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Marco Solis welcomed parents and staff and explained the reasons why the AGM was being held late in the year due to the Corona pandemic.

Marco resigned as chair and proposed Steve Hall as chair for the meeting. This was accepted unanimously.

A vote by hands was taken to admit strangers (non-parents) to the meeting and this was agreed unanimously.

Election of school board members.

Steve explained the voting procedure for electing new board members and called for those interested in standing for election to raise their hands to enable the preparation of ballot papers.

It was explained that there were two board members who were not standing for re-election plus one board member who was retiring early. Two board members would be elected to serve three years and one to serve for one year to finish the term of the member retiring early. Additionally two members would be elected to serve as reserves.

Volunteers were asked for to act as invigilators and Alice along with Lena volunteered and were accepted.

School boards annual report.

On behalf of the board Marco explained what the strategy had been over the last year. He explained that whilst we would like to build a sports hall and additional classrooms to the rear of the existing building this was not feasible financially at the moment. Accordingly the board had sanctioned the investment of 600k dkk to build a "multibane" to encourage physical activity. Peter Jorgensen from the board and Steve Hall had co-operated on the project to obtain the best value for money and this resulted in a multibane, a beach volleyball court, a cricket net and a basketball court being purchased for 600k dkk. The school also applied to the fabrikant Mads Clausen fund for financial support and they generously awarded us 200k dkk. This resulted in a nett cost to the school of 400k dkk.

Marco also explained that the school needed additional classrooms and that the board had sanctioned the purchase of a two classroom modular building and that Peter and Steve were currently negotiating prices. It was anticipated that the order would be placed in September and the target for completion was around the end of the year/beginning of 2021. It was estimated that the project would cost ca. 3.5 million dkk. Henrik and Steve had met with our bankers and were exploring financial options for funding.

Marco thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as Chair and looked forward to seeing some "new blood" on the board.

Financial report.

Søren Tyvald Andersen presented the financial report for 2019. The school reported a small profit of 72,000 dkk which was in line with expectations compared to a profit of 234,000 in 2018. The fall in profits was mainly attributable to a charge of 300k dkk to take into account the long term liability for holiday money created by the governments change in the law. It was explained that this had no

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effect on liquidity and it would be spread over many years. Liquidity currently stood at 1.7 million dkk.

Søren confirmed that the audit of our accounts was satisfactory and was without comment from our auditors. Full details of our accounts will shortly be published on the UVM site

There were some comments from the floor and discussions regarding our fee structure. It was noted that we were the cheapest international school in Denmark with most charging fees in excess of 3,000 dkk per month. It was commented that there was room to increase fees if needed.

It was noted that the majority of our fees come from the state and that parent payments only constitute ca. 30% of our income.

Discussion wandered into how we could recruit new students and Steve explained that our parents were our best recruiters by spreading the word. Henrik commented on the efforts being made on social media by Alice, Camilla and Sonia.

Steve mentioned that we would be holding a science fair combined with an open day in the autumn to which we would invite as many prospective parents as possible along with local community movers and shakers.

As soon as the corona pandemic allows we will also be holding a school reunion inviting all past and present students and staff along with their friends and family to showcase the school.

From the floor came a suggestion about an organisation/exhibition that might be of interest to us. Steve took details and would follow up.

It was felt that student recruitment should be one of the boards priorities.

Headmasters report.

Henrik announced that his son would be joining the school as a student. Henrik commented that the school was not perfect but was good at learning from its mistakes. He commented that the school had performed well during the corona pandemic closure and thanked the staff for their efforts using TEAMS for distance learning.

There were questions from the floor regarding the Danish education system and how our students could progress. Henrik explained that our students could attend the full range of Danish further education opportunities. It was noted that we were one of only four schools in the Kommune with 100% of our students entering further education.

There was a brief explanation of how MOT worked and that it had been on pause due to the pandemic but would resume shortly.

Oscar Manero briefly informed the floor that we were in the process of applying for 300k from Erasmus + to set up a network of similar international schools. This would be useful in sharing experiences and learnings.

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The new humanities course was explained in that it was a combination of several subjects including religion, history, geography and global perspectives.

Henrik showcased the exam results for our graduating students both for FP9 (Danish) and the IGCSE's. It was noted that yet again we had outstanding results in the STEM subjects. A copy of his presentation with detailed figures is available on request.

Election of board members.

Those standing for election were given two minutes to present themselves and the floor was allowed to question them.

Ballot papers were distributed to members and collected. Alice, Lena and Steve tallied up the votes cast and the results were as follows.

Maud Martin	21
Chintan Karche.....	18
Anette Hall.....	15
Swathi Redi Kasu.....	12
Kabilesh Cheetan Cheri.....	8
Hasna Salhq.....	3

Accordingly Maud and Chintan were elected to the board to serve three years and Anette Hall was elected as first substitute so will serve on the board in place of the resigning member until the next AGM. Swathi and Kabilesh will serve as substitutes.

PTC,

Lina as PTC chair presented on behalf of the PTC the events that had been organised during 2019/2020. She explained that due to the pandemic not all the scheduled events could take place. The accounts were presented and showed a healthy balance. It was explained that any surplus at the end of October would be used to buy things for the school. In 2020 the PTC purchased an outdoor table tennis table.

In the absence of any other business the members were thanked for attending and the meeting declared closed.