



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CON-406

Tuesday 29th February, 2024 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:05a

Attendees: *Chris Sammons (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), Safy Rizk (PTG Chair/PTG Tiger Shop), Pao Tantiprasongchai (PTG Vice Chair), Anchal Pathela (PTG Events), Karina Chattlani (PTG Communications), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Rapeepan "Pook" Sapayanon (PTG Treasurer), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep)*

Apologies: *Craig White (Business Development), Alice Curwood (Cross Campus Assistant Principal Extra Curricular Sports & Activities)*

- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - The PTG welcomes Karina Chattlani as the new Communications coordinator who takes over for Ma'Cheries Harding
- **School Updates and Reports**
 - Head of School (Chris Sammons)
 - A huge thank you to the PTG for Fun Day; the event was exceptional. A special thanks to Bharti Lachmandas and Apollo Chansrichawla for heading it
 - Tennis courts are on schedule for opening at the beginning of the next academic year in August. The courts will be ITF (International Tennis Federation) certified; the 2nd location certified in Thailand
 - A special thank you to the various campus Principals for their assistance in the recruitment process
 - Thank you to Rachel Jones and the admissions team as the school is full with very low turnover in students
 - The ALT, which consists of Principals, Vice Principals and teachers will be meeting soon to discuss development plans for the next academic year. He will be reaching out to PTG for their feedback as well
 - Cross Campus (Helen Thew)
 - Science ASE conference will be from 15th to 16th March with over 100 guests and 10 Patana staff presenting workshops.

Students will be involved as delegates, keynote speakers and workshop leaders

- FOBISIA Primary inclusion JAWS (Job and life workshop) will be on 28th March
- Thai Theme week will be the last week of term 2 (1st – 5th April)
 - Thai related themed activities
 - Monday and Tuesday (1st and 2nd April) will be outside the Primary 25m pool
 - Wednesday and Thursday (3rd and 4th) will be at the secondary lounge
 - Outside company will be assisting with this event
 - Primary Songkran assembly will be from 8:50a-9:30a and Secondary assembly from 10:30a-12:00noon
- From Alice – On the 9th February a blog from her was posted in the Patana news regarding the new PE uniforms/logos. More information to follow once the logo has been approved by the board
 - The top 20 BPS swimmers are currently in Hong Kong competing in SESAC
 - The Climbing and Tennis Teams are currently travelling for FOBISIA
- On the 7th March at 9a, the campus will stop and read for ten minutes – the event named Love of Reading
- Clive PiG on Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March to do storytelling to Nursery, FS1, FS2, Y1 and Y2 students
- Tech Talk will move to events done online every Thursday and be moving away from a monthly, in person event

Primary School (Sarah McCormack)

- Y4, Y5 and Y6 residential were lots of fun for all involved. They were very smooth compared to last year, which proved challenging because of high AQI and it being post Covid
- Y3 residential will be in next couple of weeks
- Last minute jobs are becoming available and will hopefully be filled by the beginning of the Songkran break
- Talking to children (Take 10 minutes) will be Wednesday afternoon. The goal is to check in with children see how they're doing with this being tied in to the curriculum
 - Example - Children love their learning. She sat in with Y6 students, where many of them came to BPS from other schools. The feedback from these students was that they love the school because of quality of teachers and hands on learning
- Parent workshops were just completed on student assessments and reporting ethos
- Thai cultural trip will be this Saturday
- Science week (Atomic science work) will be the week of 11th March
- Parent Teacher meetings starting 25th March
- Save the date – “Madagascar” (drama production put on by Y6) in 8 weeks. (drama-production). 8th May will be the date for first

block of 4 classes and 10th May for the second block of 4 classes

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- Kudos to PTG for Fun Day, it was brilliant
- Term 2B for secondary will focus on academics. All is well in secondary. Trial exams have finished for Y11 and Y13 and the data coming back is healthy
- Y13 are gearing up for graduation - the ceremony, and events around graduation (flash mob dances, etc) are being planned
- Recruitment has nearly completed. There have been a few late resignations and there are 2 positions yet to be filled. So far, he is happy with staff that's been recruited
- 2 strategic things
 - The made to develop social/emotional counselling has been going well. There has been lots of needs for all people post-Covid all over the world. Secondary is looking to see how to integrate this into the curriculum with parent feedback
 - Using the teaching toolkit – This online tool supports teaching and learning in a different way. Students can give feedback in an online forum via surveys, in an anonymous way. Over 5,000 surveys have been completed, and now the school has clear picture of the strengths of its' team which will then shapes the focus going forward

