Optimist International School



Participation Council

Minutes of Meeting			
Date :	26/01/2022		
Subject :	OIS Participation Council		
Chair :	Norbert Werthenbach		
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	Clare Beatson Katie Zalewska	Peter Mihm	
Attendees :	Anne-Marie van Holst	Giovanni Vergottini Kevin Lobbezoo (observer)	
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		Bernsa Stoream (Observer)	
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Absent with	Doe O'Dea		
Apologies :	Cheryl Embleton		
Agenda :			
	Norbert welcomed the attendees with a special welcome to Denisa, who introduced		
	herself.		
	Growth and Housing situation II		
	Anne-Marie and Bart (SOPOH Board) had a meeting with the Haarlemmmeer municipality in November 2021, to discuss the OIS housing situation. Bart is the		
	designated contact from the Board specifically looking at housing issues.		
	 The following 7 topics were discussed in the last meeting: OIS want space first before we grow the number of children. OIS want formal confirmation that we can have less children in each class than what would traditionally be the norm in a Dutch school. This would allow us to have more space per child, which is similar to a Special Needs school. As the Municipality rents the building, we would need clarity from the owner as to the long-term prospects of renting the current building. What other locations are available in Hoofddorp to house the school, based 		
	on realistic growth scenarios, however the preference is to have a new		
1	building built.	, nowever the preference is to have a new	
	_	current offering to early years and secondary	
	education to become a fully fledged childcare centre.		
	- Gym capacity is insufficient as we are connected to the Dutch Optimist		
	school.	·	
	The next meeting is scheduled for M	onday 31 January, where feedback on these 7	
	The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 31 January, where feedback on these 7 topics is expected. The agreement from the last meeting is that the municipality		
		covering the 7 topics before the meeting of 31	
		be compiled after consultation within the	
		ality, so that a more integrated approach is	
	followed e.g. economic growth forecasts for the region would impact the growth		
	prospects of OIS. The progress is the		
	Norbert requested a copy of the rep		

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	There is no prospective currently for physical growth of the school ito building and environment. The current building is also not adequate as we are missing key areas e.g. an aula (hall), gym, staffing rooms etc. OIS would like a permanent building, but currently there is no clarity ito the Board's long-term plans for the school. If there is no clarity re housing we may need to stop new enrollments. A permanent new building will take 2 to 3 years to complete, but there may still be temporary extra housing options. The board has changed its name from SOPOH to Floreer. Anne-Marie also discussed the number of enrollments per month in the 2021/2022 academic year. Norbert has requested that this is reviewed at each subsequent meeting, but with the actual numbers (i.e. including leaving numbers).	
2	Succession planning of PC members Norbert explained the role of a school Participation Council, and Giovanni clarified the commitment that is required from the parent members. Both Kevin and Denisa indicated that they were interested in joining the PC in the next academic year. Giovanni will reach out to the third parent who indicated some interest in joining the PC, as to their commitment. If more than 2 parents are interested in joining the PC, then elections will be required to vote for the 2 parents who would join Peter. Giovanni will also discuss the timing of training for the new parent PC members with Cheryl. Clare is currently recruiting a teacher to replace her on the PC as she will be going on maternity leave.	
3	General • None	
4	PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS:	
Next Forum :		
09 March	Online depending on Corona regulations	