

Minutes Main Meeting Participation Council held on 27/01/2020

Attendees	Tom Sikkes (TS), Fred Poeser (FP), Simon Elgood (SE), Mag Ramachandran (MR), Maria Duarte (MD), Rashmi Kusurkar (RK), Bozena Kopczynska (BK), Jefferson Yeh (JY), Aanya Trehan (AT), Laura Murphy (LM), Dirk Frikkee (DF), Rahme Ibrahim (RI Dameshk Wijesinha (DW)
Apologies	Jagna Mirksa (JM)

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1	Previous meeting minutes	Minutes of meeting 11/11/2019 – AS has sent through some suggested amendments to the minutes.	To review and amend	DW
2	Vacancies on Participation Council/ Esprit Level Board (GMR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of the election for a new primary parent member of the Council will be announced once the candidates have been informed. The vacancy for the Primary School teacher member on the Council will be published in the AICS weekly newsletter. A survey will also be sent out in respect of the vacancy for a primary school parent on the GMR. Candidates will be required to speak fluent Dutch. 	Information	
3	CIS outcome report	Decision made for a small working group comprising of FP, MR and TS to meet with management to discuss CIS outcome report findings	To feedback to Council	Working Group
4	Feedback from the inset day in October 2019	The overall message from the day was the need for more attention to connecting with the community (core value). The findings will be taken into consideration when writing the four year school plan. Of the other three core values, Enquiry and Diversity were clearly indicated as important to the future of the school. This was less so for Integrity. There was more	Information	

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		focus on sustainability. All insights from the day will be discussed at the staff inset day on the 24 th of February.		
5	Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spending predications – there was no actual overspend. Actual exploitation shows we end the calendar year 2019 'in the green'. The 20,000 received in respect of "samenwerkingsverband" related to a grant that the school bid for in October 2019 in respect of gifted students. The school will now refine the original broad plan. 	Information	
6	System for tracking parental contribution	This has not yet been received.	To be discussed at next meeting	To be included within March 2020 agenda
7	Proposal curriculum 2020/21	<p>Areas discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of changes are to reduce the number of assessments students are required to undertake and address the reduced contact time. IB requirements are considerably less than the current expectations of AICS. The changes made are minimal. Proposal does not easily allow students to choose three science subjects although it can be done. This would lead to a non-regular diploma. The proposal allows for more subject choice and gives children the ability to start developing interests at a younger age. One of the drawbacks is that changing subject choices at a later stage is made more difficult. Discussions already in place regarding the number of career counsellors. AICS will facilitate students accessing fast track Dutch courses. 	<p>Agreed actions following discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make the choice of economics more extensive To offer choice of history or geography To meet with Student Council to get their views (asap) To review the decision of including biology as a common subject To produce a clear overview of what will be different next year Council will need to approve proposal before the next Council meeting in March 	<p>NF</p> <p>Participation Council</p>

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8	Interim evaluation - supervised study periods	Evaluation is ongoing with possible analysis at the end of the year. Students have been asked for their feedback.		
9	Progress strategic plans for education	Preparation has begun for the visit in October 2021.		To be included within March 2020 agenda
10	Progress school plan	To be discussed at next meeting		To be included within March 2020 agenda
11	Progress building projects	All going to plan with move to new Main building expected in February 2022. The SE campus will move to the Sandcastle in in 2023. It is planned that staff will visit Sandcastle during the inset day in February.	Information	
12	Proposal for Gobal Citizenzhip	NF presented a proposal for Global Citizenship, which is a recommendation of the CIS report. NF is the lead for secondary and Jessica Morris is the lead for the primary school. The purpose of the document is to make global citizenship explicit for the school. The document will be included within the AICS website and school guide. The research carried out so far by the teams involved shows strong evidence that the AICS curriculum is linked to global citizenship.	Information	
13	Traffic situation at AICS Main	Although the situation is greatly improved, there are still issues in relation to the behaviour of some car driving parents in the morning, which are causing safety concerns. The two front of house supervisors will receive traffic training in February.	To consider written contract for parents	AS
14	Safety issues raised by Student Council	The issues raised by the Student Council are being looked into and evaluated. Safety information has already been published within the staff weekly.	Information	

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15	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BK will be part of the testing team of the iSAMS parental portal • MR led a team of DP students at the recent Youth Court who did extremely well. 	To request organogram	TS