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## Minutes from PSG meeting – January 15, 2020 QSI International School of Chisinau

**Attendees:** John Odhage, Leanne Field, John Sax, Daniel Lee, Ellen DePies, Varvara Leventopoulou-Berdy, Brenda Geraghty, Holly Mohan, Marie McDowell, Madelene Eichhorn, Georg Eichhorn, Jon Routh, Sveta Loukina, Giulia Re, Mari Clemson-Hines, Ilhana Saovic

**Parent Support Needed** - Please email [PSG.chisinau@gmail.com](mailto:PSG.chisinau@gmail.com) for more info or to volunteer

- Immediate:
  - John Odhage is requesting a parent/s to take over his role as coordinator for the PSG hikes beginning with the April or May hike.
- On the horizon:
  - PSG will discuss hosting a disco/dance night for elementary students in February/March and will need parent support for planning and getting their kids excited to join!
  - The International Fair will take place in May (tentatively May 23), and its success depends on the support and involvement of numerous students and parents.

### Minutes:

John Odhage, newly elected PSG Chair for calendar year 2020, warmly welcomed attendees. All attendees gave introductions and welcomed new QSI parents to the meeting.

#### Parent Support Group (PSG) at QSI

Director Routh reviewed that QSI is a non-profit organization and QSI Chisinau reports to QSI HQ. All QSI schools have a PSG to support teachers and students. The purpose of **PSG Chisinau** is to build community, enhance communication between the school and parents, and facilitate parents' support of QSI community activities and funds as appropriate. PSG enables the school community to go above and beyond the academic-related budget line items. Examples include Fall Festival, International Fair, PSG Hikes, teacher appreciation activities, and fundraising for specific purchases to enhance the school (i.e., bench for lobby).

PSG will facilitate planning with students, parents and teachers for PSG events and fundraising activities for the remainder of 2020 and the 2020-21 school year.

#### Update from Jon Routh, director QSI:

The QSI Chisinau **Advisory Board** supports Jon and staff with school-related decisions and policies. Parents with questions or other issues related to the school and its policies should contact him or Mari Clemson-Hines (school counselor) directly, or contact an Advisory board member. **Reminder:** Coffee with the Director is the 1st Monday of the month, 8:30 am at QSI, open to all parents.

Mr. Routh reviewed recent and upcoming personnel changes:

- Mr. Ted Nykiel began as the 8 year old teacher after winter break. QSI Chisinau is Mr. Nykiel's second time teaching in a QSI school.

- Susan Kennedy will leave after this year.
- The Routh family will leave after this year; Glenn Chapman will be the QSI Director beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Chapman is coming from East Timor; he may visit QSI Chisinau in the spring – parents will be notified.

#### PSG Events:

Disco night – parents discussed what this event should be and agreed that it should be for elementary grades. PSG will discuss options and work with parents to plan an event for February or March. (Note: PSG is considering options for a separate event for middle and high school students)

Bingo night, February 14 – Student council will host bingo night and use funds raised

for the school play. There is a possibility for PSG to support the purchase of prizes, but PSG will wait to hear from student council.

Martișor, Celebration of Spring, March 2 – PSG will coordinate a small gift (pin or bookmark and flowers in years past) for each students and teachers

PSG Hikes, beginning for 2020 on March 14! – Parents discussed this as the great opportunity to get out into nature, get to know other QSI families, and experience traditional Moldovan food and culture.

John Odhage has been coordinating these hikes for the last year. He has asked for another parent to take on the coordination function beginning with the April hike. John will plan the March 14<sup>th</sup> hike. *Please contact PSG or John directly if you are interested in taking on this rewarding function!*

International Fair, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 23 – The International Fair is an event held at QSI schools worldwide to give students a chance to share and experience the diverse cultures at their school. Currently there are 19 countries represented in the school. Participating families/countries can set up a booth in the QSI gym to showcase food, dress, and other cultural aspects. Please check our [facebook page to see photos](#) of the International Fair from years past, and consider joining the planning committee and/or setting up a booth!

#### Other discussion:

International Museum - Poland is the only one that has created a square in the museum so far! Jon Routh requested that parents participate to share cultures, flags and other items to represent your countries; work with your embassy!

Parents' Night! - Parents discussed interest in an event for QSI parents to get together. PSG will look into the idea of a [Murder Mystery party](#) for parents, perhaps hosted at the school one evening in the spring. Please let us know if you'd be interested!

#### **Calendar January/February 2020 (PSG events bolded)**

- **January 24, Disco night** (postponed)
- January 28, Advisory board meeting
- February 3, Coffee with Director, 08.30 am
- **February 5, PSG Monthly Meeting, 12:30 pm**
- February 14, Bingo Night
- February 25, Advisory board meeting
- February 29, Teachers Professional Development day