

Minutes PA Meeting January 17, 2017

Time: 10-11 AM

Place: BSB, C312

Today's secretary: Åsa Åhlén Hagman

1. Welcome and Introduction of new Steering Committee Member (Theresa/Anna)

PA welcomed Bogusia Zakrzewska, who is a new Steering Committee member.

2. Chinese Temple Fair (Taurus)

Mr Taurus Wu informed about the BSB Chinese Temple Fair on January 24 and handed out a "Temple Fair Rota 2017". There will be four sessions where the Primary and Secondary students will participate:

1st Session: Year 1, 6 9-10.40 AM

2nd Session: Year 2, 5 10.55-12 AM

3rd Session: Year 7, 8, 9 12-1.30 PM

4th Session: Year 3, 4 1.30-3 PM

There is a need for help from the parents at the **second and third session**, to support the Chinese teachers organizing games/activities, at the shops and so on. The teachers will explain to the supporting parents exactly what to do. According to Mr. Wu there's a total need of 20 parents for the whole day. Lunch will be provided. Daniela will make it possible for the parents to volunteer for that event, using Sign Up Genius.

Hourly performances will take place in the Foyer (at 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.30 and 2.30).

There will also be vendors. After comments from last year's Chinese Temple Fair, the prices are limited to 50 Y and some safety issues have also been dealt with. Vendors will finish at 4PM.

Everyone participating (students, parents, teachers...) are kindly asked to wear something red or traditional Chinese costume.

3. Financial Update (Åsa)

We started off with about 90 000 Y, when Åsa took over as the new Treasurer in PA in August 2016. Then we made a profit at the German Market last year of 44 000 Y (including a generous donation from Schindler). We also made quite a good profit at the Santa's Secret Shop in December (32 000 Y). So the PA has around 148 000 Y in total for the moment.

4. Communication improvement wishes (Maud)

5. Firefly – update (Nicole)

There are wishes that more school information should be sent via Firefly, instead of coming by e-mail.

On Friday January 13, a workshop about Firefly took place at BSB. The participating parents presented both some positive and negative feedback regarding the Firefly system. The school is looking into how to best handle the feedback and some improvements have already been implemented. It should be possible to send out even more information via Firefly – on the other hand, some parents prefer e-mails. So there seems to be a need for parallel systems, at least for a while. One suggestion during the PA meeting was that really important information should still be sent home with the students on paper – not just via e-mail.

Another suggestion was that all important information (including SOCS/Sports and ASA information) is included in the same calendar on the BSB web site. Nicole is working with the development of that. She also has an idea to put a computer in the Foyer, to make it easier for parents to fill in different forms and so on.

6. “Spring in Beijing” Update (Theresa)

The PA Dinner & Dance “Spring in Beijing” is planned on April 22, 2017. “Cheap and Cheerful” has been one request, in an earlier survey that was sent out to the parents. A first meeting will take place on **Monday January 23 at 10AM**. Anyone who is interested in planning and organizing the Dinner & Dance, is most welcome.

7. Questions? (Theresa/Anna)

8. Wrap up (Theresa/Anna)

Daniela also handed out some PA information to the new parents who attended the meeting.

Next PA Meeting 14 February 2017 at 9-9.45AM

