

# 21 November 2017

## PTO General Meeting Agenda



- Welcome (Clare)
- Director's Update (Ian)
- Divisional Updates:
  - High School (Linda)
  - Middle School (Alessandra)
  - Elementary (Ginny)
- Enhancement Grants presentations (Irina)
  - Proposal 1 : Brick Outdoor Planters (Julie Villers)
  - Proposal 2 : Gaiam Ball Chairs ( Diyara Kamilova)
  - Proposal 3 : MS Makerspace ( Meg Pendleton and Noah Bohnen)
- Quiz Night : update and thank you for Tiiu and team
- Artisan Fair
- ES Child Protection Meeting : start after PTO General Meeting
- Upcoming events :
  - New Book Fair : 5-7 December
  - Next PTO General Meeting: Tuesday, 12 December : Holiday Coffee - 0845 hours in South Cafeteria - Everybody is welcome

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# MINUTES

- **Welcome (Clare)**
  - Little reminder of the Parent workshop : “Approaching the topic of Child Protection with your child”, today immediately after PTO General Meeting in Staff Faculty Room
  - Russian Artisan Fair : Today in Hall of Flags : from 10:00 till 16:00
  - Main Agenda of the General Meeting today : 3 presentations of EG proposals
  
- **Director’s Update (Ian)**
  - Mr Nicholas Kent, the second director’s candidate and his wife Erin are visiting our school. Yesterday afternoon there was a Q & A for parents in AAS Bolshoi Theatre
  - We welcome Mr Todd Lawrence : new Security Coordinator, he arrived from Qatar, we wish him the very best here in AAS.
  - Big applause for MS Drama : Jane Eyre. Coming up : HS play : Tom Vinegar
  - Music Department is very busy with preparations for End of Year Concerts (choir, band and string concert)
  - Big thank you to PTO Quiz Night team, it was a great success
  - Parent Teacher Student Conferences coming up this Thursday, 23 November
  - Thank you to the host families for CEESA competitions held at AAS
  - Learning @ AAS : Melissa Schaub is still looking for parents to participate in Design & Development Teams in the Learning @ AAS project - Meetings start this week until end of April. Different teams : Application & Transfer, Flexible Space, Personalized Learning Plans, Tech for Teaching & Learning, and Digital Systems  
Parents who are interested, please contact Melissa via email :  
[melissa.schaub@aas.ru](mailto:melissa.schaub@aas.ru)
  
- **Divisional Updates:**
  - **High School (Linda)**
    - Halloween : great success - a lot of students loved dressing up, and loved the Halloween candies
    - Next : Holiday lunches : Traditional Turkey lunch with trimmings - parents will be asked to provide desserts
      - Grade 9-10 : Dec, 13
      - Grade 11 : Dec, 8
      - Grade 12 : Dec, 12
    - Grade 12 : Extended Essay Gallery in Hall of Flags : Nov 22-25th - everybody welcome to see extracts from our Senior’s work
    - HS Play : Tom Vinegar in Malyy Theatre : 14+
      - Thursday, 30 November, 16:00 - 17:45
      - Friday, 1 December, 16:00 - 17:45
      - Saturday, 2 December, 13:00 - 14:45
  
  - **Middle School (Alessandra)**
    - Halloween : wonderful celebration, PTO-parents and students were dressed up
    - Parent Teacher Student Conferences : Nov 23 : PTO organises breakfast for teachers

- Dec 8 : MS Social, festive theme, more details to follow
  - **Elementary (Ginny)**
    - Halloween : loved by everyone
    - Winter break holiday parties : Dec, 15 (last day of school from 2:30-3:30)
    - Teacher Gifts : email will be sent to classroom parents
- **Enhancement Grants presentations (Irina)**
  - Today : Grant Proposals Presented
  - 22-26 Nov : Community electronic voting - simple majority
  - Dec, 6 : Results announced in Newsletter
  - **Proposal 1 : Brick Outdoor Planters** (Julie Villers & Amanda) [Description](#)
    - Cost : 34,800 Rubles
    - Kindergarten : Garden outside the classroom
    - **Q** : Who will maintain it during summer ?
    - **A** : Gardening team of school and teachers over the summer - when choosing what to plant they will look at plants with low maintenance during holiday months
    - **Q** : Focused only on KG students?
    - **A** : Mainly for KG and for a short period at the beginning of Grade 1 : when current KG students will come back after the summer (into Grade 1) to see the results
  - **Proposal 2 : 15 Gaiam Ball Chairs** (Diyara Kamilova) [Description](#)
    - Presented by 6th Grade student Diyara
    - Total Cost : 1,500 USD (80 \$ per chair, 15 chairs + delivery cost)
    - Will be used in Humanities classes - (students have humanities daily)
    - **Q** : do they come in different sizes - **A** : No
    - **Q** : can the wheels be locked - **A** : Yes
  - **Proposal 3 : MS Makerspace** (Meg Pendleton and Noah Bohnen) - [Description](#)
    - Cost 5,060 USD (Reduced from original request)
    - Transform the old MS computer lab into Tinker Lab/Makerspace to provide opportunities for hands-on learning for MS
    - **Q** : what will be bought with the EG?
    - **A** : flexible tables, workbench tables, glass whiteboard/Dry erase Board, Lego wall, Tool Station, ...
    - **Q** : when will the room be accessible for kids?
    - **A** : before school, at lunch, maybe after school
- **Lucky winners** : 4 parents were the lucky winners of an umbrella - they were sitting on the "lucky" chairs!
- **Quiz Night** : update and thank you for Tiiu and team
  - Thank you to parents, pictures are now uploaded on Flickr
  - Special thank you to Maggie (302 tickets were sold), to Clare & Rupa for the raffle prizes.
  - 10,000 USD profit : great result
  - Feedback : Maggie will send out an email to participants asking for feedback, I (what could be done better, ideas for new theme next year)
  - 2 more PTO socials coming up :
    - Jan, 27: Vegas Night - casino theme - no cash will be exchanged on the night

- April, 21: Party
- **PTO Shop** (Angelina):
  - Christmas decorations and gifts are now being sold -
  - **New!** Buy a pair of sweatpants (500 Rubles), and we will donate another pair to charity
- **Visiting artists** coming up
  - Jan 2018 : Julie Wright & Nick Foster
  - March 2018 : Mark Hill and Sarah Holbrook & Michael Salinger
  - April 2018 : Tracy Irish
  - May 2018 : Bolshoi Theatre
- **Upcoming events :**
  - **New Book Fair** : 5-7 December -
    - average cost of book : 500-1000 Rubles
    - ES & MS allocated times to visit, HS free to visit
    - Parents welcome every day
    - Now more books for older students/adults available
- **Prom** : Fundraising Ideas to help sponsor Prom-night for Grade 11 & 12: 7000 USD is needed in total, 2,700 USD has been raised so far so we need your help.
  - Eg Gingerbread cookies sale after PTO General Meeting today - baked goods were sold at volleyball CEESA event last weekend
  - Any ideas ? please contact Ms Natasha : [natalia.golovanova@aas.ru](mailto:natalia.golovanova@aas.ru)
- **PTO Exchange** :
  - Next week : Bring in your old skates
  - Dec 4 : start date for skates sale, come early as they sell out quickly
- **Library** will be present at Parent Teacher Student Conferences : any questions, come and have a chat!
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  - **!! MS students will be presenting their ideas on how their dream school should look like (Elective Skooltopia) - everybody is welcome**

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