Optimist International School



Participation Council

Minutes of Me	eeting		
Date :	12/05/2021		
Subject :	OIS Participation Council		
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Chair :	Norbert Werthenbach		
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	Clare Beatson	Anne-Marie van Holst	
	Katie Zalewska	Katharina Strobl-Wiltschnig	
Attendees :	Doe O'Dea	Giovanni Vergottini	
	Cheryl Embleton	Peter Mihm	
A la a a set veritale			
Absent with Apologies :			
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Agenda :			
1	Norbert welcomed Peter to the meeting as an observer. He introduced the members of the PC and the Management team as well. He also informed Peter about the types of issues we discuss which are governed by law. Peter introduced himself; originally from Germany his daughter is in the EY group.		
2	Work Division plan 2021/2022 – Anne-Marie took the forum through the document. She will correct the dates to reflect the correct academic year – pages 5 and 6. The Staff complement of the PC approved the document.		
2.1	Holiday planning for next year — this was agreed by the PC The extension of the <i>lesson day</i> to 14h30 was approved in principal by the PC, but a concern was raised in terms of the impact on the parking situation (due to het Braambos closing at an adjusted time). As het Braambos normally finish at 15h00 (pre-COVID) this should not cause any congestion in the new academic year. Also de Raeger will be moving out of the building, so there will be 4 less cars occupying slots in the parking lot. The change to the <i>Staff Working hours</i> was approved by the Staff members of the PC. Cheryl is meeting with 2 professional organisations to discuss how they can assist in supporting teachers and TA's during the <i>breaks</i> . The <i>after school DAL lessons</i> will be from 14h30 to 16h00. Anne-Marie will correct the document which currently show the lesson ending at 17h00. OIS are also considering introducing additional EAL lessons. After school swimming will not be offered to the whole school, as the SKWA pool complex do not have any available slots.		
2.2	Formation next year (not definite yet) – this was briefly discussed. The conversion of the hall in front of the EY rooms into another classroom will need to be approved from a fire/safety hazard point of view. The backup plan would be to use one of the existing offices.		

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3	 Traffic exam – Norbert suggested implementing a cycling exam for students. It was noted that cycling lessons will start as an after-school activity on 19 May and last for 4 weeks. This is for groups 7 and 6a/b. Norbert suggested introducing first aid lessons for students. The options will be investigated. The Board Chairman will be visiting the school on 7 June from 14h30 to 16h00. The PC members have been invited to attend the meeting, and send through any questions that they want to pose to the Board. 	
4	As Kathi is leaving the PC at the end of this academic year, her position will become vacant. Peter indicated his interest. In order to gauge the interest from other parents, Giovanni will ask Manon to include a request for interest in the next Newsletter.	
5	PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS:	
Next Forum : TBA	16/06/2021	