

Minutes for PSG Parent Meeting – September 16, 2020 QSI International School of Chisinau

Attendees: This was a virtual event. There were 23 attendees, to include Director Glenn Chapman, PSG Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, and parents.

Welcome note from PSG Committee

PSG Chair John Odaghe opened the meeting, welcoming all parents, committee members, and school representatives. John introduced the PSG committee members - Carolina Hadji Michael; Varvara Leventopoulou-Berdy, John Odhage, Ecaterina Papanaga, John Sax, Ana Sitnic, Brenda Geraghty. He also thanked long-standing member Loredana Traviscio, who recently stepped down.

John reviewed the **PSG purpose:** Fundraising for teacher and school support, helping to communicate between parents and school, and organizing social events within the QSI community.

The last PSG Parent meeting was March 4, 2020, just before school closed due to COVID-19. While there have not been formal meetings, there have been PSG activities:

May 2020 Teacher Appreciation: PSG and parents raised over 18,000 lei for teacher appreciation! All QSI Chisinau teachers in country (to include Ms. Inga and Ms. Marina) received gift baskets arranged by Rozmarin. Teachers who had departed for America received Amazon gift cards. We also used the funds to commission a painting of QSI Chisinau by local artist Vadim Herneac as a departing gift to Director Jon Routh and his family. Check it out! →



Thank you to all who contributed! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Additional funds will support future PSG activities.

August 2020 Parent Feedback: PSG supported efforts to collect parent feedback and host listening sessions with Director Chapman in preparation for the opening of the 2020-21 school year with COVID considerations. We appreciate the participation of parents and school administration in that process. Please see the [PSG webpage](#) for documents related to those discussions, as well as QSI Chisinau's COVID planning documents.

Director's Update from Glenn Chapman:

Mr. Chapman expressed appreciation to PSG and parents for being involved in the school. He shared that school is going well, the hallways are full of sound again, and classes are in session. It looks different because of physical distancing and safety precautions, but everyone has been doing well with wearing masks, parents have been really good about notifying the school of absences, and virtual students are still participating and connecting with their teachers and classmates.

Potential Covid-safe PSG Activities: PSG and the QSI community traditionally host activities throughout the year, to include the Parent Wine and Cheese Night, Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat, Student Sock Hops, and the International Fair. PSG also organized monthly hikes throughout Moldova. Due to COVID restrictions, these events cannot be held in their traditional form. Director Chapman and PSG asked parents for suggestions for other options. The following ideas were raised for consideration. **Please continue to submit your ideas!**

- Fall Activities:
 - Modified trunk or treat
 - drive through school parking lot and have designated candy distributors (with precautions); decorate lot as haunted house or fall hayride
 - Candy hand out at homes – families drive to various QSI family houses throughout Chisinau to trick or treat (with precautions; families would sign up their houses in advance)
 - Student Halloween costume parade outside during the school day (following distancing requirements)
 - Send photos of a favorite toy dressed up in Halloween costumes
 - Hide sweets and glowing items around the school campus for scavenger hunt – controlled by grade or other physical distancing requirements
 - Send home themed art projects to be done by students and home and brought to school to decorate their classrooms; send classroom photos home in newsletter or create decoration competition between classes
 - Low-touch games for prizes (darts with balloons, ping pong ball toss, etc.)
- Drive-in movie night – check with existing drive in cinemas in Chisinau to request custom movie showing for QSI (Kelsey Walters, POC)
- Virtual talent show – juggling, dogs doing tricks, playing instruments, etc.
- Family scavenger hunt challenge – weekend activity for families in Chisinau; families submit photos and finds and win prizes
- Holiday ornament decorations – send home ornament kits for sale for students to complete and send back to decorate QSI trees and hallways.
- Angel tree –QSI community fundraising and charity support

PSG Committee Business: We encourage parents to participate in the committee – all parents are welcome to join. This is an opportunity to support the school, participate in getting to know other parents, and engage in activities to support community engagement.

Elections for executive committee positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer) are held within the PSG committee at the end of November. The executive committee serves for one year, from January 1 through December 31.

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

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