

## BSB Shunyi PA General Meeting November 2, 2015

- The month of November starts on a high note with two great results for ACAMIS U19 boys' volleyball and girls' football teams. Plus, the school will most likely break a Maths World Record, depending subject to the final review of the Guinness World Record™.
- International Day was considered to be one of the best events yet. Children, parents and staff have all given it two thumbs up. A few things will make it an even better experience: to have more musical performances, to double check the flags and nationalities, have more games in all stalls, get better prepared in primary for primary's questions.
- Christmas Market is still in need for volunteers to make cookie bags, jams (containers are available at Chatterbox), and volunteers to sell at the stall, and also to make and sell mulled wine and waffles. Sew Gorgeous will handle the crafts stall and the money raised will go to Love & Hope charity.
- Secret Santa Shoppe will be held November 30 to December 3. Parents and teachers will only be allowed to shop on the last day. Volunteers will start shopping on TaoBao on November 11 and will go to Tian Yi Market on November 18. A bus will take them to the market leaving the school at 8:30am. Volunteers will be separated into the following groups Textile, Jewelry, Chinese items, Toys, Stationary and others. Most gifts will be pre-wrapped on November 25 and 26.
- The consultant hired for the Chinese program has already started working. She has been listening to classes and giving feedback to the Chinese teachers. Also, teachers will undergo training in the following months as part of the department's improvement efforts. Chinese parent volunteers are already reading for native and advanced non-native groups. Other volunteers have begun sorting out Chinese books in the Primary library.
- A round of applause for group leaders organizing talks, luncheons and outings. The Steering Committee has received a lot of very positive feedback on the events the PA has been promoting.
- The constitution of the school's charity board should be appointed this month and it will start working in January. The board's objective is to coordinate how much money is going to each charity and it should include staff, parents and students as members. It will also check the role of each charity that asks the school for donations.
- The PA will take two chairs in the BSB's Advisory Council, which deals with issues on the strategic and operational aspects of school, such as the school's vision and calendar. The PA Steering Committee will decide who will represent the PA in the Council.
- Secondary residential trips are going well. They are now structured in such a way that they get increasingly more challenging as they students move through secondary. However, there has been concern about The Year 12 trip to Tanzania and the information regarding malaria preventive medicine. There has been lots of information and parents do not know how to react to them. Mr. Lewis will look into this and check who can centralize information.
- In January, the school will create a group to study the cost of BSB's sport, music, art and academic teams. Costs to participate in these competitions have gone up and

some parents cannot afford to send their children to some of the events. Mr. Puttock has asked for a survey regarding some of the issues and the group will study some alternatives, such as sponsorship.

- Calendar:
  - November 9, 8:30am: Steering Committee meeting
  - January 11, 9am: PA General Meeting, Theatre.
- Save the Date: BSB PA's Dinner Dance will be held May 7, 2016.