

Council Meeting Summary

26 November 2018

The Council held their regular meeting on 26 November 2018. The following discussions and actions took place.

- The Director reported on the recent accreditation visit by the IB, CIS and NEASC. In general, the visit went well and the visiting team's comments were in alignment with the issues that surfaced during ISL's self-study, which was completed in the last academic year. It is expected that it will be several months until the school receives the official reports from the three organizations.
- The Council reviewed the parameters for the setting of the 2019-20 academic calendar. The calendar will be set in the next couple of months and will be disseminated to parents when complete.
- The Council's goals were approved for the current year. These include:
 1. Improve the Council's relationships with the community and stakeholder groups with an emphasis on bettering communication and transparency).
 2. Grow the Council's efficiency as a Governing body and secure competent sustainability for the next 3 - 5 years (aligned with Strategic and Financial Plan),
 3. Review and develop school policies on technology, food, finance, and governance,
 4. Provide the needed support to the school for the new building to be completed by the earliest possible date.
- The Council has developed key performance indicators for each of the goals and will monitor progress made throughout the school year.
- The Council reviewed an initial staffing plan for the 2019-20 school year. Some of the major aspects of the plan include the addition of a second Kindergarten class, an additional class for grade 10, expansion of Russian and Latvian mother tongue instruction through grade 3, and expand to 3 levels of French instruction in grades 6-10.
- The Council reviewed survey results from new families to ISL noting they were generally positive. The school will use the data to continually improve the experience of new families as they enter ISL.
- The Council received updates on the construction progress specifically relating to the topics of the timeline and financial status of the project. The Council decided that a dedicated parent information session relating to the project will occur before the winter holidays thereby ensuring parents are informed about project status. Dates and times to be confirmed and advertised soon.
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019.

Please contact the school Director if you have any questions.