

The International School of Macao Parents' Association (TISPA)

General Meeting

Tuesday, 12th April 2016, 1:30pm

TIS – Secondary Library

Agenda

Present

David Spreadbury	Wayne Hsie	Sarah Luvisutto
Howard Stribbell	Sheila Goldsworthy	Shelley Smithsdale
Mary-Ann Jasinski	Bec Walker	Andrea Dryburgh
Kat Scott	Louise Kewley	Phong Ng
Laura Clarke	Connie Johnson	Diane O'Keeffe

Apologies: Wayne Hsie, Deb Troendle-Scott

Minutes of last meeting (18th March)

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

Welcome

Presentation by Shelley Smithsdale: Artist in Residence Program

This is a first Artist in Residence Program for TIS, featuring Peta Houghton, a well-respected Australian artist and TIS parent who has won many awards and shows in a gallery in Australia. TIS is blessed to have her here for this program. There are 9 classes featuring different artist/artistic styles. This program is for students in grades 4-6.

This art work will be installed on permanent display in the stairwell.

On April 25th, TIS will be holding a Vernissage to unveil and celebrate this art from 3-5pm. Ms Smithdale has requested that TISPA will volunteer to help with providing snacks.

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

- Mr Stribbell reiterated that TIS has been putting a greater emphasis on art at TIS . Banners will also be going out by the Phase 2 construction. TIS encourages all kids to be a part of this art initiative.
- Admissions process is in full swing and there continues to be an increase interest in attending TIS. To date TIS has received over 500 applications. It was asked if DSEJ has any involvement as to who is accepted and Mr Stribbell confirmed that they are not involved. They have simply changed some registration procedures to eliminate the long queues at schools and the racing against other schools, etc. Due to the high numbers of sibling applications, TIS has had to decline 100 applicants and put 150 on a wait list. There are certain factors that come into play such as communication, transitioning into the room, independence in activities, interaction with peers and teachers, etc. Ms Jasinski mentioned that she offered several half-day places for the Pre-K students.

It was asked if acceptance of a place would need to be confirmed or communicated with DSEJ as well, or just at TIS, including the deposit. Ms Jasinski will follow up and confirm what that exact procedure is.

Last year was the first year (Dragon-baby year) where schools were unable to offer places to children due to space limitations. This has continued this year, possibly because of more expat families staying in Macau and having more children here. The number of local applications is

much higher at TIS as well, compared to a few years ago. There is a cap of 6 schools that families can apply to in Macau.

- Pink Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13. This initiative originally started out in Canada and is in support of anti-bullying. Children are encouraged to wear pink tomorrow to participate.
- School Bussing - TIS is reminding the bus company not to arrive prior to 8am as supervision at school begins at 8am. There were a few emails and concerns regarding a rainy day where the bus arrived early at TIS and no-one was available to help the 3-4 year olds in the rain. Mr Stribbell reiterated that TIS is not able to provide umbrella service to students during rainstorms, however, will ensure that the bus company will adhere to the time schedule.

Principal's Reports

Elementary (Mary-Ann Jasinski)

- Admissions for Pre-K: All Kindergarten staff members participated in group interviews for children (groups of 5) with set activities in place. Each group had a teacher and a TA who were observing and taking notes. These sessions were extremely informative and served the very shy children much better than the traditional setting of a one-on-one "interview". This process seems to be much more child-friendly and will be used in the future. Instead of official questions for parents during the interview, this year parents were given access to an online form to submit and as a result, much more and better information was received. Spaces are available in JK and up, however G1 is very tight at the moment.
- G 1-6 are all involved in the field trip for the Healthy Life Program through Social Welfare.
- Several special events are coming up such as the Div 1 Police Band Concert on April 14 and the Disco on the 15th. Kindergarten will participate in the afternoon and Division 1 is from 5-6:30; Division 2 from 7-8:30. Kat Scott mentioned that she still needs a few volunteers to help with the set up of the disco in the afternoon. Those children who are part of the Seussical Musical will likely arrive a bit late to the Disco, as rehearsal is mandatory for certain cast members.
- After school club session 3 start on Monday.
- Certain G5&6 classes are still going to Zhuhai for the pottery school experience.
- Poetry Night is coming up as well.
- Way to go lunches will be at TIS, catered by Hard Rock Cafe as the numbers are too big for Season's Cafe.
- Friday April 29th is dress-down day with Crazy Theme.
- A special Pink Day Assembly will be held tomorrow, April 13 for Division 1.

