

The International School of Macao Parents' Association (TISPA)

General Meeting

Tuesday, 11th April 2017, 1:30pm

TIS – Conference Room

Agenda

**Present**

Deb Troendle Scott	Nicole Hammer	Diane O'Keeffe	Nick Chignall
Kat Scott	Mary-Anne Jasinsk	Sarah Luvisutto	Chris Coates

**Apologies:** *Howard Stribbell , Louise Kewley, Laura Clarke, Connie Johnson,*

**Minutes of last meeting (7th March)**

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

**Welcome**

**Head of Schools' Report (Mary-Anne Jasinski) - See attached**

- ID Cards are about 75% complete and about 60% in use at the moment. Additional barriers will be added next week. Magnetic locking doors will be added to the NW doors soon.
- Communication continues on an ongoing basis in an effort to improve the new drop off and traffic procedures in the morning. 12 staff members are out every day to help with traffic management and continue to improve the flow. Student patrollers have been pulled at this stage as the traffic flow is still considered unsafe.
- Head of School position replacement in 2018. A profile for Head of School has been drafted and TIS is inviting TISPA and parents to take part in the development and finalisation of the Head of School profile. TIS is finding ways to get all of the various stakeholders involved in the candidate selection. Staff members will review the profile next week and feedback and suggestions from TISPA members are welcome and can be sent to Mr Stribbell or brought to the next TISPA meeting. A few immediate comments were shared:
  - TIS feels that this should be a Canadian candidate, as the curriculum is Canadian and knowing the curriculum is highly advantageous.
  - Ideally candidates should have experience at all grade levels
  - Ideally candidates should have some experience with the IB program
  - Are internal candidates being considered? Yes, however not necessarily with preference over external candidates. Pro's and con's of hiring internal candidates need to be considered.
  - What is the timing of having a new Head of School in place? Ideally the new Head of School would be in place 2-3 months before the end of next school year.
  - Are academic qualifications fairly flexible? For this position and being an International School, most candidates would hold a Masters Degree. TIS has many teachers who have a masters degree or are working on a masters degree while teaching at TIS.

**Principal's Reports**

**Elementary (Mary-Anne Jasinski)**

- Elementary have been immersed in admission for next year, having conducted over 100 private interviews and 180 PK interviews recently. There is a waitlist for Grades PK-3 and free spaces for Grades 4-6. Ms Jasinski reiterated that English speaking or non-English speaking is not an acceptance factor, however in the higher grades, it does become a factor. TIS is currently working with families with siblings who have not been accepted at this stage.  
Mr Coates also added that for Secondary, previous school referrals have been introduced to the application process despite some reluctance. This is a very viable addition to the process and now in place.
- Pink Day tomorrow, Wednesday April 12th. (Anti-bullying and Friendship Day)
- Division 1 and 2 Assemblies are next Wednesday and Thursday
- Friday, April 21 is Dress-down Day (divisional themes)
- Friday, April 28th: No school
- Monday, May 1st: Labour Day Holiday
- May 12th: Disco

### **Secondary (Chris Coates)**

- Grades 10, 11 and 12 were moved into the new North Wing on Monday, which went very well and went really smoothly. Students and teachers are very happy.
- Experience week was a success with participation numbers up and feedback is now being collected from students and parents and teachers. For the future, more local and low-cost options will be sought out, including more service aspect activities, as these are sustainable. Several programs this year included a service component and these programs were highly successful. Once program took place at TIS where students worked in classrooms and made such a strong connection that they have requested to return to these activities when possible. A reflection program was introduced this year, which also ties in to the IB program and reinforces the service component. A new position has been created to help with this service aspect and is an instrumental part of the IB program. The CAS Coordinator will also work on Experience Week and will be a Service Coordinator. TIS is working with SOS International - a tremendous resource for trip analysis and feedback, risk assessment and training for trip preparation. They also provide doctors, hospitals, etc, in every country and contact the school with details for any emergency situation, should it arise. There were only a couple of calls to SOS International with minor concerns, however this service is extremely helpful and comforting for teachers.
- IB Authorisation visit was on March 20-22. For the most part this went well, however there is still one concern which is running a dual curriculum program. Mr Coates comes from an International School that ran a dual program and will now have to present more research on other schools already successfully running dual diploma programs. TIS doesn't currently have any other external accreditations so students who are in the IB program and are not successful, don't have another diploma to fall back on. TIS is still hopeful to get the approval, which would allow current G10 to begin the IB program next September in G11.
- Graduation is being planned and will be held in late May. (May 26) TISPA will provide the Graduation award prize (Watch)
- Some high school students are currently re-writing exams.

