

AISB PTO General Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018 1:00 p.m. CR13

Welcome

Parents were welcomed to the October meeting.

Kate Sorrell - Accreditation Committee

Kate presented information regarding the accreditation process and committees that are forming for the process.

Dr. Brindley asked for parent volunteers to fill spots on the committees and mentioned that board members, teachers, parents and students are needed to participate.

2 - 4 parent volunteers per committee were requested for the following dates:

October 24 2:20 - 4:00 p.m.

October 28 2:20 - 4:00 p.m.

November 28 2:20 - 4:00 p.m.

February 13 2:20 - 4:00 p.m.

Parent input is wanted and needed for the committees.

Athletic Update - David Hughes

Homes are needed to provide housing for CEESA events. Please contact Oana Velcu ovelcu@goaisb.ro if you are interested in hosting for an event. David encouraged parents with children participating in CEESA to take a turn hosting.

Video is being created to discuss hosting rules and what is allowed and not allowed.

November 1 - 4 CEESA MS Boys Football

February 7 - 10 CEESA HS Robotics

AISB is hosting several sporting events on campus during the next few weeks. Local AISB games are posted in weekly newsletters for those interested in coming out to support those events.

ELC Update - Rosella Diliberto

Friday, October 5: Emotional Coaching Seminar in CR 13 - helpful information for parents to use at home with their children. Teachers are being trained in the classrooms to use this information as well. PDF files will be posted for those who cannot attend.

October 9: Curriculum Coordinator Coffee at 8:15 a.m.

October 31: Halloween Event 8:00 -11:00 a.m: Curriculum will revolve around the celebration.

Please don't take younger siblings to ES Halloween. Use after school care, if needed. Please contact class reps if more information is needed.

ES Update - Deborah Gordon

MAP results will be sent home next week: see homeroom teacher with questions.

October break is coming up October 15 -19.

All items left in Lost and Found after next Friday will be donated to charity.

Parent Coffee on Thursday, October 11: Topics include: emotion coaching, learner agency, student ambassadors.

If parents are out of town, please inform office using the form found on the PYP site.

Please see article on the balanced use of social media in this week's newsletter.

Recruiting has started for next year's new staff: first onsite interview is Monday, October 8.

Introduction to Google Tools in CR 13 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., October 9.

SS Update - Jon Cain

6th, 11th and 12th grade offsite trips were completed and successful.

In-school team building was held for those grades left on campus. 10th Grade did a walking tour of Bucharest, 7th Grade visited the Science Center and 9th Grade visited Herastrau Park to observe use of parks and green space for a future project.

In May, all other groups will have offsite trips. Some will be geared towards interest.

October 29, 6 - 8:30 p.m., MYP Zombie Run and Halloween Party

6th Grade Counselor Coffee: Using Social Media and Concerns.

Parent Movie Night: Screenagers. More info to come and a suggestion was made to view with your child.

MAP Testing completed; contact Mr. Cain for questions.

Admissions Update - Catalina Gardescu

Catalina made a clarification about the email sent to parents asking about siblings interested in coming to AISB. This was not an enrollment request but a letter of intent. Please follow instructions sent in email.

Director's Update - Robert Brindley

Recapped the Director's meeting he attended; they discussed crisis management and how schools deal with incidents like suicide prevention and communication channels for teachers, students and parents.

Discussion on child safety security and management of social media.

Roundabout: U.S.Embassy engaged with Voluntari and now there will be a meeting with the Ministry about a roundabout on Pipera.

The school is currently full. There are certain grade levels that have space but the capacity number has been reached.

The Board and Administrators will be discussing - What happens next? What is the vision of the school? What is the future plan of the school?

Recruitment for 2019 staff has begun.

Addressed What's App Rumor: School had a parachute land on the grounds creating a lock down due to message being sent over social media. This did not happen.

With capacity, Dr. Brindley will now address normal operations of school: cafeteria, badges, parking stickers, classroom blinds, etc.

PTO Update

PTO funds shown and explained in slide.

Grant request form located on the PTO section of the AISB website. Money is available to all parents, teachers, students to enhance educational value.

Information for parents can be found in newsletters, FB page and from class and grade reps.

Email the PTO members directly.

There is a mailbox outside the PTO office for suggestions, problems, ideas.

Miscellaneous Information:

Parents may create personal accounts to check out books in Secondary Library.

Evening PTO General Meeting TBA. RSVP for event to see if this is warranted.

Book Sale: drop off gently used books you would like to donate to PTO.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 1 PTO General Meeting

November 15 Harvest Festival

November 26/27 Artisan Fair

November 29 PTO General Meeting

December 6/7 Festival of Lights

PTO MOTTO: Connect, Communicate, Coordinate

Kandace Fleming and Eric Rohmann

Kandace Fleming and Eric Rohmann, author and illustrator of books, shared their experiences with the different grade levels. Some of their books include:

Oh NO

Giant Squid

My Friend Rabbit

Kandace can be reached at www.kandacefleming.com.

Next PTO General Meeting

November 1, 2018, 1:00 p.m., CR 13