

Minutes of School board Meeting

Place: Skimminge 21, Maribo

Date: 16:30 Tuesday 11 June 2024

Present: Per, Karina, Sarah, Iris, Puneet, Annelies, Bo, Rashmitha (student substitute), (Brian)

Apologies: Dom, Bo, Lulia, Carsten

Attachments:

- Minutes form last meeting (March)
- Minutes form last meeting (April)
- Principle for class trips (DRAFT)
- Principle for the general school rules (DRAFT)
- Principle for class council (DRAFT)
- Meeting schedule 2024-2025

Agenda

1. 16:30- Welcome

Description:

1. Per to welcome and open the meeting.
2. Per to welcome our guests, Esther (in person) and Andreas (online)

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2. 16:35 Documentary

Description:

Alberte, Esther and Andreas from Final Cut for Real. They are produces for a film production company making a documentary on the Fehmarn Tunnel. They have funding from the Danish Film Institute, Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR) and German and Polish partners. LIS is a part of that story and they would like to present to the board and get your feedback on 'characters' that could be used to tell story about "the lives of the families who moved from abroad to Lolland, and also the education and lives of the children, the meetings between cultures, the friendships and in many ways the potential future of Lolland." Filming will begin in August.

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Anders joins the meeting online.

Astrid, Esther and Anders tell about their background about making documentary.

Many of their films have has a focus on children.

The idea of making a film about connections came up three years ago. Making a link between the connection between DK and D with the new tunnel – and the effect it may have on the connection between people from different cultures and Lolland in general. Many people have been involved in this project to do some background for the film. In terms of process the group is still in a process of ideas and more research.

The plan is to have the film done within the next 3-5 years. Per asks if there will be an option to have an impact on the film. The answer is “yes” to some level in terms of ideas – but it is the crew behind the film who oversees the content. Anders explains that the film will have a scenic and telling approach. People from LIS could participate in the film – Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 6. Next step is to find out how to collaborate with LIS and families at LIS and other local people. The focus will be international families coming to Lolland. It could also make sense to film in the classroom to see for example Danish lessons. Characters could be students, parents, teachers, the mayor, people working at Fehmarn. The group behind the film is trying to make a film that will be interesting for both Danes and foreigners – and perhaps be shown at cph:dox.

Conversation between the film group and board; questions, ideas, and reflections.

3. 17:05- Approval of minutes and approval of agenda- Per

Description:

- 2.1 Approval and minutes from last board meeting (attached)
- 2.2 Approval of agenda

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- 2.1 Approved without comment
- 2.2 Approved without comment

4. 17:10 News from chair and principal

Description:

Dom and Per to present school updates:

- 4.1 New staff
- 4.2 Timetable planning
- 4.3 Evaluation of AGM/nomination meeting
- 4.4 School board election update

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- 4.1 New staff. Successful recruitment. 27 applications, 26 of whom were qualified and suitable. Six invited to the first round and three to the second. Nanette- experienced teacher from Germany. English/PE/Ethics. Three years in a bilingual school, 8 years in a German school. Mikkel- a ‘third culture kid’ himself. Danish but grew up in Hong Kong attending international schools. English/Religion/History/Special Needs. Both start 5th August.
- 4.2 Timetable planning for next year is underway. Now that the teachers have been employed the puzzle fits. A big planning day this Friday with Dom, Karina and Brian.
- 4.3 Many believed that they should do the actual voting at the AGM. Maybe it could be communicated clearer next year.
- 4.4 The election ran last week. 11 candidates. 186 eligible voters, including Spring School, Grade 9 and new families that have completed enrolment. 77 voted = 41.4%. According to KMD this is really high, normally 5-10% vote.
New school board: Annelis, Iris, Dorothee, Dorothea, Per
Substitutes: 1st Sub- Puneet, 2nd Sub- Nina, 3rd Sub- Candice, 4th Sub- Ewan, 5th Sub- Carsten
Per: The positions in the new board will be put in place at the next meeting.

Reflections about adding extra members to the board. Pros and cons.

5. 17:20 Student council

Description:

Student council to provide a summary of recent student council meetings and a summary of the year,

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Rashmitha stood in for the regular student council reps.

Less swearing due to student council project.

SC would like to be involved in for example planning Halloween.

An event/topic next year that could unite the students from different classes could be nice.

In the beginning of next school year there will be election for Student Council.

6. 17:30 Class council bake sale days

Description:

Karina to discuss the proposal for regular bake-sale days to be organized by class parent council.

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Normally we have Café LIS once a month.

Today we had class council bake sale. It was a success.

Important to be clear about the time, one time in the memo but slightly different on Aula.

Is it a good idea to do it again next year? We could consider doing it AFTER lunch so that the students would eat their own lunch before the cake. We could consider only doing it at Christmas, Halloween, and at other special occasions.

It could be an idea to make a reminder on the day before.

Logistics, organizing in different ways, and different ideas discussed.

The board is from the opinion that cake sale should not be done too often due to our food policy.

It would probably be the same parents to bake every time.

Three times a year would be appropriate.

7. 17:40 Principles

Description:

Principles were last discussed at the March meeting. Various themes were discussed. Attached are three proposed/draft principles on the following topics:

- Principle for class trips- it was highlighted at the last meeting that this should be prioritised
- Principle for the general school rules
- Principle for class parent councils

The purpose is to discuss and propose additions or remove items from these drafts. It will be up to the new school board to finalise and approve these principles.

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Feedback on the draft principles:

Class trips

Sleep over with the youngest could require a lot of resources.

Staff asks for clear budget when they go out of the house. It will make the planning easier.

Suggestion: Could a volunteer participate to help the staff?

Perhaps there could be some cultural differences among students and families when it comes to sleeping outside the home.

School rules

Suggestion: Could the youngest one have a “bring your toy day”? Perhaps the idea doesn’t belong here – but could be relevant to discuss at staff meeting.

Question: Could “respect, responsibility and safety” be our Buzz word?

Comment: Perhaps some should be allowed to bring toy, especially the youngest one if they are new to the country and school?

Comment: the wording in the text should be changed. The word “no” should not be in the text.

Comment: Good input from staff.

Idea: bring up food policy at parent meeting + in the arrival letters so that it will be top of mind and not up for teachers to “correct”.

Class councils

Suggestion: Could it be an idea to make an international day for all students and families. Perhaps a topic week with visits from parents?

Could it be an idea to add something about parents expected to cooperate with teachers?

Could it be an idea to let the class council write a welcome letter to new parents?

Could there be a maximum of how many people we should have in a parent council? Perhaps 2 or 3.

Could we try to have both a Danish parent and international parent in the parent council?

8. 18:10 Evaluation of annual meeting schedule

Description:

8.1 Evaluation of the topic schedule and dates for meetings in the next school year.

8.2 Proposals for topics for the new school board, eg: a proposal for changes to the school’s bylaws.

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At the next meeting (the first meeting in the new board) will only be for members – not substitutes.

Could an extra meeting be added to the plan after the AGM – in June 2025?

Proposal: further discussions about the lottery system and group 2 pupils

18:30 the meeting closed with dinner to celebrate a great year of work. This was also the last meeting of the board in its current state.