



PTF Breakfast Meeting

March 12, 2019

Welcome to all and thank you kindly to the families from Israel and Ukraine for hosting the delicious breakfast! Next month hosts will be from New Zealand.

Appropriations. To date we have 10 applications for Appropriations. The next step is a meeting of the PTF Board with the Principals and Director to review each application. A decision will be made regarding the application moving forward to the voting stage. This meeting will take place March 14. There will be a change this year with the videos for voting. This year, the voting will include a description of each application with a link to the application form. Voting will be announced by email to all teachers, staff, students and parents. Winners will be contacted directly, and also announced at the April PTF breakfast. The video this year will be made later, as a Thank you, to showcase the things all around the school that have been funded through Appropriations. This video will be used in the website as well.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon. This event, which shows our great appreciation for the teachers and staff of AIS, will occur in the Faculty Lounge on March 27, from 11-2. A letter has already been sent out to parents to describe their contributions of support (volunteers and food items). It is encouraged that all dishes brought in should include about 30-35 servings. A sign-up genius has also been set up and is almost full already! Thanks!! It was suggested that PTF purchase a new Nespresso machine for the faculty lounge and be presented at the Luncheon. This motion was seconded and voted for approval. Tini will handle the purchase.

IFF. To date the following countries have committed to have a table: Austria, Hungary, Italy, Ghana, China, Japan, Ukraine, Korea, Croatia, Brazil, Turkey, USA, Netherlands, Mexico, Russia, Sweden and Greece. We are still waiting for a few more – the maximum number of tables is 25. A suggestion was made to possibly pair up some of the small countries who may want to participate, but feel they are too small to carry it out.

Set up. Volunteers are encouraged to set up their tables as much as possible on the Friday before IFF, and only use Saturday for some food prep. Friday set up can start at noon. Saturday, it is advised to have tables set up by 5:30 so that the volunteers present can enjoy some of the food before the crowd enters. (Set up Friday starts at noon, Saturday will occur between 2-5)

Entertainment. Performers are planned but still in the works to finalize. There will be a stage, still to be determined type and placement. The performers sought so far are alumnae. It was suggested that we also seek performers from various countries. Those who are able will inquire about interest and follow up with Judit.

Crowd size. The crowd size will be larger this year. First, there are no sporting events this weekend that, last year, kept many families from attending. Also, there are over 100 alumnae who will be visiting for the anniversary, and will be on campus for a fundraising meeting right before the IFF start time. This is an open event, so AIS families can extend an invitation to friends.

Wine Table. The wine table will be staffed by New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa. Countries are invited to donate bottles of their country wines to the table if they do not wish to sell at their table. All other alcohol beverages should be sold at the tables.

Student volunteers. Grade 11 will provide students to be runners to gather plates to be cleaned as well as bring supplies of plates to each table as needed. The Prom Committee is given 1000 euros in exchange for the help. These students can also be available at the tables for feed prep starting at 4pm on Saturday.

Parking. There will be one parking space for each country. The gates will close at 5pm on Saturday so the car must be in place before then.

It is suggested to ask Habitat for Humanity club students to be the ones designated to watch over the playground and field instead of paying Soccer Factory to do so. A donation can be made to the club.

Reimbursement. Each table will be reimbursed 400euros. PTF will prepare a form that can be used to submit for payment. Save all receipts to include with this form.

Pricing suggestions. Portion sizes should be bigger than a bite sample, but smaller than a serving you would have if you were only eating that item. Plan for at least 200 servings of each dish at you table. Pricing should be somewhat consistent, between 2-5 euros. PTF will provide a pricing suggestion list for all Country Coordinators.

Dishwashers. M48 will be there again to provide dishwashing service to keep the plates and glasses moving.

Member question: Is it possible to have a microwave in the cafeteria for students to warm foods brought from home. Unfortunately, this same question has been brought up in years past and has been refused for safety reasons. Also asked was about the quality of food. As far as known to date, reviews of the food provided have been positive. The cafeteria offers 5 different entres each day as well as regular items. Unfortunately, in large settings it is impossible to please all diners, and each family decides for themselves how best to accommodate their children's food desires. It was suggested that the school offer a survey at the end of the year with parents and students to assess what things they enjoyed or not, and what items they might like to see.

Executive Board Elections. These elections will be coming up soon. There are open positions, so anyone who is interested in running should do so. These positions are crucial to the operations of the school and to the future of the school – and are not to be taken lightly. They are a time commitment.

PTF Board Elections. These elections will be held in May. It is also encouraged for anyone interested in being a member of the PTF Board, to run for these positions. The Chair and Vice Chair positions will be open for the upcoming year. PTF will post in Scoops an article with a link to the position descriptions. Anyone interested can also contact any current Board member for questions.

PTF ByLaws. These will also be reviewed this year. They have not been reviewed for a number of years and seem old and need to evolve with the PTF. The current Board will review and make suggestions. These suggestions will be sent out to the PTF community for suggestions and approval.

Member suggestions:

Hold PTF monthly meetings in the afternoons after school possibly every third meeting, to encourage teacher participation.

Suggest teacher photo collage in the faculty lounge to showcase teacher involvement in PTF activities.

Out and About. The next Out and About event will be April 10 and include visits to the Easter markets.