



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CON-406

Tuesday 31st January, 2023 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:03a

Attendees: *Matt Mills (Head of School), Helen Thew (Cross Campus Principal), Matt Seddon (Secondary 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), Rapeepan "Pook" Sapayanon (PTG Treasurer), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep)*

Apologies: *Craig White (Business Development), Sarah McCormack (Primary Principal)*

- Safy welcomed Khun Pook as new Treasurer who has taken over for Jonathan Lee
- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - Sport kits for teams, which will be covered by Helen
- **School Updates and Reports**
 - Head of School (Matt Mills)
 - Overall a great Chinese New Year assembly
 - Things appear back to normal with Primary students excited about being able to participate once again in residentials. Sarah McCormack sends her apologies as she is heading to the Y4 ones which are this week
 - Currently there are no big issues with the Primary School at the moment
 - We're looking forward to the next big event, Fun Day
 - Cross Campus (Helen Thew)
 - There have been several Continued Professional Learning (CPL) events run by Cindy Adair and her team over the past few weeks, which include:
 - Dr Conti with World Languages
 - The Faith World Café with staff. The school is looking to eventually push this out to parents

- Pre-resi water safety training with staff
- FOBISIA HoPE conference
- Paul Howell outdoor education visit
- Upcoming CPL events include:
 - Jim Knight from the Instructional Coaching Institute providing instructional teaching
 - Lots of IB workshops
 - ASE science conference
 - FOBISIA Leadership Conference
 - EARCOS Teachers Conference
- On the 7th of February, there will be a PTG Tech Talk on gaming with Brian Taylor
- On Wednesday, the 8th of March, there will be another Books and Biscuits events in Secondary Library Green Room (LIB 207). We need parental input about the event and are asking parents to fill out a library survey. PTG, please push information about the survey out to the year line groups

Sports/Extracurricular (Helen Thew, for Alice Curwood)

- Block C ECAs will begin on 13th February
- Patana hosted the FOBISIA swim event last Friday, led by Joe Denton. There was lots of positive feedback received from students and two people should especially be recognized – Khun Alex and Khun Deep
- SEASAC conference (the top 16 schools in Southeast Asia) will be this week from Thursday – Sunday
- FOOTBALL KITS – the school is in talks with different suppliers as the contract with the previous supplier is about to expire. We look to have agreements in place by August, and we want to get student and parent input on this

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- Term 2 will have a focus on academics as students are getting ready for exams. Trial exams coming up soon. Y13s students have welcomed the school moving up these dates, as they have traditionally been later in the school year. The school is anticipating good results in IB based on the current statistics
- We are currently going through our IB review, which occurs every 5 years. The review is virtual, and began yesterday
- Current Y9 options include GCSE, and Y11 include various IB subjects
- Helen, Sarah and Matt are currently evaluating languages options
- Model UN and the Biology trip is to take place soon
- There has been a high rate of University offers being extended to students from schools such as Oxford and Cambridge. Lots of early decisions to traditional, as well as specialist schools
- Duke of Edinburgh is to take place soon, which will be a test of students' academic and physical capabilities

- The school is hoping that by August 24 there will be an option in place for those that do not want to go on the IB track

Admissions (Rachel Jones)

- There are currently 2329 students enrolled at Patana, an all time high
- Thank you PTG for hosting the Newcomers event, it felt very warm and received positive feedback
- Please stop in to say hello and introduce yourself to Khun Nui, the new admissions manager
- 100 assessments have been scheduled over the next few weeks, which accounts for a crazy season for admissions. There has been lots of interest for placement in the next academic year. Non-Thais are interested, and are currently waitlisted for many of the year groups
- Tiny tigers is currently operating 3 days a week

Marketing and Alumni (Cheryl Rego)

- There were lots of events towards the end of Term 1, and many thanks to PTG for their help
- On the 7th of February, after the PTG Tech Talk, Brian Taylor will be speaking at Emquartier, at a tech talk sponsored through the Italian Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Education. He will be the first speaker at 11:00 AM.
- On the 19th of February at the British Club is the Great British Fair, where there will be bands and lots of activities. Patana is the main sponsor
- Khun Jam has started as the department's new graphic designer
- To celebrate Coronation Day, on the 5th of May the school will have Union Jacks displayed around campus, along with a special UK treat in classrooms for students

PTG Primary Report (Apollo Chansrichawla)

- Kids have started to head out on residential this week
- Overall, there have been no complaints and nothing major to report
- Requests have been made by parents to have the Primary canteen serve more grilled than curry based food, especially for the younger students
- We will ask PTG primary school delegates to solicit feedback from parents on what they'd like incorporated in the menu

PTG Secondary Report (Sharan Hora)

- Duke of Edinburgh - There have been concerns raised from parents who are worried that there will be no teachers on the hike. Helen replied that there are 16 groups total, and each group has one teacher and one ranger, that will give hints to groups and help guide them on their treks so students will not get lost
- Matt is working on incorporating the idea of kids picking at least one friend on residential
- The upcoming geography trip will have 8 kids on one room, which has raised some concerns from parents and students

Tiger Shop Report (Safy Rizk)

- There have been 85,000 THB in sales since the beginning of the year
- The Tiger Shop will be launching Tuk Tuk stories, where printed books will be on display in admissions, the library, and at Nursery. The idea for the book was pitched by a Y8 student, with a Y12 student providing the book's illustrations. If it does well, the idea is to print additional copies and to make it available for sale at the Tiger Shop
- A Patana tiger paw logo silver pendant sale has just been launched

Treasurer's Report (Rapeepan "Pook" Sapayanon)

- The PTG started the year with about 500,000 THB, with a 555,000 THB balance at the end of the year 2022
- With Fun Day, it is estimated that the PTG can make close to 200,000 THB based on the previous Fun Days, in 2017 and 2018. There was a discussion to possibly charge Patana parents for entry into next year's Fun Day, but further discussion was tabled as this decision would be based upon how the PTG does financially for this year's event

Thai Rep Report (Soreda Parinyanusorn)

- Working on sponsorship of Fun Day
 - Questions came up as to why the Thai community is always asked for sponsorships. It's been difficult to lean on the Thai community
 - Apollo has mentioned its usually Thai parents who have companies, which makes it easier to sponsor where lots of non-Thais are employees of large companies
 - PTG will ask country reps if there is anyone in their groups, have people that can help sponsor our events as well

PTG Events Update (Anchal Pathela)

- For the Christmas concert, around 130,000 THB was made
- For Fun Day, as mentioned by Khun Soreda, sponsorship has been difficult to secure
- Anchal is working on a charity event with Sharan; a jumping jack-a-thon, to raise money to make a cement paved trail for elephants in the outer provinces. The idea is that every student does jumping jacks, where 10 baht per jumping jack is raised, during PE lessons. The money raised will go to this charity.

Other business

- None

Meeting adjourned: 09:00am