

PTA - February 2024 Meeting minutes

Senior Campus, 5th of February, 2024

PTA Board ATTENDEES

Carlos De León , Interim Chairperson/Treasurer

Erin Frugia, Secretary

7 RISS PTA Members/Parents

Teachers -

❖ General Updates:

➤ Past and Upcoming Items:

- **Heritage Language Committee**
 - In January we enjoyed a presentation by the RISS Heritage Language Committee. Please donate books to help their 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.
 - So far, they have received around 40 books. Keep up the good work!
- **Leiden University students** attended our PTA functions and asked for input and information. They have completed their time with us and expressed their appreciation.
- **The Wine and Cheese event** on the 19th of January had a great turnout.
 - We had a huge space that could have allowed double or triple the attendance.
 - We raised €306 for the Green roof
 - There was live music, unique art by students
 - The Board would like to thank all volunteers and CAS students that helped out
 - We hope you can join us at the next World Food Event.
 - We have a lot of wine leftover for all future World Food events.
- **Allison Ochs** gave an eye-opening presentation on January 25th. The Board aims to introduce some of her main teachings into the Teen Wellness and Parent Meetups
- On January 31st the RISS PTA Board attended a **Harbour International School** Parent Coffee Morning presentation. We introduced ourselves to the Parent Support Group (PSG) and handed out RISS PTA flyers. We offered to return to answer questions about RISS PTA to incoming parents and briefly discussed hosting an event together.

➤ **Request for help:**

- **Valerija Jefimova** would like to join the PTA as **Vice-Chair**. The attendants of the February meeting took a vote for her membership to the Vice-Chair position and it was approved. Please welcome Valerija to the Vice-Chair position.
- Nominations are open for **Chairperson** for the remainder of the school year. Other lead positions for clubs and groups are also available.

➤ **RISS Year Groups WhatsApp Community/Work groups**

- **Friends of the Library:**
 - Volunteers welcome to come every Thursday at 1:30pm., see WhatsApp for details, volunteers must have a current background check completed
- **Green Roof project at JC:**
 - Currently trying to pay the last invoice from De Dakdokters
 - Waiting for an update from OSB (Onderwijs subsidie bureau) regarding grants
- **Green Thumbs:** Progress on greening up the senior campus is ongoing. (See recent bulletin) This group could use help/leadership. Help is needed to communicate with the Green Team and Jan, RISS Facilities Manager, to see if parents could provide assistance.

➤ **PTA @ RISS WhatsApp Community**

- **Teacher Appreciation breakfasts -**
 - 7th of March and 4th of July.
 - We will need parents to donate food and their time for this event.
 - Digital Flyer to be created by Sobia
- **Culture Club and Sports for Parents** please post all the sports and cultural activities that you would like to introduce to other parents.
- **PTA-sponsored clubs at the Senior Campus -** please arrive early/on time. Parents, staff, and students are welcome.
 - **Dutch conversation:** Class will be every Wed., 17:00 - 18:00 at the Sr. Library
 - **English conversation:** Classes every Thu., 15:30 - 16:30 at the Sr. Library
 - **Yoga:** Class will be every Thu. from 16:30 to 17:30 in the flex room. Please bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- **World Food Evening:**
 - 8th of March, (same night as the kid's Black Tie Dance at junior campus)
 - ◆ Food theme will be Japan and greater East Asia
 - ◆ Digital flyer to be made by Pooja
 - 13th of April - International Food Fair
 - ◆ We are looking for a few parents to form a IFF committee
 - ◆ Event will be held at Wolfert Bilingual
 - ◆ Digital Flyer to be made by Meher
 - ◆ We need help with decorating, organization, table placement, recruiting families to host a booth, auction, selling tickets, monitoring CAS helpers, etc.

- ◆ First planning meeting for country leads and committee is set for: Tuesday, 27 February · 7:00 – 8:00pm
- ◆ Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gha-mvum-ogk>

- 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 (Cancelled)	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	Japan and East Asia	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

❖ Parent Meetups

- There is an upcoming Indigo Parent Workshop coming up on April 23rd at 7pm at the junior campus.

❖ PTA Finances

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

❖ Upcoming Events

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
23rd April	Junior Campus	Indigo Workshop
6th May	Senior Campus	PTA monthly meeting
31st May	Senior Campus	World Food Evening

Next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, 4th of March at 7pm