

# LFA Meeting Notes on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### In Attendance

LFA Parents: Paola, Cindy, Jeff, Chini, Evelyn, Florence, Norma, Merry, Jenny, Cynthia

Faculty: Mr. Richard, Mr. Steven, Ms. Amya, Ms. Michele, Ms. Maude, and Mr. Jarrett

#### Coffee with Homeroom Parents

The LFA shared that Tuesday we met with available homeroom parents to discuss options to help assist the school for International day as well as go over the open forum process.

## **Open Forum**

The date for the Open Forum remains the same Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ascott from 10:30am to 12pm. This is an excellent opportunity for all parents to ask questions, voice concerns and discuss what we believe is going well directly with the leadership team. The LFA will be submitting the questions gathered by next Friday to administration. We are strongly advising questions to be emailed to the <a href="LFA@lis-chengdu.com">LFA@lis-chengdu.com</a> so we can ensure to have answers in time for the forum. A translator will be onsite. You can register to attend meeting on <a href="https://yoopay.cn/event/openforum">https://yoopay.cn/event/openforum</a>

## **Mexican Cooking Class**

The LFA plans to schedule a Mexican Cooking Class for the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Class can only fit 15 people! The flyer will go out this Friday so be prepared to sign up as classes fill up quickly.

## Swimming U9-U19 and Fundraising

Swimming is upcoming up and the LFA would like to have some bake sales. We would appreciate your cooperation with donations and of course sending money for your little treasurers to buy loving treats. If anyone would also like to attend to help sale that would also be lovely. Our hope is to have two bake sales this month.

#### **Books for the Kids**

LFA disclosed that many parents feel book selection in the library is poor therefore, the LFA plans to do a book drive. We encourage all parents that have books laying around being unused to please donate to the LFA. All books will go to enrich our children. We will also be using funds to buy new books. Mr. Richard did mention that, they have increased the order from last year and 7000 rmbs had just been purchased worth of books. The books come from abroad so they do take a while to arrive. On Wednesday they had a meeting with a new book vendor

that actually prints American books here in China providing us better cost saving so we can provided more books. Mr. Steven did mention that he sees a big lack of EAL Books and therefore the school also plans to purchase workbooks for on this subject matter. LFA encourages books of all languages to please be donated.

#### Uniforms

The school has received samples of better quality pants for next year. They will soon be deciding on a new style to improve from last year.

## **Re-Enrollment and Tuition**

LFA stated that re-enrollement survey has already gone out and messaged attached mentioned the final tuition cost to be given by June with a modest tuition increased. LFA requested to know what that modest percentage was and 2.5% was the give response. LFA also asked if there are scholarships, to which Richard answered that LIS doesn't provide, and suggested the LFA to try to find sponsorships. LFA mentioned some student might be having financial issues with all the traveling involved to which Mr. Steven said depending on the grade the student is in this matter should be brought up to the principle of child to see what can be done. We were also told the CEO of Nord Anglia still has not signed off on the new principle so that news will be given out by school when determination has been done.

#### **Absent Teachers and Subs**

LFA reiterated that the parents would appreciated to get a notice when the teacher is absent. We all understand that its seemingly inevitable for teachers not to get sick and that's not a problem but many times parents find out of the absence when they have had to come to school for a particular reason or after the child has mentioned it on their own; many times the absences is for days. LFA proceeded the requiredments for the substituted teachers, MR. Richard mentioned a general degree is needed, and they must undergo Nord Anglia training, have an interview in addition to background and safe guard checks. Mr. Steven mentioned that for secondary in the case of a long absences (since substitute teachers are not subject trainer teachers) other teachers will be dropping in through the day to see if assistance is needed.

## International Day

The LFA provided feedback acquired from Tuesday's meeting. We suggested having a general fund donation to assist the smaller booths, (this had been the issue raised in previous meeting; some booths are sometimes ran by 1-2 families and cost is high), as well as having available parents volunteer assigned to other booths not necessary pertaining to their country. Continent booths was another idea thrown in the hat. Mr.Richard mentioned only two booths have signed up as of now. If anyone is interested sponsoring or running a booth please email Mr. Richard, Richard.wilkinson@lis-chengdu.com. The International Day Committee is meeting up twice a month so more details of this event will be coming out as decision are being made. Reminder to parents this day, cafeteria is closed. REMINDER ONLY 8 WEEKS REMAIN FOR THIS DATE. SIGN UP NOW!

#### LFA Meeting

The meeting began at 11:05am and ended at 11:45am.