



Parent Support Chisinau

QSI International School of Chisinau

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Minutes for PSG meeting - September 6, 2017

Regency Hotel, Chisinau

Attendees

Ulrike Gemmer, Marco Gemmer, Jon Routh, Gerry Fernandez, Jessica Fernandez, Amy Buckley, Mariana Zissis, John E. Lewis, Nina Karchava, Anca Muir, Rasa Oziumaite, Natalie Lee, Daniel Lee, Ana Sitnic, Lucia Berdos, Valerie Quinlan, Brooke McLaughlin, Inessa Nicolaescu, Christian Ballarò, Loredana Travascio, Pilar Fernandez, Stefan Liller, Maria Claudia Liller, Paul Jahn, Torsten Schoell, Amy Schoell

Welcome and introductions

Ulrike warmly welcomed everyone to the first PSG monthly meeting of school year 2017/2018.

Financial Report

Paul reported that currently there are approximately 6000 MDL in the PSG funds.

Report from Jon Routh

Update on summer renovations

- driveway redone
- work on the internet infrastructure

Focus for the coming school year

- MSA (Middle School Association) re-accreditation process is ongoing. Official visit by an MSA committee will be school year 2018/2019
- looking into more space for QSI. What that looks like now, remains to be seen

Explanation of the differences between the PSG (Parent Support Group) and the Advisory Board

- PSG supports the school by planning and promoting social events, enhancing communication among parents and school, assisting the teachers, fund-raising, building QSI community as well as exposure to the local community
- The Advisory Board helps the Director with advisement with school business. They also help with the scholarship process. The business side of the school is done through the Advisory Board.

PSG Committee Election

Introduction of the six people interested in joining the PSG Committee: Brooke McLaughlin, Daniel Lee, Inessa Nicolaescu, Loredana Travascio, Maria Claudia Liller, Valerie Quinlan. They were all unanimously voted to the committee.

Class Parents Election

We are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to help promote class community, and assist the teacher in finding volunteers, as needed. **Some parents volunteered at the meeting, but we still have openings for the pre-school class, 7 yo class, and 12 & 13 yo class.**



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Please let the PSG know if you are interested in volunteering.

Upcoming Events

- **Wine and Cheese Event, Friday, September 8th from 20:00 - 23:00**
(Parents and teachers – ADULTS only). This is our first get to know each other and have fun socializing event for the adults of our QSI community at the Castillo residence (Malina Mica corner Ipolit Soroceanu. Entrance is on Malina Mica opposite of number 14). Please bring finger foods and a bottle of wine or some other beverage.
- **PSG Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, October 4th at 12:30**
- **Week Without Walls, October 2 - 6 (for 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, Sec. I, Sec. II)**
Jon Routh shared that International Schools around the world participate in this program. This will be the first year that QSI Chisinau participates. The students will go to Romania to take part in an Outward Bound program. It is part of the QSI curriculum this year. For the students who are not travelling to Romania, local activities will be arranged.
- **Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 27th**
This is our QSI Halloween event for the children. Last year we asked parents to come with their decorated car trunks and the children went trick or treating in the QSI car park. We are currently at the brainstorming phase of planning Trunk or Treat for this year.
Looking for volunteers to help.
- ***The date for the International Fair has been switched to early spring.***

Update from the Working Groups

- **Website:** Please check out our new PSG website (<http://psgchisinau.weebly.com/>)
- **Hoodies and T-shirts:** The committee will collaborate with the school and parents to organize some school gear.
- **Newcomers Guide:** Gerry reported that he will make the guide available online in a format where people can add information and LOOK at the information.

Calendar:

- ✓ **September 8**, Wine and Cheese
- ✓ **September 21**, from 18:00-19:30, QSI Open House
- ✓ **October 4**, PSG Monthly Meeting
- ✓ **October 2 - 6** (for 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, Sec. I, Sec. II), Week Without Walls
- ✓ **October 9 – 13**, Moldova Week at QSI
- ✓ **October 27**, Trunk or Treat