

The International School of Macao Parents' Association (TISPA)

General Meeting

Tuesday, 13th September 2016, 1:30pm

TIS – Secondary Library

Agenda

**Present**

Wayne Hsie	Sarah Luvisutto	Connie Johnson	Diane O'Keeffe
Howard Stribbell	Laura Clarke	Deb Trundle Scott	Rookie Pilla
Mary-Ann Jasinski	Bec Walker	Chris Ho	Maria Alessio
Kat Scott	Louise Kewley	Nicole Hamma	

*Apologies: Judith Cunningham, Chris Coates*

**Minutes of last meeting (14th June)**

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

**Welcome**

Sarah Luvisutto welcomed everyone to the first TISPA meeting of the new school year, in particular new parents.

New nominations for the TISPA committee are being sought, in particular a Vice-President to help coordinate the various events throughout the year. Events coordinators would be welcome as well. Ms Scott asked to post a notice on the Facebook page or TIS weekly email in order to reach more parents.

The following committee was elected unanimously:

- President: Kat Scott
- Secretary: Sarah Luvisutto
- Treasurer: Connie Johnson

Mr Stribbell noted that it is important to have a duly appointed executive committee, which is responsible for the financial aspects of TISPA and are making decisions on behalf of all the parents.

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

- In the construction update on Phase 2, Mr Stribbell shared further details in regards to the new classrooms with great enthusiasm. The new Kindergarten classrooms are built out with much more fluidity, with two classrooms side by side and including a small common room area and shared washrooms. This layout will benefit the students as well as the teachers. The upper floors will be assigned to High School, a new MPR, Black Box Theatre, Computer Labs and Music Rooms and a two-story, all-glass library, set up with different learning spaces.
- Parking, Kiss N Ride, Bussing and Roundabout Drop Off: the overall strategy is going smoothly, however it is being strongly recommended that the roundabout drop off is to be used for Grade 4 and up students only, for safety and security reasons. It was requested that this information be shared with as many other parents as possible.
- The Walkathon is one of the upcoming events in October and it was asked whether the time slots per age group had been assigned, as last year the Kindergarten classes ended up running during the hottest part of the day, which would ideally be avoided this year. No details have been finalised at this stage and this request will be taken into consideration.

- There was an inquiry in regards to a new staffing position at TIS for Pastoral Support. Simon Gauci is currently developing a pastoral support and advising program for Secondary and will take over as Director of Boarding.

### **Principal's Reports**

#### **Elementary (Mary-Ann Jasinski)**

- Clubs have started this week; After school Maths and ELL started this week also.
- The bus schedule and routes are settling and arrangements are going smoothly.
- PK started full days this week. There are a few children that will continue half days, but by Christmas all PK students will be full day.
- Feedback was requested on the Curriculum Night last week. Were the new curriculum guides and hours useful? Any suggestions? Overall positive feedback, in regards to format and hours as well as the new curriculum guides. There was a concern in regards to the Mandarin session for most grades. Combining Mandarin with the overall grade presentation was very well received, however the Mandarin teachers either only spoke in Mandarin, or said very little about the curriculum or expectations of the Mandarin program. As many of them teach several different grades, it was a bit unclear what to expect by grade level. Mr Stribbell suggested that perhaps a separate Mandarin Information Night would be welcome, which everyone agreed with. The feedback from the classroom presentations was very positive. Clarification was sought in regards to Mandarin textbooks being used, use of the Better Chinese website, etc. Mr Stribbell will follow up with the Mandarin department.
- Grade 6 school trip is coming up next week. Ms Kiat will join that trip. Grade 5 school trip will be in November and Ms Jasinski will be attending that trip.
- It was noted that Clubs now run until 4:20pm for supervision purposes as well as a new DSEJ requirement for more extra curricular hours per week and term.

#### **Secondary - (Chris Coates - Absent) Howard Stribbell**

- Last week was the first IB inspection for the new IB Program offered in Secondary Years 11 and 12. Everything looks to be in place to start offering the IB program next school year. TIS students will do the Alberta program as well and will choose different diploma tracks: IB plus Alberta High School Diploma, Alberta High School Diploma plus IB subject certificate, or Alberta High School Diploma only. TIS will also utilise some of the key components of the IB program for implementation in Middle School in order to maximise on the program benefits.
- Chris Coates has assembled a team to develop and implement a social and emotional learning and pastoral care program.
- French is now offered as a second language in High School.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No official report has been produced as moneys are still being counted and no events have taken place. Connie Johnson will take over from Andrea Dryburgh and assume the responsibilities of treasurer.

### **Events Report**

**Events since last meeting:**

- **None**

**Upcoming events:**

- **Mid-Autumn Festival (September 14)**  
Kat Scott is working closely with Ms Lok who is the community outreach contact this year. Everything is in place for this TISPA event.  
TISPA has sourced new suppliers to provide the sausages and other products at wholesale prices for our events. For Mid-Autumn festival, TISPA will be offering sausages (no hot dogs), hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, fresh fruit cups, and baked goods (savory and sweet). Vendor tables are low at this event as some of the regulars are unable to attend.
- Dress down day - September 30 (Tiger Pride)  
Popcorn
- Walkathon - October 18th  
Oranges will be provided by TISPA.
- Community Day - November 5th  
It was requested that the next community day hours be changed to either 2-6pm or 3-7pm. The 2-6pm time frame is favoured by all and will be trialled on this first community day.

