



# PTF Breakfast Meeting

## February 12, 2019

35 people in attendance

**Welcome! Thank you** to our families from Greece for wonderful breakfast!

**AIS School Nurse.** First the trend of flu cases in Vienna this year was presented, that shows an increase over the month of January into February. She presented the numbers of students that most recently had to be sent home or were kept home because of colds or flu. She wanted to reassure the parents that although the numbers were certainly increased, they were not a cause for closing down the school or other drastic measures. However, it is important to keep students (and teachers) at home if they have a temperature of 37.8 or above. And to stay at home until fever free (without the aid of medication) for at least 24 full hours. She then described the difference between Flu and cold: The flu will come on over night or very quickly, while a cold will gradually get worse over the course of a few days. The flu will almost always mean a fever, while with a cold there may be no fever. It will be hard to function and preform everyday tasks while sick with the flu but it is still possible to “push through” the day with a cold. Flu Prevention: It is not too late to get the flu shot. This year’s flu shot is protecting well against the virus. Make sure to wash your hands often and drink lots of fluids.

Next, Renee presented information about the Tick vaccine: It is a 3-part vaccine against Tick encephalitis. (A risk in Austria, Germany and lower Czech.) It is a series of shots that includes boosters. The last day to sign up for the vaccine at the school is tomorrow. The cost is cheaper through the school than at the pharmacy. Anyone in the AIS community can get their shot through the school.

**Bingo.** Cathy presented the update on Bingo event held this past weekend. She offered a big thank you to all the volunteers from PTF board members, parents, High school students, scouts and teachers. 172 people registered. 1400 euros was collected through pre-registration and we are still waiting to see how much was brought in through beverage sales, and door tickets. The Junior Class raised over 300 euros through their bake sale as part of their Prom Fundraising.

**Budget Approval.** The budget was approved, meaning that the elementary school expansion project will take place. More detailed architectural drawings will soon be available to give an idea of what the finished project will look like. There will be a new rectangular floor added to the top of the building. This will be for new 5th grade class rooms. This will free up the current 5th grade class room area to be used for a new elementary library. The next step will then be to establish the best location for a science lab. Over time the doors in throughout the school will be replaced with doors with windows.

**By Law Changes.** Proposed by-law changes did not receive the 75% majority that it needed to pass.

**IFF.** 4th May. Will be the closing event to the 60th anniversary celebrations of the school. So far plans include: Country baskets, silent auction, baskets from all classes and grades. These new baskets – the Basket Challenge – are suggested to have a theme – theme suggestions were sent to all challengers. Although everyone is encouraged to be creative and come up with a new theme if desired. The suggestions are simply a starting point. All Country tables will be given 400 euros to cover the costs of their food items.

Member asked about contacting families of their country – given the privacy issues of personal data. Cathy offered to check with Administration to see how we can do this. It may be possible for the school to send the information.

**60th Anniversary.** Steve R was present to provide information about the activities in plans for the Anniversary. There will be many activities that will continue through the fall of next year. For example: There will be a student assembly with Austrian officials present to accept a thank you gift of some kind from the school for allowing the school to continue operating. A field photo with the whole student body. Cocktail evening at the US ambassador residence. Alumni reunion events. To name a few.

**Ukrainian cultural festival.** April 23rd, Celebrating Ukrainian cultural diplomacy with the highlight being a concert from Ukrainian musicians performing all over the world. There will be 60 reduced priced tickets.

**Out and About.** March 5th. This is a new location for Out and About. A tour of Augarten porcelain manufacturer. Sign up will be this week in Scoops

**Teacher Appreciation.** March 27th. Parents will bring in food for a lunch for the teachers and staff. Please remember to make enough to last throughout the whole lunch time as some teachers do not get a chance to eat lunch till a little later.

**Next PTF Breakfast. March 12th**

**Open the floor for questions:**

What will be the process for PTF Board Elections for next year? Elections for PTF Board positions will come in May. Soon, the PTF Board will be announcing open positions for next year in Scoops and asking for those interested to come forward. Voting will happen if there are more than one candidate for the same position. Electronic voting may be possible. If you are interested in a board position, then please contact Cathy or any other Board member to ask any questions.