



**PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING
AGENDA
Primary Hall and via MS Teams**

Monday 29^h August, 2022 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:03a

Attendees: *Matt Mills (Head of School), Helen Thew (Cross Campus Principal), Craig White (Business Director), Matt Seddon (Secondary Principal), Sarah McCormack (Primary Principal), Cheryl Rego (Alumni and Marketing Manager), Rachel Jones (Head of Admissions), Alice Curwood (Cross Campus Assistant Principal Extra Curricular Sports & Activities), Safy Rizk (PTG Chair/PTG Tiger Shop), Anchal Pathela (PTG Events), Sneha Mathew (PTG Communications), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Jonathan Lee (PTG Treasurer), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Chris Chan Ebrahim (PTG Newcomers), Maya Hino (PTG Year3 Rep), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep)*

Apologies: *William Wang (PTG Vice Chair)*

- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - a) PTG Tiger Shop has mentioned that ATKs and masks are no longer being sold in the Tiger Shop

- **School Updates and Reports**
 - Head of School
 - School policy decisions: Bangkok Patana made the decision to no longer require ATKs. ISB and NIST will soon join. Masks are option for outdoors, but still mandatory for indoors. Patana hopes to go mask optional within the next month with updates from the BMA
 - Christmas assembly - Script has been written and there's much more buzz around it
 - This will be final year for Matt Mills. More info on this from the Business Director

 - Cross Campus
 - 400 parents attended the Dick Moore presentations on mental health
 - Cindy Adair has been promoted to CPL (Assistant Principal). She is making a push into social media, please follow via social media channels

- Patana Podcast - Matt Mills was the first guest and it's been published online
 - Action - Add to the PTG page with a link to the podcast
- Libraries - The school is looking to reintroduce the books and biscuits event, which invites parents to share books in their home language over biscuits (cookies). The hope is to resume this in term 1B

Sports/Extracurricular

ECAs –

- There are 38 new ECAs, with 466 going ahead (not counting sports)
- ECAs are set to kick off on September 5th
- The open house was a success with many parents attending, as was the onboarding & inductions of the ECA providers
- There were 7688 signups from students
- Trials last week, Varsity/JV for football, basketball
- There will be 5 ECA invitationals: The gymnastics invitational last weekend November. CSAP Singapore, 1st weekend of November

Secondary School

- New business:
 - New roles for ppl in Secondary
 - Andy Roff and Simon Griffiths have been promoted
 - New free periods for secondary with tutor allocation
 - PCEs for Year 10 and 12
 - Support plans extended to Year 10 and 12
 - There is a Year 7 new event - meeting the tutor. First meeting 13 Sept
 - Y11 Trial exams moved from residential weeks to align with Y13 trial
- IB results
 - Patana average higher than World average for IB
 - (i) 600 worldwide, 5 at Patana
 - ICGSE results have been posted on Patana's website

Business Development

- Replacement for Matt Mills started in April
 - Board shortlisting potential candidates by the end of September
 - Infrastructure project around the school are still on track
 - The new cannabis legislation -The law is vague and there is discussion about whether or not to implement random drug test. Questions still revolve on how the school will deal with this and questions such as what if students smoke off campus then test positive at school. BPS is currently working with the police and the Ministry of Education to address these and other questions

- Tiny Tigers has been postponed to term 1B due to current mask regulations

Primary School

- Induction was a success. Event was held in the Sports Hall
- Feedback from families was positive; the most common comment from parents was the missing of the connections between students, faculty and parents and the best way to remedy this is with assemblies
- There will be a push around creativity this year
 - Assemblies for Y1-Y6 students, along with parents, has been reintroduced. The school is looking to welcome 200 parents through the week across all grade levels, with assemblies being bi-weekly
- Introduction to learning with parents
- The school is hoping to bring back parent volunteering, but it cannot move forward until after a safety check. The goal is for this to return in term 1B.

Admissions

- 300 new students this term
- Lots of positive feedback from induction day
- Newcomers event will be this Wednesday, 31 August 2022 in the Black Box theatre
- 3 nursery classes
- Tiny Tigers will return term 1B

Marketing and Alumni

- Fun Run is scheduled at Rama 9 park on 1 October 2022. Start time will be around 5:30-6am. The event will host a 5k, 3k, and 1k. It is named after former teacher Angela Royal and meant to be community event. The school has decided to engage an organizer to assist with the logistics of the event. There will be 1 week to promote to Patana families only. After that the event opens up to the public, and it will fill up. The school is expecting 1100 individuals for the event
- Vaccines - Government plans (no announcement) at the end of September to close Bang Sue. After than you will probably need to go to your hospital to get one, at your own expense
- Communications – The school plans to go back to normal side of communication, with the main channel of information to parents via the Patana News, and less via emails

PTG Primary Report

- Traffic – PTG has started the push to parents to utilize the Lasalle Soi 35 parking lot.
- School LINE group chats – PTG has made requests for parents to use these for school related chats only. Feedback has been quite smooth, with most adhering to these request

- Outdoor masking option – not to pressure children to take their masks off outdoors; some parents of younger children would like them to remain masked.
 - Business Director remarked that staff will never pressure children to take masks off, recognizes it may take time for them to be comfortable enough to do so
- CSL options – Parents are asking about CSL options for other non-Covid viral infections when children have to stay home
 - Business Director – focus should be on getting better and not on a computer trying to learn. CSL was implemented because school closed due to the Covid pandemic, then later because of quarantine. It is hard to maintain the quality of education with CSL as it is challenging for teacher to do both, so the school's policy needs to be firm
- Primary ECA start date – Parents asking if ECAs can start earlier in the school year rather than waiting 3 weeks.
 - ECA administrator – There is no staff to support the sign up during the summer holiday. Staff induction also need to occur for new providers, and it cannot be performed before school starts. New students need time to get settled in and new parents don't have a clear idea of sport trials vs ECAs, so there needs to be a transition period for this
- Government recommendation for children when sick is that they stay home for 5 days, however this is not compulsory. If the child not vaccinated, it's up to the parents if their child goes to school

PTG Secondary Report

- No updates

Tiger Shop Report

- Sales - Since 11 August, there have been around 210,000 THB in Tiger Shop Sales
- CAS – Tiger Shop manager is actively recruiting Y12 and Y13 students for this
- ATK and Masks stock depleted and it will not be restocked
- The coffee machine to arrive in the PTG Room within the next few days. It will be available to all parents and teachers at no cost to them

Treasurer's Report

- 188k THB starting out at the beginning of the 2021/22 academic year, with an ending balance of 514k THB
- PTG will have a starting balance 514k THB for the 2022/23 academic year

Thai Rep Report

- No updates

PTG Events Update

- Christmas Market

- BNO – 5 November 2022 at the Mojo Skyview campus hotel (next to Emporium Sukhumvit). The event will be both Indoor and Outdoor with a limit of around 250-270 of guests, so ticket sales will be reflected as such.

Newcomers update

- Wednesday, Aug 31st 2022. 150-200 parents are expected, with 170 parents already RSVP'd .
- Format will continue to be from 2 years ago/speed dating
- PTG classes/group highlighted at the event include:
 - Yoga will continue with a new teacher (a parent)
 - Dance class 2 a week (Zumba and Latin dance)
 - Tennis group (130 people on list, about 20/30 a week)
 - Running club trying to start
 - Cycling club
 - Badminton

Communications Update

- Behind the scene teams (support staff) will be highlighted, with staff from the canteen, primary office, secondary office, etc. We will have a focus spotlight on support staff

Meeting adjourned : 9:27am