- University Admissions: Of 60 Grade 12 students, 110 offers have been received and 5.5M MOP in scholarships offered. There is an increase in interest for UK, Canada and HK schools, and a decrease in interest for US schools.

### **Treasurer's Report (Connie Johnson - absent) Kat Scott**

Pop-corn day: \$3, 420

After pop-corn machine purchase, profit is: \$1,500.

High School donated \$1,200 for the Easter Raffle - THANK YOU!

Community Day: \$13,000 (very low profit compared to previous years)

It was agreed that the Community days need to be revamped in order to get more participation. Try to attract more local and Chinese families and possibly look at changing the dates or having only two events per year. This will have to be reviewed with Mr Stribbell.

### **Events Report**

#### **Events since last meeting:**

- **Dress-down day - March**
- **Community Day - March**

#### **Upcoming events:**

- **Dress-down Day - April 21**
- **Easter Raffle**  
TISPA will do the prize draw on Friday, April 14th
- **Community Day - May 6**
- **TIS Disco - May 12**  
Ms Scott is requesting the use of the new Blackbox Theatre but has booked the MPR as a back up.
- **Other upcoming Events**

### **General Business**

**Confirm date for next meeting** Next General Meeting date confirmed for Tuesday, May 2nd at 1:30pm. in the Conference Room.

澳門國際學校家長會 (TISPA)  
常務會議  
2017年4月11日(週二)下午1:30  
澳門國際學校會議室  
會議議程

出席者

Deb Troendle Scott    Nicole Hammer    Diane O'Keeffe    Nick Chignall  
Kat Scott            Mary-Anne Jasinsk    Sarah Luvisutto    Chris Coates

缺席者: Howard Stribbell, Louise Kewley, Laura Clarke, Connie Johnson,

上次會議紀要(3月7日)

已於網上發佈。無須更正，確實無誤。

歡迎

校長的報告 (Mary-Anne Jasinski) - 請查閱附件

- 已有百分之七十五的家長辦理家長證，且六成人已開始使用。下週會校門口增設圍欄。北翼大堂的磁力門亦快將安裝。  
早上上學時的交通措施仍然持續改善中。12位學校職員每天在校門外管理交通以改善車流。由於目前的交通狀況仍然不安全，故暫時取消了學生風紀隊的直勤工作。
- 2018年將有新一任校長上任。有關制定校長工作簡介現階段正進行當中，家長會及其他家長均可參與制定有關人選要求。學校會爭取讓所有持份者參與校長選舉。學校職員下週會審視工作簡介，歡迎家長會將意見發電郵給 Mr Stribbell 或於下次會議上提出。即時意見分享如下：
  - 基於本校以加拿大學制為基礎，學校認為候選人必須來自加拿大，以便更充份了解加拿大課程。
  - 候選人須具有教授所有年級的經驗。
  - 候選人應該具有教授 IB 課程的經驗。
  - 會否考慮現職本校的人員？當然，但不會比校外人士佔優，並且需要考慮聘任校內在職人員的利與弊。
  - 新校長上任時間？最理想是學年結束前兩至三個月。
  - 談到新校長的學歷要求問題，有指由於是擔任國際學校的負責人，大部份候選人均具有碩士學位。而本校不少老師都已修讀或正在修讀有關學位課程。

校長的報告

小學部 (Mary-Anne Jasinski)

