

AUS PTSO

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 21st March 2016

Time: 1.30 p.m.

Meeting Called BY:	PTSO
Meeting Type:	Planning
Meeting Facilitator's Name	Michael Seefried
Names of Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Michael Seefried, AUS2. Amani Abulhasan, PTSO3. Yasmine Al Sabah, PTSO4. Pia Dey Verma, PTSO5. Reem Al Rubaie, PTSO6. Pakinam Abdel Rahman, PTSO7. Tammy Ali, PTSO8. Denaya Winingar, PTSO9. Ghaidaa Mohamad, PTSO10. Lynda Van Greenstone, PTSO11. Molly Jung, PTSO

I. Discussion Point: School Activities

Discussion Summary	<p>Mr Michael Seefried shared some important dates with the attending members :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Early Dismissal: 23 Marchb. No School: 24th Marchc. Early Dismissal: 5th Aprild. Parent Teacher Conferences: 6th and 7th April
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II. Discussion Topic: Earth Week (April 17 to 21, 2016)

Discussion Summary

The PTSO planned to hold environment-themed activities for children to do all week. Following suggestions were made for activities:

- a. Environmental Super Hero Dress Up Day
- b. Trip to Secret Garden
- c. Talks by scientists and environmentalists
- d. Mini film festival of related documentaries
- e. Share-a-photo contest for students showing the ways they help save the environment in their daily lives
- f. Planting saplings
- g. Earth Hour for AUS families

III. Discussion Topic: Arts Night (April 27, 2016)

Discussion Summary

The PTSO board members shared the information with the attending members that the Arts and Music department of the school was planning an Arts Night and have reached out to the PTSO to support them. In order to support them, volunteers were needed to help decorate the Middle School courtyard as Central Park (which was the theme given) and help from PTSO members who can donate / lend items like park benches, lamp posts and potted plants.

It was discussed that AstroTurf or a similar material can be used to give the look of Central Park to the courtyard. It was also suggested that a backdrop which shows scenes of Central Park can be placed in the courtyard and food trucks brought in to give the Arts Night the festive feel.

IV. Discussion Point: Teacher Appreciation Day (May 3, 2016)

Discussion Summary

The Teacher Appreciation Day was discussed next and suggestions were made for gifts which included potted plants, commitment by students for a gadget-free week to the teachers and organizing a lunch.

V. Discussion Point: International Day (May 19, 2016)

Discussion Summary	The school will be celebrating International Day and will be needing help from parents to make it a success. It was discussed that the PTSO can act as a platform in conveying the list of countries that each grade/class will be representing and the contact person(s) with whom the parents can interact if they can help the school out.
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VI. Discussion Point: PTSO Volunteer Base

Discussion Summary	It was suggested that the PTSO can hold coffee mornings for members in order to get more parents involved in all the PTSO activities.
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The date of the next meeting was to be decided after the International Day.

(prepared by Pia Dey Verma)