



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

Board Room
Thursday 16th January, 2025 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:05a

Attendees: *Chris Sammons (Head of School), Cindy Adair (Cross Campus Principal), Cheryl Rego (Alumni and Marketing Manager), Matt Seddon (Secondary Principal), Craig White (Business Development), Sarah McCormack (Primary Principal), Pao Tantiprasongchai (PTG Chair), Knitting Triyanond (PTG Vice Chair), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Dennis Stech (PTG Treasurer), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Karina Chatlani (PTG Communications), Anchal Pathela (PTG Events), Sumedha Rawat (PTG Tiger Shop)*

Apologies: *Rachel Jones (Head of Admissions), Alice Curwood (Cross Campus Assistant Principal Extra Curricular Sports & Activities), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep)*

- **General business**

- Pao Pao introduced Knitting Triyanond as the new PTG Vice Chair

- **Business carried over**

- None

- **School Updates and Reports**

- Cross Campus (Cindy Adair)

- For Alice Curwood

- Ski Trip to Niseko during the February half term break will be led by Shane Owen
 - SEASAC Gymnastics is coming in March, hosted by Patana
 - Season 3 and Block C ECAs will run after the February half term break until Songkran (7 weeks)
 - FOBISIA golf, tennis, swimming and climbing will all occur during this time period
 - The first fencing competition is in the planning stages and will be hosted in Term 3. This shows the growth of the fencing program at Patana
 - Development has begun and the school is looking at ECA offerings to Secondary students
 - Possible vocational skills ECA

- School is in talks with Dusit Princess Hotel for a hotel management course in block D for Y10 upwards
 - Drivers Ed as well, will hopefully be offered next year
- 3 February – 7 February will be the waste-less week on campus
- In the Libraries:
 - 2 authors will be visiting both KS2 and KS1 next week
 - Primary partnership workshop will be held soon
- CPL
 - Ruben Meerman will be returning for Primary Science Week
 - 25 April at 9am will be the Family Science Show

Primary (Sarah McCormack)

- Primary has been busy with recent and upcoming music and sporting events
- Recruitment for Primary staff is ongoing
- 25 new students joined last week
- Hoodies are sport kits and not part of the school uniform per the student handbook
 - A plain cardigan is acceptable rather than sportswear for children to wear if they are cold, in the event that the school shop is out of stock in your child's size for a school cardigan
 - Feedback from parents is that the cardigan is out of date
 - School will look into:
 - Changing the material and style
 - Looking to update communication of the uniform policy, making sure parents know that sport kits are not a part of the uniform and cannot be worn to school
 - Consistency in enforcement of uniform policy across the school; feedback was that enforcement varied. As such, the school will look to make sure everyone from administrators to teachers will all enforce the policy uniformly

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- Trial Exams for Y11 and 13 are underway. They are used to identify the next steps for learning, helping students prepare for their real exams. The school is pleased with the way that they work
- Languages
 - Starting next year, Y7 is moving from 2 to 1 language choice for a longer period of time, mirroring the IB curriculum to build greater fluency
 - Letter is ready to go out next week about this and the information will be presented in November

- Thai students will be able to study their full required language hours during the school day, freeing up access to more options in their ECA programs
- Online language labs have proven helpful for Y7-9 in identifying needs in Language A subjects. It allows for smaller groups and will help justify hiring in-person teachers
- School Drama productions – led by new Head of Drama Lily Ashworth
 - She is currently reviewing the current production plans and wants to provide more productions, hopefully one for Y7 and one for Y8, along with more regular musicals
 - Grease – feedback received by the drama department from the production was overall positive. Lily is looking forward to using this feedback and incorporating it in future performances
- Y11 and Y13 Self-Study term – there is a rumour about the cancellation of the self-study in Term 3. School confirms that this is not true
- Hoodies sold in the school shop are not part of the student uniform. Refer to the student handbook which outlines what is considered day-to-day school uniform and what is for other purposes
- Graduation – feedback from Y13 parents has been received. Lorna Conroy is working with Cheryl to consider what areas of this feedback can be considered and the plan will be released shortly

Admissions (Kh Nui)

- Thai admissions closed last night
- 2355 students are currently enrolled, comprised of 67 nationalities
- Applications keep coming in, including those for students starting in Term 3

PTG Chair Report (PaoPao)

- Fun Day preparation
 - New set of volunteers will be running Fun Day; several are new parents to Patana
- Feedback from parents was received about food vendors and the variety of food. Examples:
 - Non-kid friendly menus. Example, spicy glass noodles as a choice
 - PTG would like to discuss portion size and availability with the school and it's vendors
 - The school will meet with vendors to discuss and will engage the PTG when the time comes

PTG Events Report (Anchal)

- Christmas concert a success, the PTG net about 40,000 THB

- Quiz night is in the planning stages. We're trying to figure out this year's format based on feedback from last year's event

PTG Newcomers (Chris Chan)

- The next Newcomers event will be on 23rd January in the Cross Campus room, and we will be inviting those that missed the last newcomers

Meeting adjourned: 8:34am