

KINABALU INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PTA

PTA FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2010

8.00am

KIS LIBRARY

Present: Cathy Macqueen (CM), Adeline Benjamin (AB), Jo Thompson (JT), Catherine Bizot (CB), Mary Chong (MC), Sandy Cornell (SC), Mona Wright (MR), Sharon Speed (SS), Sarah Le Breton (SL), Sam Dewar (SD), Dorethea Justin (DJ), Mimi Hou (MH), Lucy Vassuer (LV), Lindsay Marshall (LM)

Apologies: Soazig Lereculey (SL), Sheila Davies (SD), Bev Hulme (BH), Laynnee Dobson (LD)

Meeting starts: 8.15am

Meeting concludes: 10.00am

1803/01 Update on recent PTA Events & Purchases

Sunset Drinks @ Le Meridien on Friday 5th February – it was a great evening for teachers, staff and parents to gather in an informal setting.

Mufti Day – Friday 12th February a well supported day with good local food choices and lion dance for entertainment.

Family Denim & Bling Disco on Friday, 5th March – primary & secondary event – well attended with over 180 Tickets sold. BBQ Burgers & Hot Dog, salad, drinks, ice creams – all sold well - profit on night over RM2,000.

2 x Computer Chairs for teacher's staff room purchased total cost RM340.

Lunch box survey to be completed – On-line catering services survey available for parents to do deadline March 15th.

Scholastic Book Club Catalogue released for the first time this week for a Mid Term Special. All students received catalogue with introduction & ordering details. This will expand with demand. Catherine Bizot is leading this project.

PTA Donation of new Playground Equipment is on order. We thank the BOM for their invested interest in the safety concrete and matting of this area – as the cost has increased from initial quote.

New Committee Members:

Bev Hulme - Treasurer is leaving KK we wish her and family all the best on their relocation to Prague.

Lindsay McDowell co-opted by committee as the new Treasurer.

Adeline Benjamin – Vice Chair has resigned due to home commitments.

Sarah Le Breton co-opted onto the committee.

Both positions will start as of today 18th March, 2010.

1803/02 Treasurer Report: Balance RM26,234.79 as @ 18/03/2010

Class Rep: We thank Lynne Ong for accepting positions of Class Rep for years 2 & 6.

Teacher Rep: Secondary students have raised monies to be donated to Haiti Emergency Relief fund.

Primary student council initiative selling Healthy Snacks will be introduced for morning break, starting Friday 26th March. We thank Mrs Storer for leading this project.

BOM: Would like to thank Harvey & Jo Thompson for making the Le Meridien sunset drinks a possible event. Also to Bev Hulme & Adeline Benjamin for their dedication and commitment to the PTA and wish them both all the best. SC will take messages back to the board regarding safety and speed issues at front of the school. LV requested that BOM consider the height of any

planting within the playground area. If planting is too high then it could potentially reduce the visibility of students seeing when their transport has arrived (especially important on wet pick up days).

School Uniform: The current F1 uniform stock is running low. Agreed good opportunity to review and possibly change shirt to a more practical design.

Current proposal is to change to polo shirt like the rest of Primary, but in a blue colour rather than red. Teacher Rep's will take proposal to next staff meeting. Sheila George will get quotes and sample from supplier. SC to take proposal to BOM meeting 22/04/2010.

New Playground layout: CM showed diagram indicating position of new covered walkway in the new updated playground area.

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 23rd March, 2010 8am Dim Sum Breakfast All Welcome – meet at school PTA Notice Board.
- Wednesday 31st March, 2010 8am Children Easter Bonnet Parade – All welcome for coffee & Tea in School Hall.
- Thursday 29th April, 2010 from 8am Informal learn new craft coffee morning with Soazig venue close to school – Mary Chong's House. Details will be on notice board.

Forum Discussion Topics – led by Mr McLay:

Summary of discussion, report from Mr McLay:

- **Student Numbers:** KIS now has 241 students on roll - the highest number in the history of the school.
- **CIS:** The school continues to work on the extensive self-study report that will be forwarded to the Accreditation Team before their visit in March 2011. All Committees have met at least once, with staff, parents, students and Board members all being represented in many of the groups.
- **Library Development Plan:** The school is well on the way to meeting the initial targets of the library development plan shared with the PTA Forum in November 2009. A library stock audit has taken place, new stock has been ordered and received based on student recommendations and a new library skills programme has been established in the Primary School to complement the existing Secondary Programme
- **First Steps @ KIS:** The new playgroup for children aged 18 months and above is due to formally open on Tuesday 23rd March between 8am and 10am led by Cathy Macqueen and Vicky Lowther in a new room, with a new programme supported by new resources and materials. First Steps @ KIS will run twice weekly, each Tuesday and Thursday, through to the end of the academic year.
- **U13 FOBISSEA Games in Vietnam:** The Games proved to one of the most successful-ever in terms of success on the sporting field with KIS students and staff also enjoying the experience of visiting a very different city in the region.
- **Primary FOBISSEA Games hosted by KIS in May 2010:** Preparations are continuing for the historic Games in Kota Kinabalu with the school receiving some impressive support from the community as it readies itself for this very important event which will see five other FOBISSEA Schools join the biggest ever KIS participating team for three days of friendly, but no doubt intense competition! There will be a partial closure of the school during the three days of competition to allow KIS students, staff and parents to support the organisation of the Games. (Initial details were included in the school newsletter dated 19.03.10)

- **Dates for Your Diary!**
- March 19: KIS Annual Swimming Gala
- March 29-31: Primary Parent Meetings
- March 29: Secondary Grade Cards Issued
- March 31: Easter Bonnet Competition

End of Term Break: School closes for our end of term break at 12 noon on Thursday, 1st April and re-opens for the beginning of **Term 3 on Tuesday, 20th April, 2010.**

AOB: The PTA has now changed bank accounts from Standard Chartered to Maybank as agreed. There are 2 accounts PTA General – current account and KIS PTA Uniform – current account. Both require 2 signatories. Details will be attached to original minutes in the secretary folder.

Date for next Forum Meeting: Thursday 13th May, 2010 - 8am-9.30am