

Council Meeting Summary 28 January 2019

The Council held its regular meeting on 28 January 2019. The following discussions and actions took place.

The Director reported that the school has received confirmation letters from the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges on full re-accreditation of ISL. Council received their full report indicating both- commendations and recommendations. The school leadership will review the reports in detail and enact plans to implement the recommendations. The school is still waiting to receive the IB report.

The Council approved ISL 2019-20 academic calendar. The calendar includes 180 instructional days and five teacher professional days. The calendar is shared on the school website.

The Council approved additional funding outside the current year budget in the amount of 8,500 EUR for a pilot iPad project in the Elementary school. Pending results of the program's impact on student learning, purchase of additional items will be considered for the next school year. The main objective of the program is to ensure we are using technology tools that are appropriate for all age groups. To this end, teacher training on the best practice using tablets in the learning process will be a key element of this pilot project.

In this meeting Council also approved an increase in the school's Force Majeure Fund to equal it to the 10% of total annual revenue to ensure ISL's ability to maintain its activity in case of Force Majeure event.

The Council also approved a reduction of the loan granted by the Citadele bank from four million EUR to three million EUR, recognizing the smaller amount of loan will be needed for the ongoing construction project.

The Council received updates on the construction progress specifically relating to the timeline and meetings with the upper management of BMGS. The contractor has provided a building timeline for completion of phase two by the end of May.

The Council set a date for a forum between the Council and parents for 13 February at 6:00 PM. Such forums are part of the Council's annual goals to build community and keep parents aware of the work of the Council.

The Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held on 25 March at 6:00 PM. A special session starting at 5:00 will be held in the Russian language to provide an overview of the school's strategic plan.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2019.

Please contact the school Director if you have any questions.