Secondary - Mr Spreadbury

- Report cards are coming up as well as the student-led conferences on April 27/28 in the evenings.
- Several students are rewriting their diploma exam in maths, as the initial results weren't as positive as expected. It's penalty free for them to retake the exam, as they can choose the higher mark for their final submission.
- Experience Week was extremely successful! Students and teachers came back very excited and motivated and all had a fantastic experience. There were a total of 8 International trips with 280 students and 27 staff members and 2 local camps (dance and sport) with 30 students and 7 staff members. Participation was 66% for International trips and 75% for overall participation. Overall that is down a bit and slightly disappointing. The team is now looking

into ways to increase those participation numbers and talked about using International SOS earlier in the future. On these trips there were only a couple of minor incidences which involved a few stitches and an X-ray but otherwise everything went really well and was very positive. The Europe trip came in under budget so those students will be getting a refund. TISPA never makes money on these trips but the goal is to break even.

- Two student teachers are leaving on April 22. They have had a wonderful experience, along with the teachers and mentor teachers.
- Pink Day for Secondary will involve a Sportsmanship Day and activities.

Treasurer's Report (Andrea Dryburgh)

Pop-corn Day in January: \$3000

Pop-corn Day in February: \$2950

Pop-corn Day in March: 2315

Community Day: \$13,910 (despite the weather!)

Easter Raffle: \$6350

TISPA purchased a new BBQ for \$9220

With the remaining \$3000, TISPA is looking into purchasing a new commercial grade pop-corn machine.

Secondary raised funds from a dress down day for a generous donation to Caritas.

TISPA also received a donation from Middle School (\$1500), which will go towards the pop-corn machine. Kat Scott, with the help of Judith's husband, has found a company in Macau to purchase a commercial grade machine.

At our last Community Day we introduced a few healthy alternatives at the BBQ on a trial basis. 30 out of 50 Veggie Patties were sold, however they were quite spicy and consumed mostly by adults. Some of the apples and bananas were sold. The hot dogs sold out in less than an hour and almost all of the burgers sold as well. This initiative will be ongoing and TISPA will continue to come up with new ideas and trials to provide healthier food options at the events.

Events Report

Events since last meeting:

- **Community Day March 12 - International Theme**
- **Dress Down Day - March 18**
- **Easter Raffles**

Upcoming events:

- **Poetry Day** (no involvement from TISPA, besides judges)

- **Dress Down Day - April 29 (Crazy theme)**
- **Disco - April 15**
- **Arts Night - June 2**

General Business

- New Pop corn machine is being researched for purchase.
- The new BBQ has been purchased. The old BBQ will be kept and stored for a while as a back up.

Confirm date for next meeting Tuesday, May 10th at 1:30 pm in the Secondary Library.

出席代表

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Howard Stribbell	Sheila Goldsworthy	Shelley Smithsdale
Mary-Ann Jasinski	Bec Walker	Andrea Dryburgh
Kat Scott	Louise Kewley	Phong Ng
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缺席者: *Wayne Hsie, Deb Troendle-Scott*

上次會議紀要 (3 月 18 日)

已於網上發佈。無須更正，確實無誤。

歡迎各位**Shelley Smithsdale 的報告：客座藝術計劃**

這是本校首個客座藝術計劃，由澳大利亞著名藝術家兼本校家長 **Peta Houghton** 帶領小學四至六年級學生接觸不同的藝術風格。本校很榮幸請得多次獲獎，並有作品於澳大利亞藝術畫廊展出的 **Peta**，為一共九個班進行授課。

學生作品安置在學校梯間，以作裝飾之用。

4 月 25 日學校將於下午 3 時至 5 時舉行 **Vernissage**，為客座藝術計劃舉行揭幕及慶祝活動。**Ms Smithdale** 表示家長會屆時會提供現場小吃。

校長的報告 (Howard Stribbell) – 詳情請參閱附件

- **Mr Stribbell** 重申學校重視藝術項目，第二期校舍工程外圍亦安置了彩繪海報。學校鼓勵全體學生一同參與藝術活動。
- 招生順利進行，感興趣入讀本校之人士持續增加。本校至今已收到超過五百份入學申請。被問到教青局有否參與如確認錄取名單等事，**Mr Stribbell** 謂沒有。事實上教青局僅修正了報名程序，避免家長在報名時在校外長時間輪候以及走訪不同學校報名等情況。而本校由於接到大量在校學生的兄弟姐妹投遞報名表，因此最終不錄取名單佔 100 人，後補名單有一百五十人。面試過程中，我們主要測試考生的溝通、適應能力、獨立行動力、與同伴及老師互動等能力。**Ms Jasinski** 稱有幾位幼兒獲錄取為半日制課程。被問到錄取事宜以及留位費等事項是否需要與教青局溝通或獲對方確認時，**Ms Jasinski** 表示會再確認正確程序。
除了報讀本校的本地居民增加，今年由於多了外籍家庭留澳生活，有更多小孩報讀本校，因此這是繼去年（龍年出生小孩首次入學）後，學位再次供不應求。今年每位首次入讀的幼兒可選擇報考最多六所學校。
- 明天 4 月 13 日（週三）是 **Pink Day**。活動最先由加拿大倡導，以支持反欺凌。學生明天可穿粉紅色衣服回校，以示支持。
- 校巴服務—本校已向巴士公司反映，避免在教職員早上 8 時回校前將學生返抵學校。有家長透過電郵反映，像下雨天的日子，校巴提早抵校，卻沒有教職員幫忙護送 3 到 4 歲的學生返抵校園的情況。**Mr Stribbell** 重申學校無法在暴雨天為坐校巴的學生提供接送，但表示會讓巴士公司確保校巴按時返校。

