

The International School of Macao Parents' Association (TISPA)
General Meeting
Tuesday 2nd June 2015, 1:30pm
TIS - Conference Room
Minutes

Minutes of last meeting, accepted on-line (no errors noted)

Present

Christie Kelso
Howard Stribbell
Louise Kewley
Lorna Elliott
Sarah Luvisutto

Laura Clarke
Kylie Sara
Wayney Hsie
Kat Scott

Peta Houghton
Julie Kirkman
Trang Dooley
David Spreadbury

Apologies

Kath Rose
Louise Davies
Mary-Anne Jasinski

Head of Schools' Report (Mr Stribbell):

- Hand/Foot/Mouth disease diagnosed in one of the JK classes. Procedures are in place and are being followed. Screenings are being done and the situation is being monitored. Lots of Flu strains going around at the moment. A concerned parent also called the school in regards to the MERS virus case in Hong Kong. There is a rumour that the infected person also travelled through Macau, however this has not been verified or confirmed.
- Year 12 Graduation took place and went well. TISPA was thanked for donating the wrist watches as a graduation gift.
- Congratulations to Julie Kirkman who was recognised for all of her community service and volunteer work with an award at the Volunteer Tea last week.

Principal's Reports

Elementary (Mary-Anne Jasinski): Absent

Secondary (David Spreadbury):

- Laptop program is moving ahead and in progress. A parent night was held for more information and various distributors are being finalised. A Webinar will be held next Thursday of a rollout in Australia. A Google Apps Conference will be sponsored and held in October which TIS will be a big part of. More devices are being purchased for greater overall access across the board.
- Secondary exams are coming up (extra time will be granted across all grades for ESL students) as well as G6 and G9 Farewell Dinners.
- DSEJ has accepted 4 students for language programs abroad (Portugal, Beijing, Australia) and a music program in Guangzhou.
- Many events were held over the past weekend, including the Caritas Sport Day and Track & Field Meet in HacSa.

Treasurer's Report (Lorna Elliott):

Account Balance: MOP \$169,954

Petty Cash: Mop \$22,282

Events Report:

- **Community Day**

Profits were not the best as it was a very wet day. Half of the profit was donated to the Save the Children Fund for Nepal, which was \$6,600.

- A final financial report is being put together at the moment.

Upcoming events:

- **Arts Night (June 4th) - MPR 6-8:30 pm**

Event will be partly outsourced with "The Cellar Door" coming to sell beverages. TISPA is asking parents to donate baked goods to sell at the event.

- **TIS Alumni Event - June 12th (TISPA BBQ)**

- **Dress Down Day - June 24th - Icy Poles**

Next year the majority Dress Down days will be the same for all divisions (with the exception of 4)

- **Other upcoming events**

General Business:

- Mr Stribbell seeking feedback on a proposed new event for helpers/nanny's in form of an Appreciation Tea in the Fall. TISPA very much in favour of such an event.
- Review and final decision on TISPA Funding Requests:
 - o Treasurer indicated that \$105,000 spendable funds are available.

The Committee officially approved the following items:

K	16 stand up child safe mirrors	\$19,920	Approved
G1-3	Board Games (12 classes)	\$18,000	Approved
G4-6	Portable Playground Sports Equipment	\$14,000	Approved
G10-12	DSLR Cameras	\$24,000	Approved
Art	Block Press	\$4000	Approved
K	Trykes (4)	\$8000	Approved
Env. Studies	Wind turbine kits	\$1000	Approved
	Digital iPad Microphones (3)	\$2,700	Approved
Robotics	Soldering Stations	\$7700	Approved
Athletics	Net Ball Equipment	\$4000	Approved

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| G7-9/G10-12 | Outdoor furniture for student lounge | ? | Pending |
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- It was decided that more research needs to be done to source this furniture and possibly some casino contacts could be asked for assistance. This will be revisited in the new school year.

- The question was asked whether there will be an SK transition plan from SK - G1 this year, similar to last year, as this has not taken place at this point. Mr Stribbell to inquire.
- In regards to Athletics, the question was raised whether certain programs could be run for more than one term (i.e: Swimming, Track & Field). The key issue is securing the coaches. It was also mentioned that overall communication between Athletics and other departments should be increased as to avoid conflict between other clubs, drama and tutoring programs.
- It was mentioned that the mosquitoes in the outside areas are a big problem at the moment and it was asked to be looked into beyond the ongoing pest control maintenance program. Mr Stribbell will investigate and extra service can be called if deemed necessary.
- TISPA Committee member election/re-election:
 - Resignations:
 - Co-Presidents Christie Kelso and Louise Davies
 - Treasurer Lorna Elliott
 - Trang Dooley, Peta Houghton (Events Committee)

Next meeting: September 8, 2015 – 1:30 pm, Conference Room