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1. Marco Solis opened the meeting with a welcome address and proposed Steve Hall as chair of the meeting.
2. Steve agreed to act as chair and was unanimously elected by a show of hands.
3. Steve proposed that non-members (strangers) be admitted and this was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

4. **Board report.**

Marco Solis presented on behalf of the board the progress the school had made in the first year in its new premises.

Marco listed the goals the board had set for 2018 and the progress made towards achieving those goals.

Due to the faster growth in student numbers he explained that we needed to bring forward some of the plans in relation to creating a sports hall and some additional classrooms.

Questions were taken from the floor and there was some discussion on timescales and possibilities. It was stressed that the raising of funds would be difficult and that the board would continue to adopt a conservative fiscal policy.

He explained why the increase in fees was necessary and pointed out that the school had not increased its fees in the last 10 years. This was generally accepted by the members.

Marco presented on the school's progress in attracting new students and raised the issue that in some classes it was necessary to introduce a waiting list as we had reached the maximum number of students.

It was suggested from the floor that perhaps we should consider some form of academic test for admittance there was however little support for this idea.

Marco stressed that the key attributes of the school were its internationalism, its focus on high academic standards and creating an environment where children wanted to go to school. It was pointed out that many children "hung out" in the school after lessons which indicated that they enjoyed being part of the school community.

There was a discussion about how we marketed the school to companies recruiting from abroad and the difficulties faced with a high turnover of HR personnel in these companies and the message being lost.

There was a discussion regarding creating additional classes where a year was full and it was explained that this would create considerable extra costs that the board did not consider justifiable.

5. **Financial report**

Søren Tyvald Andersen presented the financial accounts for 2018. The school had a profit of ca. 230k against a budgeted loss of ca. 400k. This was mainly due to higher than anticipated student numbers and lower than expected facility running costs. There was general satisfaction with the result.

6. **Headmasters report**

Henrik Kristensen, Headmaster presented his report and goals for the future. He expected the student numbers to continue to rise and have approx. 160 students enrolled for school year 2019/20. The kindergarten had 23 students and the maximum they could accommodate was 25. He explained that the school was being more critical of first year intake to ensure that the newcomers were school ready. It was expected that there would be 16 students in Year 1 on May 1st. Henrik presented the academic achievements of the school compared to the national average and it was noted that despite approximately half of

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our students having Danish as a second or third language we still reached the national average. He explained that it was not possible to compare the other subjects as the requirements for the Cambridge curriculum were considerably higher than Folkeskolen requirements which was confirmed by the school inspectors report. There was a brief discussion on the school inspectors report and it was deemed very satisfactory. Henrik explained that it was necessary to appoint a new school inspector for 2019/20 and he proposed Arne Petersen who was previously Headmaster at Privatskolen Als. On a show of hands his appointment was agreed. Henrik was asked to compare our academic results to other international schools using the Cambridge curriculum which would provide a better yardstick for measuring our performance.

A question from the floor asking if it had become easier to recruit teaching staff with the high reputation of the school and Henrik replied that we were getting more applicants when we advertised a vacancy.

Henrik explained that he was investigating a Norwegian programme for pupil and teacher development and if viable it would be implemented.

It was mentioned that a long term goal would be to extend the Cambridge curriculum to encompass a sixth form college offering A and A/S levels.

7. Election of board members and substitutes

Two board positions were up for election, those occupied by Hans Christian Orye and Søren Tyvald Andersen. Both incumbents had indicated that they would like to stand for re-election. The floor was asked if there were any other candidates interested in standing and the response was negative. Accordingly the proposal to re-elect the incumbents by a show of hands was accepted and both were re-elected unanimously.

The floor was asked for two candidates to stand as reserve board members. Katja Morrison and Peter Jorgensen were the only volunteers and they were duly elected by a unanimous show of hands with Katja being first reserve.

8. Any other business

From the floor it was asked about the school's lack of policy on vaccinations. There was a discussion about making it compulsory that students wishing to be admitted should have been vaccinated in accordance with the Danish health authorities' recommendations. The feeling was that this should be the case. Marco said the board would pursue the matter and come up with a policy.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

Copies of the power point presentation and the accounts can be obtained from any board member.

Chair of the meeting:

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