

AAS BOARD

SY 2016/2017

May 04, 2017 Board Meeting Briefs

AAS Community Room, 8:30 am – 1:20 pm

In Attendance: AAS Board, AAS Administrators, AAS Faculty Observer

Invited: ES students, Alena Kolbatova - Director's PA.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Pre-Meeting Session.

1. Grade 5 students presented their PYP Exhibition project "Innovative Schools" and demonstrated understanding and compliance with the new Learning @AAS strategy goals.
2. School Director Ian Forster reported on the ECIS Administrative Conference in Barcelona. Alena Kolbatova presented a shortened version of her 90 minute presentation that she had given at the conference on economic indicators across Europe for international schools, including the prognosis for banking and investments and what measures should be taken to face challenges.

Minutes Approval. The Minutes were approved subject to a few minor edits.

Consent Items.

Divisional Principals highlighted the major happenings in their divisions, as below among others

- Putting together class lists to create balanced classes (ES, MS, HS, AASSP)
- Dedicating the Fun Run 2017 to AAS teacher Mary Corliss and former AAS student Tim Rijnsdorp who passed away from cancer.(MS)
- Developing students' interest in reading for pleasure (MS)
- Successful inspection visit from the IB to see that exam protocols are being met at the HS
- Developing the faculty's and students' understanding of Impacts, and faculty using a new unit planning platform (ES, MS, HS)
- Success of the Music program with the arrival of the new Music teacher to AASSP in January.

Human Resources

- Excellent retention rate
- Another Red Cross/CPR/AED training opportunity for the faculty and staff

Admissions

- The return rate is 90 per cent. The school will be able to enroll a fraction of all applicants.

Communications and Development

- Successful roll-out of IMPACTS which allowed for their deeper understanding in the community
- The real growth of alumni connections and alumni engagement
- Plans to refresh the website
- AASSP marketing and communication

PTO

- PTO budget and fundraising difficulties due to economic situation
- PTO will be planning for more, but smaller scale, more affordable events to embrace more of the school community in Moscow.
- Developing a closer relationship with PTO in St. Petersburg

Action Agenda

Child Protection Report. As per policy 7.80 adopted last year the ever first annual report was presented to the Board. Four areas of major attention were shared: empowering students to protect themselves, making sure the facility is safe, having an appropriate system to deal with abuse, training faculty and staff, communicating out that the school is not a soft target.

The importance of communicating the school strategies to this effect was highlighted; suggestions shared.

Strategic Planning Report. The executive summary from the Strategic Partners meeting on April 27-28 was presented by the Director of Learning. Outcomes from the meeting of the Strategic partners' team representing the Board, School administration, faculty, staff, parents, and students were shared. The Board support in moving forward the Learning @AAS strategy's strategic recommendations was sought. The Board will take the proposals to its joint Finance & Facilities and Policy & Governance Standing Committees for further review and recommendations.

School Director Report.

The Board adopted the AAS Calendar for SY 2019-2020 on consensus.

AASSP Advisory Committee Report. The Board learnt about the SWOT analysis conducted by the Advisory Committee in St. Petersburg to lay down some vision about the school perspectives and to give more direction to the redesigned Advisory Committee and its efficacy.

Director Search Ad-Hoc Committee Report. The Director Search process was coming to an end with employment packet offered to the successful candidate, who got overwhelming support from the community and the Board alike. Hopefully the candidate will accept, as soon as the contract is signed the name of the Director will be announced to the community.

Finance & Facilities (FF) Committee Report.

The Board adopted the final budget and the RuR : US \$ exchange rate for SY 2017-2018 on consensus.

Policy & Governance (PG) Report

- The Board unanimously approved easy changes (fixes) to policies 3.42 Sources of Income and 6.80 Confidential Information on the first reading.
- The Board had the first reading of revised policy 2:30 Academic Competence.
- The Board was informed about the Committee's planning of the Board retreat in the fall, and about some other housekeeping points.

Meeting review. Board members shared their comments on the course of the Board meeting sharing some suggestions on the agenda planning and the contents of Admin reports.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1.20 pm.