

## Minutes for PSG Parent Meeting – November 10, 2020 QSI International School of Chisinau

**Attendees:** Director Glenn Chapman, John Odhage, Leanne Field, Nigina Abaszada, Loredana Travascio, Kelsey Walters

### **Welcome note from PSG Committee**

PSG Chair John Odhage opened the meeting, welcoming all parents, committee members, and school representatives. John recapped the Halloween event and thanked Kelsey Walters for organizing it. About 30 kids participated and all enjoyed the activity and candy.

**Budget:** The Halloween event cost approximately 175 euros (3500 MDL); the current budget is now approximately 700 euros.

**PSG Committee Business:** All parents are welcome to join the PSG and stand for executive positions! This is an opportunity to support the school, participate in getting to know other parents, and engage in activities to support community engagement. Our current committee is 10 parents representing the different grades and cultures within QSI.

**Treasurer is open effective immediately!** Please contact PSG to let us know if you are interested in serving as interim Treasurer (until April 2021) or for a full term!

Elections for executive committee positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer) are generally held within the PSG committee at the end of November. However, due to challenges to PSG participation and involvement this year, executive appointments will be made in March with transition in April. Both Leanne and John will leave Moldova this summer, so please consider filling their seats!

Executive committee and PSG committee descriptions can be seen [here](#). Please contact [PSG.chisinau@gmail.com](mailto:PSG.chisinau@gmail.com) to join the committee or if you are interested in holding an executive committee position!

### **Director's Update from Glenn Chapman:**

**Reminder! November 25<sup>th</sup> is now a school day!** This makes up for the delayed start of the school year.

Secondary students began coming every day starting this week, which has been a positive change for the students.

The school held a virtual SO assembly last Friday, which was a good opportunity for the whole school to get together.

Spirit days each week – November 13: Funny Hair Day; November 20: Pajama Day; November 27: Dress Alike Day

### **COVID updates:**

- There have been several cases of COVID in the school community; however, it has not spread within the school community and QSI is able to identify contacts effectively to ensure quarantine is followed. Mr. Chapman indicates the community seems to be approaching COVID with less alarm, but the same amount of caution.

- Ventilation system has been installed in elementary classrooms and will be completed in the secondary classrooms before the heaters are turned on; the system fully exchanges the air in a classroom within 15 minutes.

### **PSG Activities**

The PSG cash account contains about 700 euros, which can cover a winter activity packet and at least one more activity. However, the traditional PSG funding streams are not available during COVID (International Fair and the Fall Festival). For PSG to be able to continue to operate and provide activities for the students and community, we will need to rely on other funding opportunities:

- Future Fun Funds box! Parents are asked to send small amounts with their students to drop in the box at the front desk.
- Online silent auction idea, which may be combined with the International Fair theme

Participants suggested several ideas for PSG activities as both fundraisers and funded by the PSG for the winter. **Please continue to submit your ideas!**

- Monthly causes to support: food drive, coat drive, diaper drive
  - This ties in to the “Concern for others” success orientation
- Bonfire hot chocolate event
- Zoom Christmas carol activity
- Trivia night with prizes
- Rube Goldberg activity – possible activity for Christmas break

PSG and QSI will pursue the opportunity for students to create cards and drawings encouraging local hospital staff.

PSG would like to offer its support and encouragement to students, staff and QSI families impacted by COVID. Please let us know how we can help! If you would like to keep your identity confidential, please reach out to Director Chapman and he will work through us to help the community support you while maintaining your privacy.