



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CRO-105

Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:00

Attendees: *Chris Sammons (Head of School), Cindy Adair (Cross Campus Principal), Sarah McCormack (Primary 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), Pao Tantiprasongchai (PTG Chair), Knitting Triyanond (PTG Vice Chair), Alex Elder (PTG Communications), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Ken Cronin (PTG Events), Bharati Lachmandas (PTG Primary Rep), Sumedha Rawat (PTG Tiger Shop), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Dennis Stech (PTG Treasurer), Kan Navikapol (PTG Thai Rep)*

Apologies: *Craig White (Business Development)*

- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - Pao Pao introduced Alex as new PTG Communications representative
- **School Updates and Reports**
 - Head of School (Chris Sammons)
 - BPS has welcomed 32 new staff members. The majority have professional international education experience, many with their appointments being their 2nd or 3rd international placements
 - Harry Mills was the guest speaker at the at first primary assembly. Many thanks to Sarah and Cheryl for bringing him to BPS to speak with students.
 - Thanks to the PTG for their assistance with new family induction and the newcomer's picnic.
 - We are finalising the school development plan, with the goal to bring a more coherence to some shared areas of practice. These include
 - Systems and communications
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Curriculum
 - Wellbeing
 - Languages
 - Safeguarding
 - Keeping our children safe is a shared endeavour with parents.

- The school website has been updated with the parent friendly version of our [Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for 2025](#).
- Codes of conduct for parents are being updated.
- Parent access – lanyards & access during school day
 - We are an open campus of 4600 parents with coloured lanyards which define access to teaching and restricted areas of our campus.
 - Parent lanyards are blue and should not be swapped or changed as part of our safeguarding protocol. Khun Toon has ordered more to have in stock at the school shop by 17th October for parents who have misplaced their original lanyard.
- Taking pictures of children at events or when on site
 - Chris requested feedback on how we work together with parents who wish to take photos of school events
 - Sharan suggested a regular routine that before the event, reminding parents that photos are not to be taken and the reasons why (clarity)
 - Pao suggested having children talk to parents about not taking photos and the possibility of incorporating this into PSHE
 - Cheryl mentioned that the school does remind parents that they can take pictures after the event
 - The school will consider the wishes of PTG reps to produce clearer guidance for parents.

Cross Campus (Cindy Adair)

- School accreditation – it is the start of the 5-year CIS reaccreditation cycle
 - The pre-engagement portfolio of all policies and procedures has been submitted to CIS
 - Online call with Senior Leaders is set for October
 - 2 CIS representatives will be visiting in November for an initial visit
- Library – Secondary book fair will be held between the 23-25th September
- Outdoor Education – Emma Bartlett, the new head of trips and outdoor learning education, has made a great start
 - DOEIA sign-ups are still open for those still wishing to join the program
- Technology for Learning
 - Brian Taylor will host his next in person PTG Tech Talk on 24th September at 8am
- Sustainability – BPS has been granted the rights to host the Student Sustainability FOBISIA conference in March

Sports/Extracurricular (Alice Curwood)

- ECAs – The new interface which was introduced in Block D of academic year 24/25 has been refined from feedback received, and had seen much success in the recent Block A 25/26 signups
- Tryouts for secondary seasonal sports were moved to the first three days of terms, which proved to be successful
- ECA Block B sign-up opens on the 7th October
- Bespoke communication to new secondary families was sent out in July and August regarding tryout sign-ups. All sport academy tryout communications were sent school wide
- Christopher Walsh has been appointed Assistant Leader of Primary PE to support Primary sport outside of the academies. Parent Partnership workshop about the FOBISIA U11 Games, BMAC Primary Seasonal Sports, communications and the events calendar will be held on 7th October
- 7 trips will occur in November, with 23 BPS teams competing

Primary School (Sarah McCormack)

