

KINABALU INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PTA

PTA FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2010

8.00am

KIS LIBRARY

Present: Cathy Macqueen (CM), Adeline Benjamin (AB), Bev Hume (BH), Jo Thompson (JT), Catherine Bizot (CB), Mary Chong (MC), Sandy Cornell (SC), Mona Wright (MR), Ying Koh (YK), Lynne Ong (LO), Sharon Speed (SS), Sarah Le Breton (SL) Shelia George (SG), Kathy Oakley (KO), Sam Dewar (SD), Juliana Prior (JP), Karen Ling (KL), Anna Wong (AW), Yvonne Chong (YC)
Angela

Apologies: Soazig Lereculey, Dorothea Justin, Marie Osman

Meeting starts: 8.10am

Meeting concludes: 10.00am

2801/01 Update on recent PTA Events & Purchases

Christmas Event was a great success with over 350 KIS family and friends supporting this fun family evening with a record profit of over RM7,000.00 Christmas cards sold well (profit RM460). There are just 19 packs leftover which can be sold anytime.

Friday 15th January, a welcome morning tea was well attended at Sandy Cornell's home, invites were personally sent out to all new parents, a successful morning.

Stage Curtains: Completed and installed and look great – adds value to the stage and hall.

PTA: Will add value to Teacher's Staff room and work stations, by purchasing 2xComputer Chairs and 2xWork Chairs.

BH

Ice Cream Sales: continue to be a great success with Soazig doing a great job of selling twice a month, on Fridays.

FOBISSEA Kit: The school is changing the procedure for FOBISSEA Kit funding, and request that the PTA donate the full amount budgeted this year to help this process. Agreed to donate RM2500 for both the Primary and U13 teams and a further RM1500 which was balance from the U15 kit last term. Total donation therefore RM6500.

2801/02 Upcoming Events:

Friday 5th February 6pm-8pm Sunset Evening Drinks: Parents, Teachers and staff – all welcome at the Le Meridien Hotel, 2nd Floor, Sunset Poolside Bar, all drinks at happy hour prices.

JT

Friday 12th February Mufti lunch & Chinese New Year Lion Dance
Local style lunch to be provided – volunteers all welcome to serve children at lunchtime. MC to be co-ordinator for catering and helpers. CNY dance troupes same as last year, will entertain the children with up to 18 lion dancers. The Deaf School will join us and enjoy the celebrations too.

MC

Saturday 6th March, 5pm onwards proposed KIS Family gathering at First Beach Café'. First Beach, Tanjung Aru. A relaxed drinks, pizza, and play cricket on the beach. Pricing and reservation details to be confirmed.

CB

Saturday 26th June, Family Event – possibly beach fun day. To be confirmed.

CB

Planning: Other Initiatives:

Lunch Box ideas leaflet – an international perspective.

CM to assess practicalities of producing a lunch box “ideas leaflet”.

CM/DM
MR/RK

Scholastic Book Club: a great idea for the students to select from a range of books on an order form. Direct benefits will come back to the school from orders taken once a term. CB to be co-ordinator of this project.

CB

Feedback:

Teacher Reps:

Request by Mr Williamson that the PTA consider being involved in International activities day (July 7th). Agreed to discuss details further with him.

Treasurer: Balance @ 27/01/10 – RM21,744.24

There is still outstanding balance of RM1200 from Book Week. Once additional list of suitable books has been compiled this will be spent on new books for the school library.

BH

BOM: SC Thanked all members of the PTA for another successful Christmas Event and for the purchase of the new stage curtains. SC informed PTA that the BOM hope to install a new playground surface during the Easter break (April), though exact timing depends on the supplier. Once installed no traffic (except emergency vehicles and deliveries) will be allowed to drive on it. This will have a knock-on effect to Friday and wet day end of school pick-ups. The BOM are aware of this and will work towards solutions, including installing a covered walkway from the school gate to the school. A question was raised from the floor about the BOM/KIS response to problem of mosquitoes, especially at the back of Primary. The BOM are actively looking into ways to reduce mosquitoes, including the frequency of fogging.

Class Rep: AB confirmed Abier Hassan year 3 Class Rep will stand down from this position; and we thank Mona Wright for accepting to be the year 3 Class Rep.

MW

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Grassy Play Area Wish List:

CM presented feedback fro the Primary department as to items they would like to see in the grassy play area in front of the music room. This included a planting /quiet area, more swings, bigger slide and a see saw. CM showed examples and pricing of large scale play equipment suitable for KS2. It was agreed a small team would work with a budget of RM20,000 to purchase equipment for this area. KIS parents, staff, students and BOM will be informed of the final proposals, and time will be allowed for consultation prior to installation. This project should be completed before the end of this academic year.

CM/JT

Forum Discussion Topics – led by Mr McLay:

Update on CIS process, including the school's new mission statement:

Summary of discussion, report from Mr McLay:

- KIS has now started on its journey towards full accreditation with the Council of International Schools, one of the world’s foremost accrediting bodies for global education. We join around 140 schools around the world that are presently seeking accreditation and we are hoping to join the 280 schools worldwide that already have accredited status.
- The school is to be evaluated in terms of:
 - a) Its own philosophy and objectives
 - b) The CIS Standards for Accreditation

- **Timeline:**

September 2009: CIS Preliminary Visit

October 2009: Preliminary Report

November 2009: Endicott Survey / Self Study Begins

January 2010: Revised Mission Statement produced by the Philosophy and Objectives Committee

December 2010: Repeat of Endicott Survey

January 2011: Self Study Report submitted to CIS

March 2011: CIS Team Visit to KIS

- The Self Study is the most important stage – a rigorous self-appraisal lasting up to 18 months focusing on: (A) **Philosophy and Objectives**, (B) **Curriculum**, (C) **Governance and Management**, (D) **Staff**, (E) **Student Support Services**, (F) **Resources** and (G) **Student and Community Life**.
- Revised Mission Statement will feed into all other areas of school life:

At Kinabalu International School we are dedicated to providing an excellent education in a caring, respectful environment, challenging students to achieve their full potential as successful world citizens.

- The accreditation process is proving to a catalyst/vehicle for change at KIS. Important to remember;

“More a process of school improvement.....than a process of school approval.”

Thank you from the PTA Committee for attending the Forum Meeting – your presence and feedback is welcomed and appreciated.

Date for next forum meeting Thursday, 18th March, 2010 8am-9.30am