

ISLK PTA Meeting 18th January 2012

Present:

Lynda Ivarsson, (ISLK Vice-Principal), Lulu Gunson (Co -Chair), Hannah Langmuir (Co-Chair), Alison Andersen, Simon Shepherd, Lalisa Vesterholm, Isabelle Leroy, Diane Sandall, Stanley Micklavzina, Apologies: Teun Dekker, Veronica Gummesson

Start: 18.30 in the Fritid's room, ISLK

Minutes and Agenda:

The minutes of the last meeting on December 7th 2011 were approved and the agenda was presented and agreed on.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

Information from the School Management

Lynda replied to questions prepared and presented at the pre-PTA meeting on Friday 13th January. (The pre-PTA meetings will be held monthly on the Friday before the PTA meeting. They allow the PTA committee to give the school management questions and feedback from parents to be addressed at the coming PTA meeting.)

- 1. Update Ist Day Back:** Positive response to the PTA welcome coffee. Feedback suggested that 1st lesson of each new term should be mentor time as the students have lots of questions. It should be noted that the school year is split into 2 terms under the Swedish system. For the school year (2011-2012) the first term ends on January 20th and the second term is from the 23rd Jan to 15th June. As ISLK shares facilities with Katedralskolan and Svaneskolan , this means that the school timetable and extra curricular timetable usually has to change at the end of each term.
- 2. Advisory Board:** The first meeting will take place on February 9th. Teun Dekker and Veronica Gummesson will report back at the next PTA meeting.
- 3. Classroom Representatives:** The PTA wants to establish wider links within the school, by having parent representatives from

each class who can act as a connection between the PTA, classroom and school. The first step is for Hannah and Lulu to present the idea at the School Workplace meeting on Tues 24th Jan, 2nd step is to have volunteers sign up at the class meeting. Class meetings should take place once a term. Due to the transient nature of the school short-term parents are also welcome.

4. **Open House:** Date to be confirmed in April. **Charity Music Concert:** The Co-Chairs need to contact Maria Heiner and Mattias Hanson to help organize the event.
5. **PYP Survey:** the results of the survey completed last year by PYP6 (this year's MYP 1) have been posted up in the PYP 6 corridor. Parents who have more questions about the survey should e-mail Lynda Ivarsson; **Lynda.ivarsson@lund.se**
6. **itslearning:** another session for parents who want to learn more **Extra Curricular Activities:** end with term 1. Bands stay the same but other activities change groups. Children are encouraged to change activity.

Winter Social Report

Good response from parents, 9,600 SEK raised. Less parents turned out than last year perhaps due to not advertising the event at Svaneskolan for the MYP 3-5's. One child's criticism was that there were no games to play so we will put that on the list for next year.

Events This School Year

Open House: In April. Library will have a book sale/book fair. PTA will sell refreshments, PYP 6 postcards, Hannah and Lulu are looking into other items we can sell.

Speaker Event: Lulu to contact Lund Tourist Office. Stan Micklavzina has offered to host a science show in May on behalf of the ESS and Max IV at Vattenhallen.

FAQ's; we are starting to collect questions and answers to put on the web-page. Alison will put out a request in the next mail to parents.

Coffee mornings: a bi-monthly time to come together with other parents to speak in Swedish, English or both with help to improve level of English and/or to understand what is going on in school. We can use the Fritid's room in the cottage in the morning. Karin

Erikson, PYP EAL teacher has shown an interest in helping out. Alison and Hannah will organise this.

Cinema Group/Walking group: we are looking for volunteers to help run these groups once a month. Alison will put out a request in the next mail to parents.

World Book Week 1st-8th March: The library staff with the PYP teachers are organising events for this. 1st March, the PTA have been asked to help out with refreshments at a reading breakfast.

PTA Suggestions Box

This is now in place in the school entrance.

Treasurer's Position

Isabelle Leroy is the new PTA treasurer.

Meeting finished at 19.55

Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday 15th February 2012 18.30 in the Fritidsrum