

PSC meeting October 28, 2019

Approximately 40 people attended

Air quality Update (Achim)

- Two Roundtables already carried out: AQI Policy, Community Outreach
- Two more Roundtables coming up: Remote Learning, AQI Communication. Date to be announced shortly
- Parent Workshop to build simple PM/CO2 sensors. Anybody interested to join please contact Achim asap.
- Visited Bangkok Schools and met PSC counterparts. Learned how these schools handle parents issues in general and air quality in particular
- Science department currently analyzing sensor network pilot
- A. Emma currently updating AQI policy

Junior School Update (Justin)

- The next chapter of the PYP has now been launched by the IB and so a significant focus area is to implement in accordance with the new published set of standards and practices.
 - Pedagogical focus areas:
 - Student agency (voice, choice and ownership in the learning process)
 - Differentiation and inclusion - EAL focus to begin with
 - Increase in EAL staffing by 0.5 staff member
 - IB Approaches to Learning i.e. research skills, communication skills, self-management skills, critical thinking skills
 - Exploring authentic contexts: Student learning that is relevant, purposeful and challenging
- Two new collaboration models introduced
 - 1. Student support carousel
 - 2. Transdisciplinary carousel
 - A sub goal here is to strengthen pedagogical connections between JS and Traidhos, the Creativity director, the It Director
- Implementing Reggio-inspired curriculum in the Early Years
 - Pedagogical documentation
 - Personalizing learning, differentiation, assessment
 - Reflecting and improving teaching practices
- Outdoor learning program forest school for EY2 and EY3 launched
- Artist in Residency - visiting artists mapped so all students in Junior School (EY1 to Grade 5) participate this year
- Music program has been expanded to encompass EY1 and EY2
- Seesaw - focus on making student learning visible
- Middle School Science lab renovated and JS starting to connect to this space
- A principle driver in the JS this year is well-being across the Junior school (for students, parents and educators) and to foster a climate of respect.
 - Focus on caring (for self, others, environment and learning)

- Emotion coaching training
- Non-tolerance for violence or disrespectful behavior
- New Grade 4 classroom and been added and new teacher hired - Alison Thompson
- JS Student Council expanded to offer class representation from EY 3 to Grade 5.
 - Trying to increase their agency and decision making power
- New JS house event was launched - JS InterHouse Swim Meet for G2-5, Sept. 20 2019
- Premathalon coming up soon: November 15, 3-5 pm

Next steps:

- Pedagogy: Formative assessment and feedback
- Curriculum review for 20/21: Math, Science, IT
- Behaviour policy
 - Develop a set of guidelines for effectively supporting students' social and emotional well-being
- Technology
 - Robotics and coding trial with respect to curricular implementation for 19/20
- Workshops for parents are being developed to increase understanding of how our programme works and why. In 19/20 we will offer one workshop/month:
 - Coming soon:
 - EAL and Mother Tongue November 20th
 - PYP Workshop Learner Profile and ATLs Wed. Dec. 4 830-930 ■ Please let Justin know what workshops would you be interested in for 19/20.

Senior School Update (Jeff)

- Term 1 sports/activity successes
- PTS Conferences
 - There were more G6 &G7 parents participating. Some parents could not participate due to limited time slots available. We will review this and try to make a change.
 - If there is any feedback about SS parent conference, pls send to A. Jeff.
- Term 2 update: SS steam week moved to Feb. 3-7 w/ ARTWORKS
- SS Camp week
 - G11 and G12 will be on campus and kick off their IB year, focus on lots of core aspects, work with their tutors.
 - For G6-G10, each grade will go to a different place

Whole school update (Rachel)

- Welcome Back to Term 2
- Integration with Traidhos on MYP, CP and DP programs.
- School goals
 - Wellbeing
 - School PD with Dr Amy Franklin and Amandine- importance of Social and Emotional Learning to Academic Success.
 - Wellbeing Retreat

- Staff Wellbeing options for PD
- Your children will have excellent people to turn to and excellent system to support them.
- Joyful and Effective Learning
 - I am happy that there are so many examples of experiential learning
 - Farm, Forest School, Educational Trips
 - Lots of collaboration with Traidhos
- Increased enrolment
 - More dynamic website
 - Open Day Friday 24th January
 - Attending more Education Fairs.
 - Bhutan, Hyderabad, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Moscow
 - Bangkok, Chiang Mai
 - 2 Marketing Interns
- Health and Safety
 - Medical Centre Inspection
 - Glass doors on lower level made safer
 - Procedures on Safeguarding drafted
 - Updated Safety Manual
- The school wants to add/enhance the following positions:
 - Head of House System/Male Boarding Lead (40%)
 - Teaching and Learning Lead (40%)
 - It's nice to have someone to have overall picture from g1 to G12
 - Middle School Lead (40%)
 - Whole School Service Learning Facilitator (40%)
 - Strong links with local community, something each child experience each year
 - Whole School Technology Facilitator (40%)
 - One to be combined with Assistant Head of School focus on smoking season issues next year
- International day
 - Teacher representative in charge: Raji Pillai rajip@ptis.ac.th
- This year Curriculum review:
 - Math, Science and Technology
 - Each year we have different subject to review.
 - It's IB policy to review curriculum every 5 years.
 - Involve parents: We will start this team and talk with the principals to see how we are going to involve parents.

Parent question: the homework is slowly marked.

Rachel: First, please address it with the teacher, then curriculum leader.

My expectation is marking the homework should be done in a timely manner. Day to day homework in approx. 2 days.

Parent question: How to get notification of my child's assessment on managebac?

Answer: Ask the teacher to click the button, the parent will receive notification of each assessment. Pls be aware that there will be lots of notifications.

Positive psychology (Amendine / Peter)

Please refer to the attachment.

Traidhos Events (Lynda)

This term, Taidhos will provide some interesting events and workshops, special offer for PREM community. You are encouraged to join them, to know more people, to enjoy the farm.

Please refer to the attachment for details.