

Dear AICS Community,

We are pleased to share the key discussion points from Cycle 5 Participation Council Meeting 2024/202.

In an effort to keep the community informed and promote transparency, these minutes have been anonymised and summarised to focus only on the essential facts and actions.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the school community.

## Discussion Points

### Parking Plan

- The Council submitted questions to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) regarding the proposed parking plan.
- Questions focused on considering the difference in travel time between public transport and car, not just public transport time alone.
- The ability to meet daycare times was suggested as a consideration.
- The need for more nuanced criteria and clarification on how final priorities will be set was raised.

### STEM Education

- A presentation by parents outlined concerns that the current curriculum may put students at a disadvantage in university STEM admissions and cause missed opportunities to discover science/tech passions.
- Parents proposed creating a parent-school working group.
- Requests included exploring increased science hours in MYP1-3, adding early exposure to coding/robotics/lab science, and aligning the MYP curriculum transparently with DP and university needs.
- It was suggested to invite alumni to discuss their post-graduation careers, especially those who took integrated science.

### MYP Curriculum

- The Council inquired about the current status of changes in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the plans for integrated science/separate sciences in MYP4-5. This will be discussed next school year.

### Student Representatives' Feedback

- MYP eAssessments and DP exams went very smoothly.
- Bathroom issues are currently okay, with much less vandalism.

### Innovation Budget (GMR)

- The Council recommended that the school community be informed that an innovation budget exists.
- It was suggested to inform the community about which projects are ongoing and to encourage more staff members to submit ideas for financing.

#### Annual Budget (GMR)

- The Council requested a clearer explanation of the budget next fall, noting the current document is 47 pages with only a half-hour explanation.

#### Academic Integrity (AI) Policy Endorsement

- The Council's remaining questions after an initial discussion included:
  - Can the community be informed when the policy is revised and what the changes are? (A good practice for any policy change)
  - Can 'whistle blowing' be better defined in the school context?
  - Can the appeals procedure be more formalized/detailed?

#### Student Device Return

- The Council asked that DP2 students and parents be informed earlier that devices must be returned and email addresses will be lost. This would allow more time to copy/move files.

#### Budget Year-End Funds

- A question was raised about what happens when money is left over at the end of the budget year (both public and private funds).

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### Endorsement & Policy Updates

- AICS Social Safety Policy and Procedures (Anti-Bullying Policy): The scheduled meeting to discuss this was cancelled and a new meeting will be booked before the end of the school year.
- School Guide: Comments on the School Guide should be sent to the AICS council.