

Date: Wednesday 17 January, 2024 Time: 18:00 Location: Rembrandt staff workroom Designation of meeting roles		Present: Leigh Ammeraal, Claire Avramenko, Paula Baxter, Jenneke Bleeker-van Weel, Nadia Boucard, Shannon Knight, Olga Koroleva, Michelle Lewis, Asia Sulowska Chair: Jenneke Minute taker: Shannon Timekeeper: Asia
AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES	ACTION/PERSON RESPONSIBLE
PSG update 15 mins	- Pippa Martin, who will head the new PTA will join to give an update on the PTA situation - Need to know: - The name of teachers that will join the PTA (preferably one from each location. The following teachers expressed interest: - Rembrandt: Amy Hubbard & Louise McMillan - Mondrian: Daniele Sinniger - Who manages/is responsible for the PTA bank account (& is it part of IPS?) - If the PTA is a charity, and if so, do they need to pay taxes etc. - Any other relevant financial/organisational information	- Function to be held for interested parents and teachers (date TBD - preferably early Feb.) - Pippa email Paula text for "teaser" in Friday's newsletter - Investigate legal status further - Expenditure approval process: school to approve in conjunction with PTA - Bank account structure for PSG set up; same account to be used - Summer fair dates - Pippa email Paula a few suggestions, a date can be set asap - Discussed restrictions on using school property - eg gym times, weekends (alarm, cleaning)
School fees for 2024-2025 PB, 10 mins	Confirm the percentage by which tuition fees will be raised, and prepare to inform parents proposal for 6.5% (€4,900)	- Proposed fee increase voted for unanimously - Paula to announce in this week's

	International School Fees	newsletter
Celebrating Easter at school, concerns received JB, 10 mins	Why doesn't school wish 'those that celebrate Christmas a merry Christmas' in the last newsletter before Christmas. Same for Easter - like Christmas, a national holiday; it's part of the home country's culture so why is it ignored? Why is Easter not mentioned as part of the Celebrations Schedule that is coming up? Reasons for question: - We have just also celebrated Diwali, we will celebrate a Buddhist new year and then in the week of easter we will focus on the hindu festival whilst we live in a country that is celebrating Easter. - Children don't need to be told about the Easter story if the school wants to stay non-religious etc but does bring many festive activities that can be organised and are lovely for the children to take part in such as: - a Paas ontbijt - creating Easter bonnets - creating little baskets - Easter egg hunt - This particular festival is part of the childhood of Dutch children. In some Dutch schools children even go to school in the Pyjamas for an Easter Breakfast.	- Parent newsletter included "Season's Greetings". - From the cultural survey sent home to all families, the team of teachers on the culture team took the events which received the highest ranking (based on number of families that identified it) - Easter not in the top ranked cultural events from the survey results - Wording of cultural survey will be improved to prevent misinterpretation
Process establishing goals/scope for the SC SK, 5 mins		Project ideas list - set up in a shared doc Set up half an hour to brainstorm ideas next meeting

• SC internal comms JBvW, 5 mins	• E-mail vs WhatsApp • Separate app-group parent representatives and also for teachers to discuss agenda points etc?	Principal communicates via email; rest of comms via WhatsApp if possible
• Student Council JB, 5 mins	• How long do students sit in the student council? • How are they chosen, based on what & by whom? • What is its purpose?	Andrew Bannister, teacher leader: Student Council: abannister@ipshilversum.nl
Next meeting	Wednesday 28 February 2024	
INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS		
Paula asked all DIS directors who they used for MR training in English, two recommendations: VVO: cursusbureau@voo.nl Chrétien Sarton http://www.sarton.eu/sarton/. Established as an independent consultant, Chrétien is familiar with the participation structure within international schools. Contact details: info@sarton.eu & 06.33103967		