



# PTF Breakfast Meeting

## January 22, 2019

**Hosts.** Thank you to our families from Canada for hosting such a delicious breakfast. Very interesting information presented about famous Canadians, and yummy descriptions of the food provided. Next month we will enjoy treats from Greece.

**Brian Donaldson, ES Principal.** Mr D presented information about the proposed Elementary School Expansion that is included in the current school budget being voted on soon. There will be a new floor added on top of the current Third Grade. There will be AC, an elevator and new furniture. The current Grade 5 rooms will be the new library, and a new science innovation lab will be added. The classroom doors will all be replaced so they include windows. All changes are going to improve the learning environment.

Member questions: Will there be hazardous materials as an issue with construction, when things get disturbed. Mr D reassured that the architects and construction people are well aware to look for such issues

**BINGO.** This event is coming soon – registrations are being sent out now, still looking for volunteers. All is going well with the plans.

**Seasonal Crafting.** This event has ended. As usual, was very successful. Doris offered her thanks for all who came to help create her beautiful wreaths and gifts. Her total income was 5,124€, and her expenses were 2,542€.

**Administration Update on Re-enrollment.** Killian, Admissions Director reported that the re-enrollment will be released on or around February 7. It will include a set of permissions dealing with data protections. Parents will need to 'opt in' to share their personal contact information. Most members encourage parents to 'opt in' so they do not miss out on receiving important information about school happenings.

Also reported is a reminder that any student moving to Grade 6 or 9 will need to submit new medical forms.

Also reported, AIS welcomed 20 new students in January. The current total students is about 795.

A member questioned how new parents receive information during an odd enrollment time. Suggestions were made, and Nicoletta offered to work with Joe Eisen and Killian to streamline this process. It is very important for new parents to receive as much help as possible to learn about the school before or upon arrival mid-year.

Killian agreed to return in March to update on the above topics.

**Administration.** Tini reported for Steve R, Director, that the ballots for voting on the budget and the proposed ByLaw changes will be sent out today. Members can vote on line or can vote at the upcoming General Assembly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to vote. Much more discussion ensued about the by law changes.

**Sasha, new Ukranian Country Coordinator.** Offered information about an upcoming Ukranian festival at the concert hall in April. 60 tickets will be offered with a special price for AIS . An article will be placed in Scoops for those who are interested to link to Sasha to let her know of their interest.

**Appropriations.** New deadline of March 5 to submit applications.

**IFF.** The IFF will be the final event of a weekend celebration for AIS 60th Anniversary. We hope to have 20-25 country tables. Currently we are collecting the names of Country Coordinators. Also planned are country baskets and more for the raffle/silent auction. Volunteers are currently being sought. Country Coordinators are encouraged to gather volunteers for their tables.

**Member ideas:** A few members asked about AIS having a Homecoming or Science Competition. We will take these ideas to Joe Eisen for consideration.