



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CON-406

Monday 27th September, 2022 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:03a

Attendees: *Matt Mills (Head of School), Helen Thew (Cross Campus Principal), 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), William Wang (PTG Vice Chair), Anchal Pathela (PTG Events), Sneha Mathew (PTG Communications), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep), Ichha Sehgal (Y9 Rep)*

Apologies: *Craig White (Business Development), Jonathan Lee (PTG Treasurer)*

- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - None

- **School Updates and Reports**

- Head of School

- On October 3, masks will be optional. The school is anticipating that the transition with kids will be slow. A reminder that if kids are not well, they need to stay at home. The policy will be flexible
 - If the PTG is aware of any rumors, please pass them onto Cheryl Rego. BPS is aware of them occurring across campus and in chats over Line, Whatsapp, etc. Be careful because a lot of these rumors are not based on fact. As talk in these groups start to amplify, it grows like wildfire, so please let parents know that you'll pass their concerns onto the school
 - BPS is sensing positive morale around normality among the community (parents, teachers and students). The reintroduction of events such as Big Night Out, International Day, and many other PTG and BPS events has been a big contributor to this feeling

- Cross Campus

- There is a Brian Taylor Tech talk on the 4th of October

- On the 7th of October, Tiger Spirit day will have a focus on the one green goal among parents staff, and students. There will be a pledge to reduce waste by reducing single use items. A video has been completed by the school and is ready to be launched on this day with the theme of one family, one community
- On the 30th of November, Mr. Murgatroyd from the library is planning on hosting a Books and Biscuits event, encouraging parents to share reading books in their home language over biscuits. The idea is to get parents from various nationalities involved

Sports/Extracurricular

ECAs –

- On the 10th of October, Block B opens
- Weather has and continues to be a big challenge with the logistics, leaving kids not knowing where to go for what ECA. Changes are being made as a contingency plan, but it's difficult with so many ECAs going on
- Apollo asked Alice if she can send out contact info to parents on where to do pickup. Alice remarked that Kh. Peach is the single point of contact
- The football field was not usable on Saturday because it was flooded
- Students will be travelling for games out of the country in the next month
 - Travel costs are increasing, right now airfares are up almost 50% from before
- Gymnastics FOBISIA will be held the last weekend of November
 - The British school of Brussels will be attending the event

Secondary School

- There have been many positives since our last meeting
 - A great number of parents have attended PTG sponsored coffee mornings, some at the hub
 - Sports are back. The football festival was last week and many, in general, have the appetite to get back into extracurricular activities
- A year 10 group of parents have requested alternatives to an IB diploma. There are ongoing talks with these parents and the Secondary School faculty. There is no quick answer, and it will require 2-3 years minimum to put something together
- There is a bubble in the year 8 Line group who are airing grievances. It started in their coffee morning when discussing academics (the National Curriculum and a misinterpretation by the parents), parents felt the school didn't address it fully. When the school was asked discuss this, an email address was put on the screen, and the parents perceived this as the school rushing through the issue by directing all questions via email
- Matt Seddon replied that the problem involved how the year 8 students are currently being assessed, which is based on the **National curriculum**. This method is out of date, the school

acknowledges it. The school will be looking to change in 2-3 years, but as of now it's **not being changed**. The parent misunderstood

- One parent asked for consistency in homework among students in their child's specific year, but unfortunately it's not possible because each teacher, student and class is different. The complaint came from the observation that some kids are getting homework while others aren't
- Report cards – they haven't changed in 3-4 years, but the school can look to do better with it. The school looking to use a live report, which will give a bigger picture of the student's progress
- Parents evening will be in March, however several parents have requested it to be moved earlier in the academic year. The response from the school is that parents' evening is usually in March, to stagger things because there are 9 parent events throughout the year. The school is looking to perhaps schedule a meet the tutor

Primary School

- Parents, teachers and students are still readjusting to the new sense of normalcy at school. There's still some anxiety towards child well-being. Hypersensitivity, most likely due to the pandemic, is to be expected
- There have been lots of events with parental interaction such as assemblies, international dot day, and these interactive events are a segway into the creativity theme through primary
- PE Events such as basketball and football interclass matches are scheduled for this week
- Choral Festival featuring Lynn March is coming soon. It will be open to all school with a capacity of 350 students max. Singing will be without masks, and there's an overall feeling that these and events like them will be oversubscribed due to an overall excitement for students to be a part of activities
- After CPL, a visiting scientist (Reuben) will be coming back to the Primary School once again

Admissions

- There is a waitlist in most year groups with the Admissions office very busy. Feedback received has been that a majority of parents are very happy to be here and back on campus
- Tiny Tigers is opening after the half term break. This news will not be publicized as its anticipated to fill up quickly

Marketing and Alumni

- Fun Run
 - Registration was closed on Sunday
 - If participants want to change races (i.e. 5k to 3k etc), it's too late but remember it's a non-competitive race

- Shirts will be mailed to participants, but sizes can be exchanged at the event, subject to availability
- 600 people are expected Saturday morning
- This is the first big community event this academic year
- Big thanks to Khun Soreda who secured sponsorships for the event
- An in person alumni networking social is scheduled for the 26th of October, and it will be a joint ISB, NIST and Patana event

PTG Primary Report

- Coffee mornings are almost over and PTG has received very positive feedback from parents

PTG Secondary Report

- No updates

Tiger Shop Report

- Sales – Since beginning of the school year there has been over 400,000 THB in sales
- A 15 percent price increase will be implemented after tiger spirit day due to increase in costs for all items
- Safy is working on alumni merchandise, with the possibility of personalization of the items as an option

Treasurer's Report

- No updates

Thai Rep Report

- The Patana Thai parent community was happy with the Thai PTG event held on 22 September

PTG Events Update

- Intl day –
 - 4 scheduled for the cultural show
 - 25 scheduled for the parade
 - About 30 countries have signed up for the food hall
- Big Night Out (BNO) tickets go on sale next week. The food tasting went great. Event will take place on the 5th of November

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

Other business

- Safeguarding event takes place tomorrow
- Tech talk – 78 people have signed up. PTG hopes to be able to do this on a monthly basis
- DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice) workshop for parents is being slowly introduced, probably starting widespread in January.

It is a difficult topic for many to address, and it will take time to develop, but we need to start. Parents and students will be included in these workshops.

Meeting adjourned: 8:57am