

Minutes of Meeting		
Date :	17/02/2021	
Subject :	OIS Participation Council	
Chair :	Norbert Werthenbach	
Attendees :	Clare Beatson	Anne-Marie van Holst
	Katie Zalewska	Katharina Strobl-Wiltschnig
	Doe O'Dea	Giovanni Vergottini
	Cheryl Embleton	
Absent with Apologies :	Cheryl Embleton	
Agenda :		
1	<p>Growth situation (housing)</p> <p>Short-term - the contract for de Raeger school ends on 1st August. When they move out, there will then be a total of 14 classrooms available for OIS.</p> <p>Long-term – the municipality will rent our building for 2 more years, which means we can grow up to approximately 240 children.</p>	
2	<p>Specialist teachers to resume physical lessons</p> <p>The Stenden trainees are not permitted to start teaching at OIS, due to COVID, but other specialist teachers (Music and Dutch) are allowed to. They must wear face masks and keep 1,5 m between adults and the children.</p> <p>All PC members were in favour of them returning.</p> <p>This will alleviate the additional pressure placed on Group teachers who need to prepare equipment etc for the online specialist lessons, and allow them some time to prepare their own lessons.</p> <p>Anne-Marie will check whether the planning will facilitate allowing only one specialist teacher per day in a classroom. The Group teacher will not be in the classroom at the same time, to limit moments of contact.</p>	
3	<p>Clarification of PC rules through the Vereniging Openbaar Onderwijs (VOO)</p> <p>It was agreed that any online questionnaires or communication, from a PC member to the parents, are to be agreed and approved first by the PC.</p>	
4	<p>Prep general parent meeting 4 March 16.00 – 18.00</p> <p>Norbert will ask Anne-Marie for the presentation from last year and update where required. The new PC e-mail address will be included.</p>	

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	<p>Giovanni will prepare a slide which will help to gauge the interest from the parent community to become members of the PC. This is specifically to develop a succession plan for the current Participation Council.</p> <p>The presentation should be no longer than 20 minutes.</p>
5	<p>Work Pressure funds</p> <p>As per the prior year, the available work pressure funds will be utilised to pay for the specialist music teacher and a team member to walk the children to their gym classes.</p>
6	<p>Traffic</p> <p>There have been complaints from parents regarding traffic at pick-up time. There is a great deal of congestion in the parking area, with some parents having to wait +10 minutes to collect their children.</p> <p>Part of the problem stems from the fact that the children from het Braambos are being released earlier than normal. This is because they no longer have a lunch break at school.</p> <p>Norbert will discuss this with Anne-Marie, to ascertain whether other arrangements can be made specifically in discussion with the director of het Braambos. Anne-Marie will also be asked to send out a specific communication to the OIS parents, requesting them not to park in non-designated parking areas (e.g. the pavement) and causing unnecessary congestion.</p>
7	PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS:
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