



Parent Support Chisinau

QSI International School of Chisinau

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Minutes for PSG meeting - November 8, 2017

Regency Hotel, Chisinau

Attendees

Jon Routh, Paul Jahn, Pilar Fernandez, Maria-Claudia Liller, Stefan Liller, Anna Akhalkatsi, Carolina Hadji-Michael, Inesa Nicolaescu, Magdalena Adebayo, Jeanette Tyson, Daniel Lee, Valerie Quinlan, Zuzanna Nedeljakova, Brooke McLaughlin, Amy Schoell

Welcome and introductions

Amy Schoell welcomed the attendees on behalf of the PSG and thanked the parents around the table for coming.

Update from PSG Committee

- **Halloween event:** Amy Schoell opened the table for feedback on the Halloween event. Parents recognized how successful the event was and the efforts of the PSG and overall school community for making it a great event. Attendees shared how fun and well organized everything was and that there were a variety of activities - bigger and better than last year. The set up and the clean up efforts went very well thanks to all who participated. Jon Routh recommended scheduling the event on a Friday evening instead of a weekday evening in the future.
- **Library Reading and Scholastic Book order:** Valerie Quinlan presented an overview of the Scholastics order. It was also shared the fact that there are not enough parents signing up for the weekly reading activity. It was decided to change the activity to once a month instead of once a week. She encouraged parents to participate in this activity.
- **Community Thanksgiving Potluck, Saturday, November 25 from 16:00 – 19:00,** in the QSI gym: Brooke McLaughlin shared about this event. A signup sheet for volunteers, and dishes for the potluck will be sent out soon. The PSG will have a planning meeting for this event on Monday, November 13th at 9:00 at Rozmarin café for all parents interested in helping. Please contact Brooke McLaughlin or Amy Schoell if you have questions or want to help.
- **Winter Festival and Fair, Tuesday, December 12 at 16:00:** the school will present the annual winter concert. The PSG, the girl scouts and maybe others will organize a bake sale with coffee and tea. The PSG plans to make tables available to local organizations/non profits that have craft items to sell. Please contact Ulrike Gemmer if you are interested in helping with this event. It was also suggested to have an art exhibition using the art pieces the children prepare in art class.
- **PSG Tour:** Maria Claudia Liller shared about the “PSG Tours” activities idea. The PSG hopes to organize monthly events with the objective of promoting a more cohesive school community with opportunities for people to mingle and get to know more about Chisinau and Moldova. It was suggested that the wine pairing evening will take place on Wednesday, December 6. More details to come.



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Update from the Working Groups

- **Hoodies and T-shirts:** Jon Routh shared that the students are working on t-shirt designs in art class.
- **Newcomers Guide:** The guide is available online and is constantly being updated. Please feel free to contribute with relevant info and contacts.

Update from Jon Routh

- Jon Routh provided an overview of the program and content of the recent QSI Directors Conference. Some of the highlights were the “Child Protection” policy that QSI follows.
- He also shared about “Parents University” with the aim of addressing themes related to the school program for parents to be better informed. Suggested topics for “Parents University”:
 - Common Core
 - MAP testing
 - Technology use
 - Vocabulary
 - Growth Mind Set
 - Reading Strategies
 - Success OrientationThe idea is for the “Parents University” to take place once a month; the school will consider providing school supervision/movie night for the children.
- The High School Students are working on the Shoebox project this year. More info to come soon.
- Some parents asked Jon if the Science Fair could be open to all student participation as it is only included in the curriculum of certain classes. Parents offered to share their ideas and Jon will consult with the teachers.

Upcoming Events

- **Community Thanksgiving Potluck** at QSI, **Saturday, November 25 from 16:00 – 19:00**
- **PSG Monthly Meeting** at Regency Hotel, **Wednesday, December 6 at 12:30**
- **Winter Festival and Fair, Tuesday, December 12.**

Calendar:

- ✓ **November 15**, No school
- ✓ **November 16 – 17**, Teacher Workshop days
- ✓ **November 25**, Community Thanksgiving Potluck at QSI
- ✓ **December 6**, PSG Monthly Meeting
- ✓ **December 12**, Winter Festival and Fair
- ✓ **December 15**, ½ day of school
- ✓ **December 16 – January 8**, Holiday Break