

22 May 2018

PTO General Meeting Agenda/Minutes



- Welcome (Clare)
- Director's Update (Ian)
- Divisional Updates:
 - High School (Linda)
 - Middle School (Alessandra)
 - Elementary (Ginny)
- Application for PTO Executive Committee 2018-2019 :
 - VP MS : Marjo Vaesen
 - Secretary : Ines Cremers
- Vacancies Executive Committee and Event Coordinators 2018-2019
- Vacancy Eco Green Committee (Masha)
- Enhancement Grants :
 - Green Wall
 - Grand Piano
 - Top up Maker Space
 - ES Tote Bags Ipads
- Julie Villers : presentation on granted EG : K Gardening
- International Fair (Hanna)
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation (Melissa & Ines)
- Upcoming events :
 - Artisan Fair** Tuesday, 22 May 2018
 - PTO International Fair** Saturday, 2 June 2018

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- **Welcome** (Clare)
 - Last PTO meeting for Clare, she is feeling a bit strange ...

- **Director's Update** (Ian)
 - New director Finance & Operations Martin Tromburg is visiting us this week - he has worked in Osaka, Delhi and in Tokyo.
 - Graduation Ceremony last Saturday 19 May 2018 - thank you to our Director of Learning, Melissa Schaub as our main Graduation Speaker
 - MS last Social last Friday 18 May 2018 - thank you to PTO
 - PTO Artisan Fair - today at school
 - AAS/Citi Student Art Show tomorrow 23 May 2018 @ 10:00 in Malyy Theatre for 2 days before being transferred to Citi Bank Offices
 - Kroog II performance (special needs theatre group): Monday 28 May 2018 @ 16:00 in our Bolshoi Theatre - thank you AAS Ambassadors who have helped and supported them during rehearsals
 - Final PTO meeting with Clare as PTO President : a heartfelt thank you from Administration and the School Board

- **Applications for PTO Executive Committee 2018-2019**
 - VP MS : Marjo Vaesen
 - Approved by vote of hands (unanimously)
 - Secretary : Ines Cremers
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- **Vacancies Executive Committee and Event Coordinators 2018-2019**

- VP Elementary School : if you are interested, please email your Statement of Interest to Clare pto@as.ru
- Shop Manager
- Event coordinators : Welcome BBQ, International Fair

- **Vacancy Eco Green Committee** (Masha)

- Wanted : Passionate enthusiastic leaders to Co-chair Eco Green Committee. Main event of the year is Eco Green Fair - Masha has put lots in place already. If you are interested, please let Masha or Clare know.

- **Enhancement Grants**

- **Green Wall** (Vitali Verkhovski)
 - Plant wall with hypoallergenic plants is an eco-friendly way to purify air and produce more oxygen
 - Green wall will be located against the wall where we currently have the Eco Green board outside the cafeteria
 - To be built and maintained in-house by 4-Square
 - Cost : 7,000 USD
 - Ready for start of school in August
 - It is an experiment, if successful AAS can look at additional green walls along the school
- **Baby Grand Piano** (Jason Drahos)
 - The current piano in the choir room is old, is in need of significant repair, and is unable to hold its tuning under the dry, fluctuating temperatures of the choir room
 - Cost baby Grand Piano - brand Hailun : 500,000 RUB
 - Piano is 2 years old
 - Impact on AAS School : For IB/DP students, HS - Sushi Side series, Class Projects, Exam Practise, we are hosting MS CEESA festivals next year, Leading by example, Random Acts of Singing, Pushing Boundaries, Meaningful Performances, Student Collaboration.

- **Top up Maker Space - Round 2** (Noah Bohnen - Meg Pendleton)
 - This project is being researched, designed and constructed mainly by MS students
 - Cost : 4,000 USD
 - Phase 2 : Smartboard, Science Engineering Math software + tools, Lego wall, sewing machine, plants to liven up the space, noise cancelling headphones, additional coding technology - previously 5,000 USD has been funded by PTO Enhancement Grant in November last year.
 - Measure of success : use of the Makerspace - “If the room is being used every day, at several points throughout the day, then we will have taken learning further for teachers and students in the AAS Middle School”
 - Fits well in Space Strategy Partners

- **ES Tote Bags I pads**
 - a tote bag for each student in Kindergarten to Grade 4 to allow students to carry their iPads to all of their Single Subject Teachers in a safe manner. This will allow the Single Subject teachers to use the same technology with students that the classroom teachers are using
 - Natural colour, will be personalised by the children with their name and decoration , “Donated by PTO” will be printed on the bag
 - Cost : 89,100 RUB

Electronic voting will go out today for those Enhancement Grants with invitation to vote, you can accept or decline every EG proposal until Sunday 27 May 2018 at 10pm, each grant with a majority of YES votes will pass and be funded by PTO.

- Julie Villers - presentation on previously granted **EG : Kindergarten Gardening**
 - A Kindergarten project : creation of a garden - presentation by K children
 - Thank you for PTO Enhancement Grant

- **International Fair** (Hanna)
 - Saturday 2 June 2018 : 11:30-15:00
 - Games for all ages, entertainment, and of course, food from around the world
 - Wristbands can be purchased to participate in all the games : 500 RUB (ES : yellow, MS : green, HS : red). Skip the line on June 2, purchase your tickets all next week, before and after school, in the student lounge, in front of the PTO shop.
 - Volunteers are still needed, please sign up !!

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation** (Melissa & Ines)
 - Appreciation breakfast, Friday 8 June 2018, 07:15 in Student Lounge

- **Artisan Fair** : big thank you Olga !!

- **Library** (Kelsey)
 - 4-8 June 2018 : week of returning books
 - 11-15 June 2018 : BLU (Book Lovers United) Week : : Week of book celebration with book banquets, breakfast and breakout boxes, guest readers day... please come and see us,
 - 9-20 June 2018 : Summer checkout (up to 15 books)
 - In next newsletter there will be a link to the library survey. It is anonymous and will help the library learn how parents use the library.

- **Thank you** from Clare
 - 2 years have flown past (time flies when you are having fun!)
 - Clare is very thankful for all the special friendships she made over the last 2 years, but now it's time to pass the baton. Good luck, Rupa !
 - Clare, you will be so missed !!

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