



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

Summary for School Council meetings in June 2023

On Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 a regular School Council meeting took place. The meeting started with Madara Pole (MP) presenting an Admissions and Marketing update. The current Admissions level stands at a steady count of 294 students. MP adds that two Grade 10 sections have been formed, comprising 15 students in total. MP notes that an admissions level of 280 is reachable by August 2023. Lastly, MP reports a positive reception to our outreach efforts, with a total of 21 campus tours conducted and a successful Open House event.

Concerning the ongoing marketing activities, MP reports that a discussion was convened with the external agency to thoroughly review the marketing strategy. An updated version of the strategy was received this week, which now includes three revised sections.

Amanda Romey (AR) proceeds with reporting on CIS pre-evaluation feedback. The overarching theme of our institution centers on:

- The essence of community and family represents the closeness that characterizes our educational setting.
- Students' profound admiration and respect for teachers, acknowledging their influence and contributions.
- The Latvian heart: local is global, symbolizing our unique blend of local heritage and global outlook.
- The council is not only highly professional but also maintains a sharp focus on governance, ensuring organizational effectiveness.
- Grit characterizes us as we navigate challenges like building developments, financial concerns, COVID-19, and leadership changes. Our focus is to live in the present and excel now, as it ties back to our school's unique identity. We're aware of our special qualities and will not allow distractions like infrastructure issues to hinder our progress.
- The institution is recommended to decide on consolidating operations to a single campus or continuing with a multi-campus arrangement.

Next steps regarding CIS: In August 2023 there are the following focus areas – curriculum alignment and appraisal process. In November 2024 CIS will review the progress of the areas chosen by ISR.

Afterward, Kristine Daktere (KD) reports on updates within the Financial Committee as well as other updates from the Operation Manager. KD informs that she is working on revising the Finance model and will send it out by the end of June 9, 2023, for it to be discussed in the Strategy workshop.

Vadim Grigorenko (VG) continues with updates from the Facilities Committee and Sporta 2 project. The Facilities Committee will meet within the next 2 weeks to decide on a further approach.

IK notes that there are meetings scheduled with the Minister of Education and the Mayor of Riga to discuss any potential facilities for the school at the nearest time. KD informs that she contacted the owner of V9 regarding the prolongation of the V9 rent contract.

Ingrida Kirse (IK) informs of updates within the Governance Committee. SC vacancies are one of the topics to be prepared for the General Meeting in September 2023. IK and VG have prepared a



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description for the SC candidate profile as well as a matrix for inputting the data for the next SC candidate elections.

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Thank you!