Admissions (Rachel Jones)

- Admissions is going well, with the admissions office busy with the assessment part of applications moving forward
- There have been frustrations voiced by the parents of some currently in waiting pool of not being able to schedule assessments. However, these can't be scheduled until the withdrawal period has passed
- The Japanese PTG group will offer a speaker to talk about being a 3rd culture Japanese child in Thailand. Issues around culture, repatriation, etc, and how to maintain home language will be discussed in Japanese. Event is geared towards parents

Marketing and Alumni (Cheryl Rego)

- Working on new logo because the currently Patana paw logo can't be trademarked. The department has looked at other types of paws but have moved away from this idea. They will be keeping the orange and black colors. The new logo will be launched after the board meeting in April
- Along with Brian Taylor she met with several groups (PTG, teachers, parents, and teachers) and found that people appreciate and miss face to face communication. This has reinforced the idea of in person types of events
- Stewardship booklets were sent out in January

- Patana Alumni Krissa Lanham ('98) appointed to Appellate court in the US. She is keen to connect back with the Patana community and do a talk, but will reach out when an official announcement is made by the US government later this year
- Lots of interesting Alumni have been in contact with the school. If you run into any, please have them contact the Marketing/Alumni department
- Her team is trying to get TVs up around campus, please contact Cheryl if PTG wants to post anything on these (ie notices, graphics, etc). The feedback coming in is student, parents and faculty love them
- Feedback forms for Pret-a-portrait won't be sent out just yet. Marketing will have it sent out after the whole school picture process is completed
- Team building event with Patana staff took place over half term break offsite and was very productive
- Several Patana students have received great University offers this year. Please check the Patana website for more information
- Regarding unannounced lockdown drill - please relay to others that if they're unsure about what to do or have any other questions, please ask a staff member and refrain from text messaging which can lead to misinformation being spread
 - Safy – procedures once again sent to the Thai and Chinese communities

PTG Primary Report (Apollo Chansrichawla)

- BMAC in Primary - parents would like to see more training before sending Y5 and Y6 children to competition. Once a week isn't enough
 - Helen – Alice and her team are investigating to see what the gaps are, it's being looking into. They understand this is an issue

PTG Secondary Report (Sharan Hora)

- Overall all is well
 - The results from the Y11 mock exams are used by students to choose their IB subjects, but they haven't received their results so this has been a problem. Hopefully they can get results earlier next year so they can choose their IB subjects
 - Golf for secondary - current students on the team have to skip school to play in competitions during the school week
 - Alice is looking to decrease the number of tournaments and be choosy on which ones they attend to cut down on the amount of days missed

Tiger Shop Report (Safy Rizk)

- No restocking will be made of any merchandise,
- Sale of items with current logos will be sometime before/after Songkran so they can start fresh once inventory replenished with items containing the new logo

Treasurer's Report (Rapeepan "Pook" Sapayanon)

- Finance – good state finance-wise
- Fun Day – feedback was good, most attendees did not have a problem paying the entrance fees. Next year, based on the Phlonechit fair, an ATM truck will be made available on the field to support parents and kids. Kids were found to be separated from their parents and thus had no access to cash, but had ATM access available

PTG Events Update (Anchal Pathela)

- Fun Day was a success
- Helping Adam of the football academy with BMAC in March
- International 7s will be sometime in May

Other business

- Quiz night – 30th April, there will be free flow pizza, beer and wine for 200 THB. Parents and teachers will work together in teams, with the idea being to get them interact and work together
- Tentative dates for the garage sale: 14, 21, 28th of June (All Fridays) in the space outside the 25m pool

Meeting adjourned: 09:09am