**General Business**

- Amanda Kiat, Vice Principal of Elementary and Nick Chignall, Vice Principle of Kindergarten were introduced to the group.
- Kat Scott mentioned providing black-out curtains for the MPR for the Disco Event and the question is whether or not they will be used for other occasions. This will be researched further.

澳門國際學校家長會 (TISPA)  
常務會議  
9月13日 (星期二) 下午 1:30  
澳門國際學校中學圖書館  
會議議程

出席者

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缺席者: *Judith Cunningham, Chris Coates*

上次會議紀要 (6月14日)

已於網上發佈。無須更正，確實無誤。

歡迎各位

Sarah Luvisutto 歡迎各位，特別是新家長，出席新學年第一次家長會常務會議。

家長會現正尋求新委員提名，特別是協辦學年活動的副主席，以及活動協調員。為使更多家長知悉，Ms Scott 提議把有關消息在臉書及學校每週電報上公佈。

以下人士獲一致推舉為委員會成員：

- 主席: Kat Scott
- 秘書: Sarah Luvisutto
- 財務: Connie Johnson

Mr Stribbell 強調有正式任命的委員會的重要性，因其不僅負責家長會的財政，還要代表眾多家長作出決擇。

校長的報告 (Howard Stribbell) - 請參閱附件

- Mr Stribbell 公開了第二期校舍工程內部教室規劃細節。新建的幼稚園課室更富流動性，相鄰課室之間設有預備室及洗手。佈局對老師及同學而言都更便利。上層的空間則為高中學生而設，設有一個新的室內體育館、黑盒劇場、電腦室、音樂室以及一個樓高兩層、全落地玻璃設計、具有不同學習區域的圖書館。
- 車輛停泊、Kiss N Ride、校巴以及迴旋處上落事宜：整體情況良好，但仍需一再強調，因安全理由，迴旋處上落僅限小學四年級及以上學生使用。有建議儘量讓更多家長得悉有關訊息。
- 步行籌款活動是十月舉行的活動之一。去年幼稚園學生被分配在最熱的時段參與活動，應避免今年再有類似分配。目前尚未有定案，但有關建議會納入考慮。
- 提到本校與學生關顧服務有關的新職位，即將接任舍監的 Simon Gauci 現正發展針對中學生設立的關顧服務，並提出建議。

## 報長的報告

### 小學校長的報告 (Mary-Ann Jasinski)

- 興趣班與課後數學、英語補習班，均本週正式展開。
- 校巴時間和路線等安排亦進展順利。
- 幼兒教育一年級本週開始全天制課程。至聖誕節前後，部份目前仍維持半天制的學生屆時亦會轉全天制。
- 上週的課程簡介會，被問到對於新課程指南、時間安排是否有任何建議。整體而言反應良好，為各年級提供的普通話解說獲良好的反應，只是普通話老師要麼只能用普通話溝通，要麼只能解釋少量的課程簡介會內容以及普通話課程的情報。由於當中不少老師都為不同年級授課，此情況對各級課室內容的期望造成不清晰。Mr Stribbell 建議日後的課程簡介會將普通話區分開來，會上所有人均同意。對課室佈置及簡介的反應良好。另外還有針對普通話課程的課本和中文網站等應用事項，Mr Stribbell 謂會與普通話老師跟進。
- 小六旅行下週進行，屆時 Ms Kiat 將會同行。小五旅行則於十一月進行，屆時將由 Ms Jasinski 領團出發。
- 為配合教青局新指引，增加每周的興趣班及其時數，現時課後興趣班下課時間為下午 4:20 分。

### 中學校長的報告 - (Chris Coates – 缺席) Howard Stribbell

- 上週首次針對下學年為高中二、三年級開展的 IB 課程進行檢討，一切均準備就緒。本校學生將有以下選擇：IB 及艾伯塔中學畢業文憑、艾伯塔中學畢業文憑及 IB 選修課程證書，或是艾伯塔中學畢業文憑。學校會抽取一些重點融入初中 IB 課程，使之與初中課程順利銜接。
- Chris Coates 已著手籌辦小組，以發展及履行相關社交情緒學習及學生關顧計劃。
- 本年學校在高中課程提供法語選修課。

## 財務報告

暫時未有活動需動用資金。Connie Johnson 之後會接替 Andrea Dryburgh 的職位進行財務管理。

### 即將展開的活動

自上次會議後舉辦的活動：

- 沒有

### 即將舉行的活動：

- 中秋節 (9 月 14 日)  
Kat Scott 與今年負責社區外展活動的 Ms Lok 合作，活動細節事項均已準備就緒。家長會聯絡到新的供應商，以批發價出售香腸及其他食物給學校。是次中秋節活動，

家長會將提供香腸（非熱狗）、漢堡、原條粟米、新鮮水果杯以及烤肉（咸、甜味）。但由於往年參與擺攤的家長無法出席，故今年的攤檔較少。

- 便服日—9月30日（Tiger Pride）  
爆谷
- 步行籌款—10月18日  
家長會將提供香橙
- 同樂日—11月5日  
有建議把下個同樂日時段改為下午2時至6時，或下午3時至7時辦行。會上各人同意下午2時至6時的提議，並決定於下個同樂日試行。

### 常務事項

- 會上正式介紹了小學副校長 **Amanda Kiat** 與幼稚園副校長 **Nick Chignall**。
- **Kat Scott** 對室內體育館添置遮光布簾提出疑問，稱除了為 **Disco** 活動之外，布簾是否可供其餘活動使用。事項會作進一步研究。