

Agenda of School Board Meeting

Place: Skimminge 21, Maribo

Date: 16:30 Tuesday 7 March 2023

Attended: Per, Karina, Sarah, Iris, Puneet, Bo, Annelies, Nicole, and special guest Merette Meyer

Absent: Carsten

Attachments:

- Minutes form last meeting (January)
- BTU- Parent satisfaction survey
- Draft new principles proposals

Agenda

1. 16:30- Welcome

Description:

- Per to welcome and open the meeting.
- Per to welcome city council/byråd member Merete Meyer

Minutes:

1.2 Merete, a local politician, is our school representative at the Children and School committee at the city council. Has a four year seat. Currently sits on four committees relating to day care, school, youth programs, foster families, etc.

Round of introductions followed by a questions and answer session where we discussed the school, politics, the commune structure and communication.

2. 16:50- Approval of minutes and approval of agenda- Per

Description:

- Approval of minutes from the last board meeting (attached) and feedback on any follow-up actions from the last meeting
- Approval of tonight's agenda

Minutes:

2.1 Point 9 from January meeting- student wellbeing survey results are not ready yet. Classes are taking the survey this week and results will be ready for the next meeting. Minutes approved.

2.2 Agenda approved with out addition.

3. 16:55 News from chair and principal

Description:

- Josephine (student council rep) has left the school and therefore also the board. Information about the replacement process.

- Two job ads are currently being advertised. Overview of process, marketing, and application status. Link to the advertised positions: [Primary English teacher](#), [Danish teacher](#)
- Closed item

Minutes:

3.1 Class D had a vote for their new student councilor last week. They will be invited to the next meeting.

3.2 Two current positions vacant. August start. Over 40 applications for the English job from local and international applicants. About 12 for the Danish job. These figures are considered very good for both positions. Interviews will be held after Easter. The school will short list qualified teachers, but if there were not qualified teachers, school in Denmark may employ people without teaching degrees. The UVM collects data on this each year.

3.3 Closed item

4. 17:05 Student council

Description:

- Bo to present a summary of the following news from the student council:
 - Student council Christmas arrangements
 - 'Skolestyrken' student council meeting
 - Lolland school's common student council meeting news

Minutes:

4.1 Student council organized Christmas arrangement for the younger classes. They sold snacks and drinks. Purchased enough for another event. This will result in a profit. Student council plans to spend the money on improvements such as outside cushions for the hammocks, board games for the common room, etc.

4.2 Skolestyrken is an alliance between Princess Mary fund, Børnes Vilkår and Save the Children fund. Aimed at developing a whole school approach to wellbeing and preventing bullying. Step 1 was a session between Skolestyrken and the student council. They sorted a number of cards with bullying and democracy questions and the students placed them on a target indicating whether it was a problem. Most cards were put in the center of the target meaning the school has focus on these areas. Two teachers will receive training and develop a school plan for launch in June.

4.3 The organizer of the common Lolland student councils' meetings has moved to a new job. No one has taken over yet, so there hasn't been a second meeting this year.

5. 17:20 Feedback form Board and parent council meeting

Description:

- A meeting was held on 22 February between the board and the parent's class councils. Per and Iris to give feedback from the meeting.

Minutes:

5.1 Class feedback:

Class A - high parental involvement, mix of danish international parents, 2x planning meetings- set a calendar for play dates and events, are achieving the goal as they believe there are stronger relationships between the kids and parents

Class B - less active parent group, mostly join class A's activities and events due to the high number of siblings, lots of individual sleep over arrangements

Class C - Good communication and positive feedback

Class D - Dissatisfaction in relation of level of teaching in class D discussed

6. 17:40 BTU- Parent Satisfaction Survey

Description:

- Board members are to read the report before the meeting. Opportunity to discuss and interpret results from the survey.

Minutes:

6.1 The board feels that this survey is important and something that the board needs to know and can use. However, there was surprise about the 51% response rate which seems too low (Lolland Kommune average was 40%).

Surprise over the positive high scores for Class D when at the board/parents' council meeting there was dissatisfaction.

Discussion of any possible barriers, such as translating from Danish, apparently most people have installed translation apps in their browser, so this should be an issue. Are there too many questions? Are there too many surveys considering one from Statistics Denmark is on the way.

6.2 Discussion about what level the kids are at. Discussion about testing, standards, feedback and comparing results to other school systems. This is a topic for future discussion.

ACTION:

Dom to send some focus questions to the class councils for additional feedback. Include the questions why some didn't answer.

7. 18:00 School year 2023-2024

Description:

- Dom to present an overview of classes, schedules, and staff for 2023-2024

Minutes:

7.1 Long discussion about the increase in student numbers expected for August. The school is receiving lots of enquiries. Some classes are full and group 1 families are no on a waiting list. Future offers are made by a lottery draw. No requirement for boy/girl balance. Grade 0 is full in August with siblings and new arrivals. Names already on a list for Grade 0 in the years ahead. The 60/40 Group 1/group 2 mix is desirable but not a rule. Any spare seats will be offered to group 2 for August start.

7.2 Teachers are moving up a grade, new staff members will fill Class A.

ACTION: Dom to check swimming age and grade placement.

8. 18:15 Principles

Description:

At the January board meeting proposals for new principles were made. Dom to provide outlines (attached) based on research from other schools. Decision on which principles will be developed next.

Minutes.

8.1 Short list for new principle discussed. Interest in language strategy, use of substitute teachers, camps and trips. Cultural sensitivity will begin development with a second principle chosen at the next meeting.

9. 18:15 Next meeting

Description:

- Tuesday 25 April 2023
- Topics: preparation for the Annual General Meeting with all the parents including presentation of school report. Decision on the program for the night, child-care, refreshments etc.

Minutes:

9.1 Board to set agenda at the next meeting.

Action: Dom to create the 'school report' for the AGM, ready for the next meeting.

Apologies from Annelise who cannot attend the next meeting

10. 18:20 AOB

Description:

Opportunity for any announcements or proposals.

Minutes:

Nothing raised.