GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES



Mosaic Parents Association

October 15, 2019 / 7:00 pm

In Attendance

Committee Members: Ekta Sikder - Co-Chair, Lama Dauvan - Co-Chair, Ilse Boerhave -

Treasurer. Present: 7 parents (Annex I)

Recap of 2018-2019 association activities

The committee listed the activities and events held in 2018-2019 and thanked the volunteers that helped in each activity. The committee also highlighted several initiatives undertaken as a result of effective communication with the school administration. (List of activities & events for 2018-2019, Annex II)

Upcoming activities

The MPA listed a few activities & events that are already planned to take place in 2019-2020 focusing on this year's theme: *acquiring eco-friendly and healthy habits*. The MPA started at the beginning of the year by offering bananas for the Sportsday snack and throwing the banana peels in compost bags. The MPA is also investing in a popcorn machine for snack sales, compostable cups for hot chocolate.

This year the MPA might adopt an idea that stems from the kids' assembly on "reduction of waste" planned at school in November.

A fundraising idea is to collect recipes for a Mosaic cookbook. Target timing is for spring 2020.

The Committee called for parents to feel free to contact the MPA for ideas & suggestions on the new email address: parents@ecolemosaic.ch

Financial Reporting

The financial report for the past school year and a preliminary budget for the current year were presented by Ilse Boerhave, Treasurer.

The income from the past year were: 3,350 CHF from cake sales, 528 CHF from water bottles, and 505 CHF from calendars. The scooter parking payment ended last June with our largest expense for the year at 5,676 CHF. All present voted in favor of approving the budget as presented (Annex III).

The budget has been audited by Sue Kelly and any parent can request to see it.

This year the annual membership fees will stay at 0 CHF per family. The MPA will need to determine the need to introduce fees in future years.

Auditors

Ms. Sue Kelly was voted in during the last General Assembly to audit the financials of 2018-2019. Unfortunately Sue was traveling at the time of the assembly. Her report was read out by a member of the committee and her recommendations and suggestions were presented.

Ms. Kelly was voted in again to audit the financials of 2019-2020.

General Discussion

1. Communication

- Half of the parents read the MPA communication
- To implement a new GA approach: reviewing the frequency of very short spot-on GA (monthly or every two months), these meetings should be in the calendar and to share the agenda before every GA.
- To detail more on what the MPA does daily and even communicating when the association meets with the School Direction.
- To communicate when the MPA looks for volunteers with the number needed and specific tasks requested.
- To add the possibility of a donation to the MPA at 20 CHF.

2. Transportation to school:

 To look into the possibility of implementing the Pedibus or using Co-sharing on Facebook in order to accommodate for the different schedules of siblings going to Mosaic.

3. Parent event ideas:

- Create stands where each class sells toys/books during a potluck event. The money could go to an association. This event could become another opportunity to bring the school community together after Sports Day.
- Looking into the possibility of not only helping kids through the funds but also teachers.
- Holding snack sales with a cultural flavor and also considering the possibility of wearing traditional clothing during the Goûter du Monde that will be held on the 12th of December.
- Suggesting Charity Toy to take place for a longer period (more than one day) and sending out an email about the event ahead of time (ideally in November).

Board

All present voted in favor, Ekta Sikder and Lama Dauvan to continue as Co-Chairs, Ilse Boerhave as Treasurer and Nada Beainy as Secretary.

The Committee thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Ekta Sikder Co-chair Lama Dauvan Co-chair Ilse Boerhave Treasurer