

PA Meeting Minutes – March 2018

Date: 6th March, 2018

David did a short version of the new Early Years building held last Thursday night. The new EY building will be ready to take on the children from August 2018 and will be in the old VW building on the Sanlitun Road. The new building will have the same standard as today's Primary building, using the same type of paints and materials and will have built-in air filtration systems with over 100 units. The new building will be opened spaced but with the possibility to adjust into smaller rooms when needed. It will also host a coffee shop for parents and facilities for the Primary school students such as a dance studio, a media lab, a cooking lab and an art room. There will be more classrooms in total which will make room for smaller classes. The total cost for the project is about 3.3 million USD.

David also informed that the new Principal from next Academic Year will be John Brett coming from the UK.

Couleurs de Chine, a charity organization helping minority school children in Guangxi province held a presentation about the work they do and what the school, PA and individuals can do to support them.

The next PA Bake Sale will be in April and will be held during the school day at break time. This will give all the children, including the ones going on the school bus, a chance to buy some cookies and cakes for snack. We will also encourage the children to bring their own containers to carry the cakes in, this is to reduce the plastic waste. It was also discussed that instead of money we could accept some food donations in exchange for cakes.

Spring event has been cancelled due to not having enough volunteers. We encourage as many parents as possible to step forward and help out at least once during the school year.

Staff Appreciation will be on Friday 13th April and will be run by the parents from Reception and Year 1.

Art Auction will be on Friday 11th May and parents from Years 2 and 3 will be in charge of this event.

This doesn't mean parents from any other year groups can't volunteer and help out, everyone is welcome. Planning for these events will start next week.

Alison gave a short talk about her and David's visit to the Love and Hope last Friday. The Love and Hope have vocational training for older children and have 3 buildings that are used for classrooms and also boarding. In total there are about 70 boys and girls that have training in, e.g. sewing, dental lab, cake decorating/bakery and taekwondo. They brought in a lot of rice, flour and other essential things. Alison shared different renovation project that they are currently seeking funds for.

We voted and decided that the proceeds from the Santa's Secret Shoppe will go to Love and Hope.

We also voted to split the proceeds from the upcoming Art Auction between MCF and Couleurs de Chine.