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Participation Council



Minutes of Meeting		
Date:	07/12/2022	
Subject :	OIS Participation Council	
Chair :	Peter Mihm	
Attendees :	Anne Marie van Holst	Peter Mihm
	Jennifer Tunguz	Kevin Lobbezoo
	Inez Du Preez	
	Katie Zalewska	
Absent with Apologies :		Denisa Stoican

Agenda		
1	Budget year plan 2022-2023 (including the staff budget) The finalisation of the budget is still in progress. The budget needs to be finalised by the 10th of February. The formal approval will be completed in March. It's clear that also for 2022 the budget will be really healthy and positive.	
	Next meeting the budget will be officially presented and will have to be approved by the PC.	
2	Approval school guide Denisa mentioned two items items:	
	Preferably we add a separate chapter around the school safety policy. Currently it's mentioned in multiple chapters, but there is no dedicated section.	

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b. In section three there is no reference on how the OIS supports native languages. We are a language friendly school which should be more clear.

Anne Marie will look into optimising these two items in the current or next year school guide.

The PC did approve the school guide.

3 | Approval Year Report

No feedback. PC approved the year report.

4 | Growth & Housing

Anne-Marie had a meeting with the alderman of the municipality. Anne-Marie presented the vision of a bilingual school from 0 to 18 year old children on one campus. At this moment the municipality is struggling with creating new buildings for schools. The municipality has indicated that they will extend the current lease of the building and will provide OIS with an alternative building in case the contract would end (with a reasonable notification period).

Anne-Marie also had a positive meeting with the Haarlemmermeer Lyceum. Haarlemmermeer Lyceum is eager to be more internationally focussed and wants to have a licence to support this model. However this is a long process and we don't expect any large update in 2023.

Unikids are looking at options to grow as well. It could be interesting to work together on a combined daycare / early year location. More research will be done together with Unikids around this topic.

Anne-Marie will keep us updated on this topic.

5 Unikids

Unikids is more and more integrating into the school. Teachers are happy with the integration of Unikids in the school. There is no negative impact on the after work hours for the teachers. Really positive vibe and a great attitude of the representatives of Unikids.

The parents also shared positive feedback on the first week of Unikids. The children are indicating that they really enjoy Unikids.

Peter mentioned that the pick up process should be approved. Parents need to call the teacher to let them open the door. The kids are also shortly unsupervised in this timeframe when there is just one teacher leading the group (at the end of the day).

6 | Succession plan PC members:

Denisa will talk to Manon to introduce the PC in the newsletter of January. We will introduce ourselves, and ask parents to share feedback.

Peter asked if we wanted to grow the PC. Teachers and parents don't have a need to grow the PC. So we will stay with 6 members at this moment of time.

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7 General Updates
Kevin mentioned that he reached out to Floreer about the option to join the GMR. Unfortunately only one email response indicated that they would come back to us. This didn't happen. Kevin will try to reach them one more time.

8 Previous Action Points:
None

Next Forum:

25 January
Onsite at OIS

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