

**PTSA**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2016**

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**Attendance:**

Administration: Craig Coutts

PTSA Executive team: Debra Bajaj , Midori Murakoshi-Singer, Kris Wright, Kath Davies, Kiran Mocherla, Veronica Johansson

PTSA committee: Lore Merlo, Michiko Shu, Maria Brackin, Karina Jack, Sina Krickmann, Raju Mankani, Annette Hoffmann

Parents: 10

**Welcome by Debra (meeting started 8,40)**

**Motion for approval of the minutes from September 13, 2016 by Kris, Veronica seconded. All voted in favour.**

**Student council**

The Student council PTSA liaison, Kai Clark, thanked PTSA for all the help they got during their big Natsu Matsuri event they organized for the school. The event was a big success.

**Administration's Report**

Craig:

The barbecue event was excellent. Positive that it was just for adults so more of the staff could join and enjoy the evening. The school band was a great success.

Craig mentioned that Food fair is growing and he took the possibility to say thanks to everybody who is helping and volunteering their time and effort.

In May there will be a double accreditation for the school as both CIS and NEIS are coming. They are sharing protocol but are looking at the IB and the school from different angles. They will be going through and reviewing previous report and looking at the recommendations made to see what has been done. Parents may be asked to take a part here.

There is just one second language taught in Middle school and as it is a request by many who are taking non-Japanese languages to have Japanese class. School is trying to put up a class after school with "social, communication" Japanese.

Craig also mentioned that there is a lot of parents that comes to the sport events to cheer the students on and that is greatly appreciated.

This year the school is hosting ASIA in tennis and also lots of students from our school has gone to Korea as the ASIA tournament in Volleyball is played there.

### **PTSA Executive Team Report - Debra**

Thanking for this great feeling that goes around the school with so many involved in different events. Also thanks to the event team for the Grill and chill barbecue. It was surrounded by a very positive energy

Food fair is a major fundraiser for the school. It allows PTSA to support teachers that gives opportunity for our children to take part in different clubs and events that enriches their school life. Teachers' deadline for proposals is October 28 and the PTSA Meeting to approve grants will be held November 22. At this everybody can vote for the proposals they find interesting. You can vote in that meeting or as a proxy vote that will take place the days before the meeting. Don't miss your chance to speak!

Midori and her team is working hard to get the information out. Please check website, Calendar, PTS news, facebook and the Food Fair slideshow that goes on at the big screen in the school entrance.

### **#Vote# Gas Burners for Food Fair**

As this is an investment over the 100,000 yen that Executive team can decide over by itself we need to do a vote. Some of our gas burners is broken and we need to get new ones. We need 15 pieces at a cost of 10,000 Yen a piece, which gives total amount of 150,000 yen.

Debra made a motion and Kath second that motion.

20 votes Yes

Non voted against

### **Treasurer's Report - Kris**

We are in good shape. We had a small revenue from the barbecue night and we have some expenses from food fair. Closing balance is Yen 5.567101

### **Reports from Coordinators:**

#### **Events - Maria Brackin**

The barbecue night was a great success. Over 110 people came and had a great Time. Thanks to everybody that helped and thanks to JP and the school band.

Next event will come next year and that is the Bingo/Quiz night.

### **Parent Activities Report - Lore Merlo**

We have a lot of new and exciting parent activities and we encourage you all to come and enjoy them. You will find them in the calendar and in the news feed. If you have a skill and want to share it with others, you are more than welcome to get in touch with the PA team.

Lots of things are going on here so please go and check calendars, websites and facebook page on a regular basis as meeting points or locations for activities may change and new activities may come.

### **Food Fair - Kath Davies**

Lots of things are going on;

Drop of Raffel tickets: October 14 and 21, November 4

Tombola: October 14 and 21

White Elephant: October 17 and 21

Carnival tickets presale (Jennifer) 12 tickets Yen 1000

Presale India: October 21

Presale Japan: October 14

Presale Korea: October 14

You can order for the presale on facebook page. Place order the day before  
and  
pick up on the playground

Used book donation: October 31 and November 4

Sign up for YIS Idol with Mr Noonan and Mr Johnston

Next Food Fair meeting october 21, 8.30 in the cafeteria

**Meeting ended at 9,20 am**

**Today's meeting was followed by a presentation about Veracross for parents.**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 22, 2016, 8:45 at the Loft. This is a grants approval meeting with voting on how to divide the money from Food Fair.**

