

Minutes from PTA General Assembly Meeting
Thursday May 24th 2018. 9:00 am- Cafe des Amis-Mougins School

Present Representing PTA Board and School: Maggie Rossi, Devin Smith, Kas Ramus, Alison Irving, Alejandra Kimpel, Brian Hickmore, Sue Dunnachie
Excused: Sophie Kobouloff, Oscar Skold

Present parents: Hesham Kayal, Tirica Finning, Tony Bloom, Pierre Lalonde, Annie Beaucher, Ruth Rijk, Chantal Dussouchad, Limor Lehmann, Gemma Bishop, Line Wolff Petersen, Tanya Schmiedel, Maggie Bodo

Welcome

Devin Smith welcomed everyone. Mentioned the main point for the meeting was to have a PTA Board vote but would not happen as we are still in search for people to come forward. The current PTA board would be committed to assisting the new team through out the year. Devin stated that PTA this year did a great job documenting everything from events and financing to project proposals. Everything is very well organized making an easy transition for a new board. He asked for people interested in joining the PTA board to approach himself or Maggie Rossi. He went on to explain the available positions in the PTA Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Explained the joint positions were very good to divide and organize work better. He mentioned the President's task is more administrative making sure the events and meetings are well organized, distributing workload and being a master delegator. Sue Dunnachie mentioned the joint presidency was a very good idea given that the interests in the different school levels can be quite different and can be better represented.

Approval of March 20th minutes

There was a majority vote to approve these minutes.

Project Proposal Update

Kas Ramus explained the new project proposal process for funding in which you submit your idea or project through an application detailing every step like implementation method, time frame. This having as an objective to accelerate the process and implement the project the moment it is finished and approved, this also serves to be transparent and give everyone the information about where the money went and justification of where the money was invested and whether the project was completed or not. This also gives people a chance to submit an idea and give parents and teachers a voice as well as clarity. Kas gave as an example the motivational speaker series proposed by Vilde through the project proposal application and later implemented. Also Mrs Bearman submitted a proposal to buy equipment for the primary school, this has now been approved and on its way to be implemented. All parents have a chance to vote through the PTA mail. Devin mentioned the idea of this PTA board is to invest the money in a time frame where parents that volunteer and help raise it can see it turn into

something useful for the kids, leaving a good amount of money for the next board to get a start.

Kas went on to name the projects that have been funded by the PTA through out the school year:

primary equipment
camcorder for school performances
exhibition boards for school presentations
printing press for the arts department
motivational speaker
picnic tables

New projects in process of approval:

A new aquarium

Two potential motivational speakers

Winter celebration for primary

Mr Cooke requested help to paint and decorate the Year 12 / 13 Common Room

These last project proposals will go to voting after the summer fair through the PTA mail.

Treasurer Report

Alison mentioned we have spent a total of 13,500 euros of the PTA money and are hoping to raise three to four thousand euros from the Summer Fair and be able to fund all the interesting projects lined up. Alison let everyone know she will not be taking the role of treasurer for next year as her daughter wont be in the school after next summer, inviting people interested in the role to come forward.

Recap of past events

Maggie commented on the events we had over the school year.

Three Culture Club outings:

Picasso Museum in Antibes

Perfume factory in Grass

Culture Club outing to the Villa Rothschild, had an attendance of 20 people and was very successful. She mentioned Culture Club wants to continue next year and any ideas will be welcomed.

Volunteer appreciation day was also a success in Valbonne. Pizza, beer and petanque with an attendance of 77 people. Pictures of this event can be seen on the PTA Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

May 27th-Hiking Club

June 1st-Ladies Night Out @ Beachcomber

June 8th-Summer Fair/Teacher Appreciation

June 21st-Coffee Morning @ Manoir de L'Etang

There was a call for volunteers to run the Coffee Club as Maggie Halim and Georgina will not be able to do it for the coming year. It was explained by Maggie there is typically five coffee mornings per year, the one in September being the most attended because of new parents.

Call for volunteers

Maggie explained the Summer Fair is the biggest fund raiser of the year and invited people to volunteer for games, food or time on the sign in sheet. She let everyone know that some of the activities might have to be canceled if there aren't enough people to help out. It would be just one hour of time. She mentioned some of the activities that will take place in the Summer Fair focusing on the students:

BTec music and primary musicians will be performing.

Art students exhibition

Master chess player who will be able to play ten to twenty games simultaneously

Bouncy Castles

Sponge Throwing

Pop Corn

Candy floss

Bedlam BBQ

It was also stated that there will be free drinks and a meal for teachers and staff as part of teacher appreciation day at the Summer Fair.

Mr Hickmore said he would reach out to the Form 11 and 12 students through the tutors to encourage them to participate in the summer fair given their exams will be over by then.

PTA Board Election was unable to take place due to lack of candidates for the time being

Head Master Update

Mr Brian Hickmore thanked the PTA board on behalf of the school mentioning what a great job has been done regarding documenting, organization and clarity of the finances, projects and events held.

He went on to comment the need for a part time math teacher for form 7 and 8 for two or three days and asked the parents to look out if they know anyone with the necessary qualifications that could be interested.

Sue asked parents to please come in and ask when children are missing any items they left or lost at school.

Open Discussion

There were no further topics open for discussion. He thanked the parents for coming and invited everyone to stay to the Summer Fair meeting immediately after.