

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

## Summary for School Council meeting in September 2024.

On September 23rd, 2024, a regular School Council meeting took place.

Ingrida Kirse (IK) started the meeting by welcoming all members, confirming quorum, and presenting the agenda. The minutes from the August 6, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Amanda Romey (AR), Director followed with the Director's report, providing updates on the start of the school year. AR highlighted positive feedback from MYP training and a smooth integration of new staff and students. Recent community events such as the back-to-school barbecue, curriculum days, football tournament, and inaugural block party were praised for fostering engagement among students, parents, and staff. AR also shared staffing updates, noting the hiring of a Grade 5 teacher, a full-time EDP teacher, and maternity leave cover.

The admissions update highlighted current enrollment at 307 students, slightly below the target, with a retention rate of 73%. AR also noted continued interest in the school with applications under review. Planned marketing initiatives include enhanced social media content, website maintenance, and yearbook coordination to boost visibility and engagement.

Kristine Daktere, Operations Director (KD) presented updates from the Facilities Committee, focusing on key maintenance issues at the primary school campus, including the parking lot, roof, chimneys, and basement hydro insulation. KD shared that cosmetic repairs at K118 have been completed and the ones to be planned within this SY. Plans to fence the perimeter of the primary school territory for added security were discussed, with legal challenges regarding land partition noted.

The Finance Committee reported a financial surplus of  $\le$ 665,813 for the previous school year, Total income for the year amounted to  $\le$  5.54 million, with total expenses at  $\le$  4.88 million. The financial statements are signed by the Board, and the newly implemented ISR's Finance and Accounting policy was shared. The meeting concluded with updates on operational efficiency, financial management, and strategic planning.

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Thank you!