- It's been a smooth start to the school year
- Tiny Tigers had their first session yesterday
- Sarah has asked for PTG for help around parent partnership workshops. Parents are attending and reminded to always RSVP the event so we can ensure proper room organisation and catering of the event – please help remind our community

PTG Primary Report (Bharati)

- Nothing from Bharati

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- Secondary Focus - Language matters will be the focus this year for secondary
 - There are different meanings for different words, even though it is the same language, so terminology in our behaviour policy will be looked at to ensure accessibility and positivity reinforcement of expectations
 - The aim will be to replace negative language with constructive phrasing
 - Coffee mornings will be held similar to Primary school with the aim of encouraging more discussion amongst parents and staff
- Exam results –
 - ICGSE - BPS students have received the best results to date, where 41% all results in all subjects were A star or equivalent
 - IBDP – The average score was 35. 65% of students received more than 35 points, which is 5 points more than the world average of 30. This has been part of a three-year positive trend.
- Universities – the US is still seen as the most popular destination for our students although a shift away from US universities this year.

- IBCP Business Specialism was introduced in August 25, which sits in addition to the current Art Specialism
 - Senior studies numbers are at highest rate
- Regarding the two PTG items on the agenda for discussion
 - Dining in Senior Studies – there is currently not enough space for everyone to eat comfortably in Senior Studies, so the secondary school is asking students who get food from the canteen, to eat it in the canteen. There are plans to remodel the senior studies area to reflect the growing numbers in coming months.
 - Term 2 hoodie for seniors – the secondary school is open to this conversation: more to follow at a later date

PTG Secondary Report (Sharan Hora)

- Nothing from Sharan

Admissions (Rachel Jones)

- Rachel thanked the PTG for their support of the new families
- The school welcomed 200 new families, which is best start since she's started at Patana
- The new format of induction has received lots of positive feedback
 - Picnic reframed as a family event was a hit, many thanks to Ken for driving this
- Kan asked if we could have a family buddy system. Rachel is looking into this
 - Pao – maybe year reps and country reps can do more to reach out to new families

Marketing and Alumni (Cheryl Rego)

- Thanks to PTG for stepping up, being accessible for events and a presence on campus
- The next upcoming event is the Fun Run which will be in 2 weeks; registration closes on 18th September
- New person, Khun Ning, has joined the team and her role is to support PTG with events, booking, etc.
- Patana's 70th anniversary is coming soon (May 2027), and the school wants to celebrate all the years the school has been in existence. If you meet anyone that went to Patana since the 90s, please have them reach out to Cheryl
 - The plan to have several big events with a goal to reach all parts of the community

Tiger Shop Report (Sumedha)

- She and her team of volunteers are preparing for Tiger Spirit Day
- Several new products introduced this year

Treasurer's Report (Dennis)

- 1.6M THB are in the PTG account, with a 5.2M THB budget

- PTG will not need funds from the school
- PTG would like to investigate other venues of sponsorship for Fun Day, either donations or smaller sponsors

Thai Rep Report (Kan)

- 20th October is the planned date for the Thai group breakfast
- Planning for International Day is ongoing
- A reminder about safeguarding training on 30th September will be sent via email the week before

PTG Events Update (Ken)

- Newcomers Picnic – Takeaways
 - There were many positives to bringing in students for activities. Having primary and secondary students selling lemonade was great; we were able to show the children are independent and helping
 - Great number of volunteers - 58 families reached out to help
- PTG will support Pink Tennis by participating in a coffee/bake sale, selling items at the event as it won't be an official PTG event
- The International Day meeting a few weeks back had a good turnout
 - Country Spotlight is 60% full
 - Stage show will be opened to not just countries, allowing a mix of kids/groups of different talents
 - Food Hall is full
- Big Night Out – we've looked at around 15 venues. Coco Chill at Emwonder/Emsphere 5th floor has been chosen; the theme will have a Tiki beach/bar vibe. Confirmed date and time is 8th November, between 6:30p-1am

Other business

- None

Meeting adjourned: 09:23am