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MINUTES for PSG meeting – February 5, 2020 QSI International School of Chisinau

Attendees: John Odhage, Leanne Field, Loredana Travascio, Carolina Hadji Michael, Brenda Geraghty, Mari Clemson-Hines, Marie McDowell, Elena Finley, Brenda Geraghty, Martin McDowell, Magdalena Adebayo, Ilhana Saovic

Parent Support Needed - Please email PSG.chisinau@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer

- Immediate:
 - o *Bingo Night Prizes!* Student Council is organizing BINGO Night on February 14th. It is an annual big event with prizes for the winners. We would appreciate your contribution to building the prizes baskets: small toys, chocolate, wine, etc. *Please drop off with Ms. Inga at reception by Thursday, February 13.*
 - o *Hike Coordinator:* John Odhage has been coordinating these hikes for the last year. He has asked for a parent to take on the coordination function beginning with the April hike. John will plan the March 14th hike. *Please contact PSG or John directly if you are interested in taking on this rewarding function!*
- On the horizon:
 - o The *International Fair* will take place on May 23, and its success depends on the support and involvement of numerous students and parents. We will need two to three parents to form the planning committee. **All parents can get involved in putting together the tables and activities to represent your home countries!**

Minutes:

John Odhage welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves and the meeting began.

Update from Jon Routh, director QSI:

- The school enrollment is at 105 students, which is the most in recent history.
- *Health Update:* It's cold and flu season! The school has been disinfecting classrooms and school surfaces and teachers are monitoring and encouraging hand washing multiple times throughout the day. Please talk with your kids about good practices like washing hands, sneezing or coughing into tissue or a sleeve, etc. While QSI has closed 6 schools in china and Vietnam due to the threat of coronavirus, there is *no imminent threat to Chisinau*. QSI HQ will give us guidance and QSI Chisinau will create a response plan if necessary.
- *Reminder:* Parent information night is February 11, 4-6 pm, open to all parents. Mr. Routh will share information about topics such as mastery learning, school curriculum, MSAs, college counseling and preparation, etc.
- *QSI Learning Support Coordinator visit:* The QSI regional learning support coordinator visited QSI Chisinau to offer support and resources for teachers, especially for those with students with special needs. While QSI Chisinau has limited resources due to its size, the coordinator called QSI Chisinau a model school and its teachers and faculty are working hard to give those students what they need to ensure they have the best possible experience.

- *Summer program*: There is no final decision on a QSI summer program.

PSG Events:

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. The group made several suggestions on the gifts and will price out some options. Magdalena and Brenda will take the lead, and will request parent support in passing out the gifts on March 2.

International Fair, 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. Parents discussed the following aspects of the International Fair – no decisions have been made, but the following can be considered in planning for 2020:

- Event logistics:
 - Date: parents noted several conflicting events in the month of May; due to scheduling, to include European Day on May 16, May 23rd is the best date for the event
 - Entrance: Buy tickets and then use tickets to buy food and things at the country tables
- Country Table Planning
 - Participating families/countries can set up a table in the QSI gym to showcase flags, traditional food, clothing, and other cultural aspects.
 - Parents should sign up and organize early to help in preparations, ordering traditional foods, etc.
 - Food and games or activities, tried to have little gifts at every table
 - Countries with only one or two families can pair up to create one table together
- Event activity ideas/options
 - *Passport stamps and scavenger hunt*– stamp and scavenger hunt item/question answer from every country table; consider lessons learned from past years
 - *Puzzle pieces at each station* - puzzle makes a picture of QSI with country info printed on the back?
- Other activities/items
 - Greek and Moldovan dancers in prior years
 - Parade with clothing showcase
 - Raffle to raise money for secondary student project
 - Sponsorship – should we pursue?

Please check our [Facebook page](#) or scroll below to see photos of the International Fair from years past, and consider joining the planning committee and/or setting up a booth!

Other items:

- PSG Budget update – there has been no change, roughly \$900
- The incoming QSI Chisinau director Glen Chapman will be in Moldova April 6-7; PSG will plan to host a meet and greet for parents; info TBD
- US Deputy Chief of Mission, Martin McDowell attended the meeting and thanked PSG and parents for their support of events and school activities. He highlighted that the US Embassy is planning for coronavirus and general illness prevention and encouraged the same of Chisinau schools.
- Networking and learning opportunities for PSG to consider: Can/should PSG reach out to and partner with Heritage? What can we learn from other international schools about activities they do for kids (all ages), especially with smaller schools?

QSI Chisinau International Fair, 2019





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