play the piano and violin. A playlist has also been made by a PTA member for music during the event.

- The latest schedule of the World Food cuisines is shown below. The World Food event on Feb. 16th has been rescheduled due to the Valentines Disco being postponed to March 8th.

Date	Event	Cuisine	Location	Comments
16 Feb (Canceled)	World Food	?	Sr. Campus Aula	Valentine's Disco has been postponed so we are moving our event to be on the same day
8 Mar	World Food	Either Japanese Or Middle Eastern	Sr. Campus Aula	At the same time as students Valentine's Disco 7pm - 10pm
13 Apr	International Food Fair	All	Wolfert Bilingual Campus	12pm to 4pm
31 May	World Food	World BBQ	Sr. Campus Aula	6pm to 9pm
27 June	World Food	?	Sr. Campus Aula	Farewell Dinner and Drinks 6pm to 8pm

❖ Teen Wellness

- January 25th - We hope you can join us for the upcoming evening Parent Workshop with Allison Ochs regarding social media and its impact on friendships and bullying.

❖ PTA Finances

- The goal is still to raise funds during the World Food events and other PTA events.

❖ Upcoming Events

19th January	Wolfert Bilingual	Wine and Cheese evening
25th January	Senior Campus	Social Media Workshop with Allison Ochs
5th February	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
4th March	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
7th March	Senior Campus	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
8th March	Senior Campus	World Food Evening
8th April	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
13th April	Wolfert Bilingual	International Food Fair

Next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, 5th of February at 7pm