- 小學部已展開明年招生程序。目前已進行了超過 100 場個別面試及為 180 名幼兒教育一年級考生進行面試。幼兒教育一年級至小學三年級已列出候補名單，小學四至六年級則尚有空

缺。Ms Jasinski 重申，錄取因素無關考生母語是否英語，然而越高年級，有關情況似乎就成了考量。本校目前正與有兄弟姐妹就讀本校已未被錄取的考生家庭進行溝通。

Mr Coates 補充，中學部已公開講解要求考生遞交就讀學校的推介信，雖有部份不情願，但可行性高，程序亦已就位。

- 明天 4 月 12 日週三是 Pink Day (反欺凌及友誼日)
- 小學部全體學生早會訂於下週三、四舉行。
- 4 月 21 日週五為便服日 (服裝主題為各班決定)
- 4 月 28 日週五為教師日，學校放假
- 5 月 1 日週一勞動節
- 5 月 12 日: Disco

### 中學部 (Chris Coates)

- 高中部各班已於週一開始順利遷移到新北翼大樓上課。學生和老師均表現高興。
- 遊學體驗週無論在參與人數或師生及家長意見回饋方面都十分成功。日後將有更多本地及低成本的旅行團推出，當中有更多服務社會方向的活動，這方面有望持續發展。今年好幾個活動包括與服務社會有關的，都辦得十分成功。但凡學生參與過的活動，都紛紛表示想再次參與。今年推動的「反思項目」與 IB 課程接軌之餘，亦加強了社會服務方面的聯繫。目前已有一個新成立的職位專門負責服務方面的活動，相信對 IB 課程而言同具益處。CAS (創意、行動、服務) 協調員會同時肩負遊學體驗週中的社會服務活動協調員。本校與 SOS International 合作，除了進行旅行分析及意見反饋、風險評估以及旅行培訓準備外，該公司還提供各個國家的醫生、醫院資料，並在緊急情況下與學校聯絡，報告細節。雖然僅有為數不多的輕微事故需要與 SOS International 聯絡，但該公司的服務對老師而言卻很有幫助。
- 作為 IB 課程的候選學校，3 月 20 至 22 日便曾有人員到訪本校審查，過程基本順利，然而尚存在一個雙重課程的問題。曾任職於另一所運作雙課程的國際學校的 Mr Coates 表示會對成功運作雙課程的學校進行更多研究。目前沒有證據顯示在本校修讀 IB 課程的學生失敗後沒有其他文憑可以依靠。本校依然希望通過審查，讓今學年就讀高中一年級的學生下學年 9 月份可修讀 IB 課程。
- 畢業禮訂於 5 月底 (26 日) 舉行。家長會提供獎品 (手錶)。
- 部份高中學生正進行補考。
- 讀考大學: 60 名高中三年級學生共獲 110 所大學錄取，當中獎學金涉及五百五十萬元。今年畢業生中選擇到英國、加拿大以及香港升學的比例較往年上升，相對選擇到美國的則有所下降。

### 財務報告 (Connie Johnson—缺席) Kat Scott

爆谷日: 3,420 元

自購入爆谷機後，利潤為 1,500 元

高中部在復活節所得善款為 1,200 元—感謝!

同樂日: 13,000 元 (利潤比前幾年低了許多)

為了讓更多人參與，大家都同意改革同樂日，嘗試吸引更多本地及內地生家庭參與，甚至是考

慮更改日期，或是一年只舉行兩次。有關建議需稍後與 Mr Stribbell 討論。

### 活動報告

上次會議後舉辦的活動：

- 3 月便服日
- 3 月同樂日

即將舉辦的活動：

- 4 月 21 日便服日
- 復活節獎券  
4 月 14 日（週五）家長會抽出得獎獎券
- 5 月 6 日同樂日
- 5 月 12 日 **Disco**  
Ms Scott 申請使用黑盒劇場，但同時亦申請了室內體育館作後備方案。
- 其餘即將舉辦的活動

### 常務事項

下次會議日期 會議日期定於 5 月 2 日（週二）下午 1:30 於會議室舉行。