

The International School of Macao Parents' Association (TISPA)

General Meeting

Tuesday, 12th January 2016, 1:30pm

TIS – Secondary Library

Agenda

Present

Howard Stribbell	Andrea Dryburgh	Sarah Luvisutto	Diane O'Keeffe
Deb Troendle Scott	Waynie Hsie	Judith Cunningham	Bec Walker
Mary-Anne Jasinski	Kat Scott	Jessica Kaushik	Louise Kewley
Laura Clarke			

Apologies: Phuong Ng, Kath Rose

Minutes of last meeting (8th December)

Distributed on-line. No Corrections noted. Accepted as correct.

Welcome

Head of Schools' Report (Howard Stribbell) – See attached

- Mr Stribbell inquired about questions or feedback on the tuition increase. None were mentioned.
- The new TIS app is in development and will have many various levels of opt-in choices as far as notifications and communication back to the school.
- Mr Stribbell will be on a recruitment trip in Canada prior to CNY and then heads to Cambodia
- Phase II is going very well. Bussing is very smooth and is going well. There is a decrease in Kiss n' Ride as most of those cars are dropping off the students at the front main road. This is the area of concern as the cars are blocking traffic and dropping off wherever they can. It's not a safe situation for young children to be dropped off. TIS is encouraging parents to use Kiss n' Ride or to park and walk students in. Another option is the second gate close to the Kindergarten doors, however the vendors are still in place there so it's not ideal until that area is clear. Kat Scott mentioned that there is no parking close to the school for emergency visits or drops off, or lunch deliveries.
- Phase II Launch: February 3rd
- Staffing and recruitment ongoing and will be wrapped up by the end of January. It was asked if locals were hired at TIS and Mr Stribbell confirmed that locals are hired if they have a blue card and are not on a contract elsewhere. TIS is now working with SEARCH Associates, which is a leading recruitment agency for international schools.

Principal's Reports

Elementary (Mary-Anne Jasinski)

- Ms Jasinski has recently returned from a big recruitment trip in Canada
- Division I Assembly is Wednesday, January 13 and Division 2 Assembly is on Friday, January 15
- Photo retakes are February 24 & family photos
- Interviews for next year are currently in progress, and in HK this weekend
- TIS has one new full-time sub teacher taking over Ms Harris class, who is taking Mr. Fortner's 2nd grade class and one new student teacher who will be involved in all grades.

Secondary (David Spreadbury) - absent

- Exam week is coming up, with the remaining exams being held at the end of January. These exams count for 30% of the final grade (used to be 50%)
- Lots of University offers are coming in already. The graduating class is much more proactive than in the past.
- 2 Student teachers are arriving after CNY to work at the High School level
- Next year there will be lots of new teachers in High School

Treasurer's Report (Andrea Dryburgh)

The last Pop-Corn day made \$3,320, including the sale of left over flash light rings and things. Total is now \$51,374. TISPA will determine what to use these funds for - a new BBQ is necessary and some more research is being done prior to the final purchase.

Events Report

Events since last meeting:

None

Upcoming events:

- **Dress Down Day - January 29th (Movie/Book Character Theme)**
- **Community Day March 12 - Sports Theme**
- **Easter Raffles**
- **Other Upcoming Events**

General Business

- Healthy Ways sub-committee update: The initial sub-committee meeting was held just before the break and was a good start on brainstorming ideas for alternative menu items for the BBQs. The group discussed sourcing healthier sausage options locally vs. from HK, as well as including more savoury bake sale items and healthier choices for desserts. The sub-committee will meet again on Wednesday, January 20th at 8:30 at Seasons and will provide further details at the February General Meeting, including some samples of proposed food options.
- Ms Scott mentioned that some volunteers met with Ms Holmes last week to familiarise themselves with the Kindergarten arts and crafts areas and projects and to offer help. Ms Holmes mentioned that they are trying to use more natural products and phase out the plastic elements in and around the classrooms. Volunteers are welcome to help assemble crafts and provide new ideas for arts and crafts projects.

Confirm date for next meeting Tuesday, February 16th at 1:30 pm in the Secondary Library.

