



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CON-402

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:00a

Attendees: *Chris Sammons (Head of School), Rachel Preston (Primary Vice Principal), Matt Seddon (Secondary Principal), Jamie Owen (Business Director), Cindy Adair (Cross Campus Principal), Cheryl Rego (Director of Marketing and Alumni), Rachel Jones (Director of Admissions), Pao Tantiprasongchai (PTG Chair), Tajchai Ratipanichvong (PTG Secretary), Bharati Lachmandas (PTG Primary Rep), Sumedha Rawat (PTG Tiger Shop), Dennis Stech (PTG Treasurer), Kan Navikapol (PTG Thai Rep), Knitting Triyanond (PTG Vice Chair)*

- **Business carried over from previous meeting**
 - None
- **School Updates and Reports**
 - Head of School (Chris Sammons)
 - IB/IGCSE Results Excellence
 - Facilities Upgrades
 - I. Instagram/Social Media algorithm risks – communication shift for our community. Deep Condolences have been communicated to Debsirin School on behalf of Bangkok Patana community. As a school, we have reminded the community about our school procedures for site access and site rules in the first Patana news. In addition, we are introducing:
 - (i) Random Bag check
 - II. Review of Lockdown procedures Staff Workshop with Central Investigation Bureau (police)
 - 70th anniversary has begun: in addition, we will be refreshing our vision, mission, and values to guide next five years; marketing relaunch with new websites and information systems will appear next year.
 - Partnership exploration with Harbour Space University (UTCC) in Thailand to learn more about AI teaching and innovative math approaches, access their teacher network, and expand student opportunities.
 - Concern that Instagram is not neutral for us to use as a communication tool has meant we have moved away these as internal school communication channels. Children can easily

have access to misogynistic, self-harm, bullying, or suicidal content. We will be launching different communication channels during Term 1 to replace these.

Primary School (Rachel Preston)

- Induction (BBQ) was fantastic, kids are settling in very well. Thanks to the BUDDY system.
- We are looking for ways to engage more people for parent partnerships.
- New timetable to synchronize breaks/lunch across year groups; staff escort most students between lessons to improve safety and reduce anxiety.

Cross Campus (Cindy Adair)

- The CIS (Council for International School) Team visited the school last week for an informal 6-month check-in. In May, there will be a full accreditation team visit for one full week which will include community conversations with parents, students, teachers, alumni, leadership, and etc. (with Onesqa)
- Aimee Murphy, new head of library; refresh of Library spaces to create collaborative zones, quiet corners, and event areas.
- Thai team will provide information on Thai language and culture programs to Thai parents
- Outdoor Education team will offer optional holiday trips (China, Japan) to support Duke of Edinburgh Gold residential requirements; aim to increase gold completions. "Mini Dukes" for Years 5–6 starts in Block Two of ECA as an intro to outdoor skills.
- Working on October CPL Day with Matt Pinkett as guest speaker. He will be partnering with us to make sure that our boys and girls are getting the right type of teaching and learning in our classrooms.
- We will also explore the opportunity to provide the same workshops for staffs to parents.
- Thank you PTG for the BBQ on the induction day

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- We are celebrating the University destinations of Grad 26, who are going on to some of the best research universities across the world, this year, there is a slight shift from US universities to the UK being the most popular destination. Business, finance, and economics are the most popular courses, but there are so many amazing different specialisms which reflect our students body. The secondary school day now starts at 7:30 instead of 7:40. We have also added the 5 minutes transition time between classes.
- We will work with parents to establish the community norms – e.g. how to navigate parties with alcohol and/or substance use.
- The new dining hall is very popular with students. The noodle bar queues have been a little longer than normal. Nothing has

changed operationally here. This is likely due to Y7 getting used to the system. We anticipate timings to revert to normal swiftly.

Admissions (Rachel Jones)

- Thanks to the PTG for supporting the induction event. Following the morning's formalities, the BBQ provided a valuable opportunity for families to connect, build community, and begin developing a sense of belonging.
- Our Admissions Policy makes us unique: no single national group over 20% to maintain international balance; emphasis on kindness to bridge cultural differences and prevent isolation.
- The new role of Family Engagement Specialist (Khun Mew) has supported the onboarding process for new families, such as making pre-arrival phone calls checking that everything is okay.
- Our Tiny Tigers playgroup will begin on 8th September. It is full and there is a waiting list, but places will open up for new children later in the year as some Tiny Tigers transition to Nursery.
- Thai application system opened 2026-09-01, closes 2027-01-15; Rachel available for support if any families have questions.

Marketing and Alumni (Cheryl Rego)

- Patana Fun Run will be on September 27, 2026 at Rama 9 Park
- We are working with the software company on photograph consent software which will enable us to manage consent from parents/students.
- 70th anniversary bags selling well by the PTG, we are continuing to work on the events, pins will arrive soon – will be used as a special award for students.

• **PTG Report**

PTG Chair (PaoPao Tantiprasongchai)

- Classlist
 - I. Migration from Line/WhatsApp group to Classlist ~70–80% complete; legacy chat groups ended by 2026-08-31; ongoing encouragement by staff/parent team; Kat (communication) managed chat removals. Aim for near-100% adoption.
 - II. Our Policy is to steer away from direct advertising of commercial services; parent-to-parent recommendations acceptable.
 - III. Plan to regroup and define academy staff roles on Classlist for urgent communications (e.g., event cancellations)
 - IV. Request a workshop from Brian Taylor (Vice Principal for Technology for Learning) who is also a parent to help parents navigate Classlist.
- PTG will work with the School Foundation on how we can be part of the 70th Anniversary celebration. We are looking forward to supporting the school.

PTG Vice Chair (Knitting Triyanond)

- There has been positive feedback on Classlist e.g. 2,200 of ~3,000 parents joined; vibrant parent-led groups (e.g., rock band, pickleball) and “stuff for sale.”

PTG Primary Report (Bharati Lachmandas)

- Primary Canteen
 - I. PTG: We have received feedback on menu variety and quality: limited vegetarian options (tofu scarce), repetitive pasta, cross-contamination risks, overly spicy items, meat quality.

School: School will conduct a sampling/monitoring review and explore engaging an external nutrition consultant with the Goals of improving food quality and dietary varieties.
 - II. PTG: Broader nutrition education and cultural food learning proposed e.g. Indian food, Korean food, and Japanese food

School: International food stations with themed weeks tied to cultural calendars (e.g., Diwali) to teach culture and diversify options.
 - III. PTG: Query the timings for Primary students eating lunch
 - IV. School: Recent changes to timetable have extended the eating time for KS1.
 - V. PTG: Query the size of the portions and availability for KS2 students to buy multiple unhealthy snacks.
 - VI. School: PLT and Jamie to review

Tiger Shop Report (Sumedha Rawat)

- Strong sales, especially tote bags; also new 70th anniversary tumblers/water bottles were launched.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis Stech)

- Account balance (as of 2026-07-31): 2.8 million baht, stable despite increased event expenses (Fun Day, International Day).
- We intend to increase financial support for families hosting International Day food stalls to reduce their burden.

Thai Rep Report (Kan Navikapol)

- Thai parent breakfast scheduled for 2026-09-24 at Black Box; alumni (three parents from the first graduating class) are invited to share their experiences.

PTG Events

- Dennis (Treasury) will help coordinate our international day this year.

Other business

- None

Meeting adjourned: 09:43am