校長的報告

小學校長的報告 (Mary-Ann Jasinski)

- 首次入學報名情況－全體幼稚園職員均參與並準備了小組（5人一組）面試項目，每組均有老師及助教各一人，在旁進行觀察和記錄。小組形式面試相比過往的單對單模式，更適合害羞的小孩。相信日後也會繼續採用此一面試方式。
今年的家長問卷以線上作業方式取代了過往的公式化提問，得出的資訊也較過往完整。幼稚園二年級以上尚有剩餘學位，但小學一年級的學位十分緊張。
- 小學一至六年級均透過社工局參加了健康生活教育園地項目。
- 接下來學校有好幾個特別活動，小學一至三年級在4月14日舉辦的 Police Band 音樂會，4月15日的 Disco（幼稚園學生時段為下午，小學一到三年級是下午 5:00 至 6:30，小學四至六年級是晚上 7:00 至 8:30）。Kat Scott 表示下午的 disco 場地佈置尚需要幾位志願者幫忙整理。參加了 Seussical Musical 的幾個學生因為要進行採排，會晚一點到。
- 第三段的課後興趣班於週一開始。
- 小學五及六年級尚有幾個班未完成珠海香洲新世紀陶藝學校的校外旅程。
- 詩歌之夜即將舉行。
- 本校 Way to go lunches 即將到來，由於 Season's Café 容納不到眾多參與師生，故由 Hard Rock Café 到會在校內進行。
- 4月29日（週五）便服日，主題為 Crazy Theme。
- 明天4月13日是小學一到三年級以 Pink Day 為主題的早會。

中學校長的報告 (Mr Spreadbury)

- 成績單會在4月27至28日的 student-led conferences 上一併派發。
- 部份學生的數學考試成績不如理想，紛紛選擇重考，以便將來可選較高的分數。
- 體驗週之旅空前成功。不論學生或老師均在旅程中獲益良多，且在結束後表現興奮。整個體驗週共籌組了8個海外旅行團，一共280位學生、27位教職員，以及2個在校活動組（跳舞和運動），共30位學生和7位教職員。海外旅程的參與率為百分之六十六，而整體的參與度則為七成五，比率較過往低，令人稍感失望。學校正研究方法讓未來有更多學生參與其中，並且就提前與 International SOS 合作等問題進行討論。縱觀整個旅程，除了出現幾個小意外，導致縫針和進行 X 光檢查之外，可謂十分順利。而歐洲之旅由於花費少於預算，因此學生稍後會獲得餘額退回。學校不從中取利，目的旨在開支平衡。
- 兩位實習教師將於4月22日結束實習。他們在任教期間與其他老師和教學輔導員都相處融洽，獲得很棒的經驗。
- 中學的 Pink Day 將結集運動精神和活動主題一併舉行。

財務報告 (Andrea Dryburgh)

一月份爆谷日賺得：3000 元
二月份爆谷日賺得：2950 元
二月份爆谷日賺得：2315 元
同樂日：儘管天氣不好，也獲 13,910 元盈利
復活節獎券賺得：6350 元

家長會出資 9220 購買新燒烤爐

餘下的 3000 元，家長會正研究購買一台新爆谷機。

中學便服日所籌得的款項將捐至明愛

家長會在初中處獲得 1500 元的捐款，款項會撥入購買爆谷機項目上。Kat Scott 與 Judith 的丈夫找到澳門售賣爆谷機的公司。

上次的同樂日，本校為燒烤餐單提供了幾款健康食品。50 個素菜餡餅賣出了 30 個，只是那些餡餅偏辣，而且多是家長捧場。另外，蘋果和香蕉也賣出了一點。熱狗僅在一個小時內已售罄。而漢堡也幾乎全部賣光。家長會將繼續在其他活動上推出健康食品。

即將展開的活動

自上次會議後舉辦的活動：

- 3 月 12 日 同樂日－國際主題
- 3 月 18 日 便服日
- 復活節獎券

即將舉行的活動：

- 詩歌日（除評審外，家長會並不參與其中）
- 4 月 29 日 便服日（**Crazy theme**）
- 4 月 15 日－**Disco**
- 6 月 2 日－**藝術之夜**

常務事項

- 即將購買新爆谷機
- 已購入新燒烤爐。舊爐會暫存儲物室以作備用。

下次會議日期 會議已定於 5 月 10 日（週二）下午 1:30 於中學圖書館舉行。