澳門國際學校家長會 (TISPA)

常務會議

1月12日 (星期二) 下午 1:30

澳門國際學校中學圖書館

會議議程

出席代表

Howard Stribbell	Andrea Dryburgh	Sarah Luvisutto	Diane O'Keeffe
Deb Troendle Scott	Waynie Hsie	Judith Cunningham	Bec Walker
Mary-Anne Jasinski	Kat Scott	Jessica Kaushik	Louise Kewley
Laura Clarke			

缺席者：*Phuong Ng, Kath Rose*

上次會議紀要 (12月8日)

已於網上發佈。無須更正，確實無誤。

歡迎各位校長的報告 (Howard Stribbell) - 請參閱附件

- Mr Stribbell 問及是否有關於提升學費的問題或意見，無人表態。
- 開發中的學校 app，包括如學校通告和讀者回饋許多不同層次的選項。
- Mr Stribbell 將於農曆新年前到加拿大進行招聘，隨後再到柬埔寨。
- 學校第二期擴建工程進展順利。巴士出入亦很順暢，不過參與 Kiss n' Ride 的家庭有所減少，原因是家長直接讓學生在主要車道下車。胡亂停靠不但造成交通阻塞，也對年幼的學生構成危險。本校鼓勵家長採用 Kiss n' Ride 服務，甚至是先停泊好車輛，再與學生步行回校。此外，家長也可利用靠近幼稚園位置的閘門，只是該處目前有阻礙物，不便使用。Kat Scott 提到學校沒有緊急探訪、下車甚至是卸載午餐車的位置。
- 學校第二期擴建工程啟動儀式：2月3日。
- 人員編制及招聘現正進行中，並將於1月底整合完成。被問到本地人是否有機會入職時，Mr Stribbell 謂只要對方擁有藍咭及沒有其他公司的合約在身，均有機會受聘。本校目前正與專為國際學校處理招聘事宜的 SEARCH Associates 合作。

校長的報告小學部校長的報告 (Mary-Anne Jasinski)

- Ms Jasinski 剛結束加拿大的招聘之旅回校。
- 小學一至三年級組會安排在1月13日 (週三) 舉行，小學四至六年級早會則安排在1月15日 (週五)。
- 2月24日將重拍照片及家庭照。
- 2016-17 小學老師招聘正在進行中，本週末也在香港進行。
- 一名新的全職代課老師接替了 Ms Harris 所任教的班，而後者則接替了 Mr. Fortner 二年級班主任的位置。另外，還有一位實習老師加入。

中學部校長的報告 (David Spreadbury) - 缺席

- 考試週即將到來，未完成的考試會於1月底進行。此次成績將佔期末成績百分之三十（過去是五成）
- 繼續有很多大學錄取畢業班學生，畢業班亦比以往更積極。
- 兩名實習教師將於農曆新年後上任，他們將參與高中教學。
- 明年高中部會有很多新教師

財務報告 (Andrea Dryburgh)

上次便服日售賣爆谷、閃燈戒指和其他物品共賺到 3,320 元，目前總盈餘達 51,374 元。除了新燒烤爐是必購項目之外，家長會還會在年終採購早進行調查確定採購內容。

即將展開的活動

自上次會議後舉辦的活動：
沒有

即將舉行的其他活動：

- 便服日 - 1月29日（以動畫／書本中的人物作為主題）
- 3月12日同樂日 - 運動會
- 復活節獎券
- 即將舉行的其他活動

常務事項

- 健康飲食小組委員會報告：首次小組委員會會議於聖誕假前召開，集體討論了燒烤餐單，除提出了選擇在本地或香港購買原料較健康的香腸外，還就其他燒烤食材和甜點進行討論。小組委員會已訂1月20日週三上午8:30到 Seasons 再次開會，並將於下次的2月會議上提交包括食物選項等進一步細節。
- Ms Scott 提到上周有些家長向 Ms Holmes 了解幼稚園的藝術及手工藝創作，並提供協助。Ms Holmes 謂學校希望能棄用塑料，多用一些天然材料。本校非常歡迎所有志願家長參與工藝創作或提供任何意見。

下次會議日期 會議已決定為2月16日下午1:30於中學圖書舉行。