



PA Meeting Minutes 22nd February, 2016

Welcome to all parents. Happy Chinese New Year.
Apologies sent from Annette who couldn't be at the meeting.

Feedback from Chinese New Year Temple Fair

Parents were happy with having the Temple Fair. Some children were really engaged in their presentation. As Mr. Puttock (**AP**) pointed out, we have some lessons to learn, such as having better prices from the vendors and not having sugary snacks. For next year, we should think about the possibility of having it on a Saturday so parents can participate.

Feedback from PA trips & visits

- All trips and visits are well supported and there is a huge variety on offer – sometimes difficult to choose as school events can sometimes clash!
- Dinner Dance, Sat 7th May, Green Tea House (near The Orchard), theme Yin & Yang, Black & White - planning is going well. Tickets 1,100RMB to be on sale in April. Year 10 students working on the designs – must make sure the information on the ticket reflects the price of the ticket. DJ booked.
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Charity board update, AP – good well attended first meeting last week that had a lot of discussion and ideas. Board to coordinate all the charity work in BSB. Will meet twice a term. Need a Chinese speaker to join the board.

Hong bao collection, EP - this is a PA organised collection but was a bit late being set up this year and no PA rep available to handover the red envelopes to the aiyis etc. Need to have this calendared next year.

Other items:

- Korean issues:
 - New Korean parents are given info about the number of nationalities per class from admissions and Welcome team but that is not always correct – need updated list to be used. Admissions to be informed.
 - Secondary feedback – parents are extremely happy – thanks to the secondary team. They are especially thankful for the Korean universities information.
 - AP mentioned the need to have information from parents about other countries' universities so that we can contact them if they ever visit BJ
 - Primary parents concerned about the seemingly imbalance of Korean students in some classes – 50% in one class and 10% in another. AP acknowledged this and said it would be looked at but stressed the problems that the balance is always changing as families leave etc. One dominant nationality in the class causes language problems when we want English to be the spoken language across the school. Discussion mentioned that parents should encourage their children to speak English at school, how the EAL programme at school had changed BSB for the better to help and encourage those children to speak English. AP mentioned the new policy "Guidelines for Speaking English in class" and teachers encourage students to speak English as a 'gift'.



- Chinese questions about numbers in class as above – AP explained this was trickier due to different nationality passports but will look at the balance.
- Food quality – some discussion about the canteen food – good and areas for improvement. Food workshop on Wednesday mentioned. AP to talk to the food committee.
- Power lines – no new updates and we wait to see the construction at the end of the work. If concerned contact AP.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 22nd March, 9am, C308, Drama Studio