

Minutes of Meeting		
Date:	28/06/2023	
Subject :	OIS Participation Council	
Chair :	Peter Mihm	
Attendees :	Anne Marie van Holst	Peter Mihm
	Clare Beatson	Kevin Lobbezoo
	Bethan Chewter	Denisa Stoican
	Angelique Podstavnychy	
	Katie Zalewska	
Absent with Apologies :		

Agenda	
1	PC members update The meeting commenced with the introduction of two new members to the Participation Council (PC). We warmly welcomed Angelique and Bethan as they officially joined the PC, bringing fresh perspectives and valuable insights to our team. At the same time it was announced that it's the last meeting for Catie and Clare, who have been members of the PC for the past few years. We want to give a big shout-out to both of them for their dedication and the significant impact they've had on our PC meetings.

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2	Approval Staff formation The formation planning has already been incorporated into the staff division plan. This plan has been agreed upon, so no further approval is required. The only slight change is that a new combination group will be added next year. The school is still in the process of determining the specific year for this addition.
3	Information Budget vs Realization Typically, this item is included in the agenda every June for the yearly review. However, there has been a change in the budget cycle from the school year to the calendar year. Therefore, it would be more appropriate to move this item to the December agenda, as the actual realization would be clearer by then.
4	Outlook for next year Several initiatives are currently underway to facilitate the growth of the school. Continuous discussions are taking place at various levels to address this matter. One specific area of focus is exploring the possibility of adding an additional grade between primary and secondary school. Furthermore, we are pleased to hear that the finalisation of an extra classroom has been successfully completed. This additional space will provide the school with the capacity to accommodate further growth.
5	Upcoming holidays During the meeting, the parent members of the PC brought attention to a noticeable decrease in the number of holidays and study days scheduled for the upcoming year. They requested clarification regarding this matter. In response, Anne-Marie explained that the board has made it mandatory to adjust the holiday schedule. Specifically, the third week of December will no longer be designated as a holiday period. Additionally, due to next year being a "short school year," some days will naturally be excluded from the schedule. The parents advised sending a special communication to inform all parents about these changes. Anne-Marie assured that she will take the necessary action to address this and ensure that parents are adequately informed.
6	Schoolyard A key concern raised by parents pertains to the current state of the schoolyard. The proposal is to enhance one of the grass fields in the schoolyard to create a more enjoyable space for the children. Anne-Marie will present the plan to the PC for discussion and input. We remain hopeful that the municipality will approve the proposal, allowing us to proceed with the planned improvements.
7	Parking

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	Another ongoing focus area is the parking issues in front of the school. Anne-Marie recently had a meeting with the municipality, along with other schools on our street, to address this matter. They will conduct safety checks and consider implementing measures such as blockers to improve the situation. During the discussion, Denisa proposed the idea of establishing a designated pick-up point. If parents are willing to volunteer, this could be something worth exploring further in the coming year. Peter raised a valid point regarding the use of child seats. It has been observed that some children are not properly secured in child seats. The parents strongly believe that we should advise all parents to utilize child seats for the safety of their children. It was suggested that the school address this issue in the upcoming newsletter to raise awareness and encourage responsible use of child seats.
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