

# Awty School Council Session: August 22, 2007

## **Attendees:**

### Administration/ Faculty Staff:

Ellen Ragon  
Gina Sharman  
M. Jean Stephan  
Dr. Watson

### Students

Dagney Pruner

### Parents

Cameron Ansari  
Anneke Valk-Schreuder

### Regrets

David Adler (parent)  
Jennifer Hogan (Chair Awty Board of Trustees)  
Shannon Rechter (APPA President)  
Valerie Tamboise (Administration/ Faculty Staff)

## **INFORMATION SHARING**

1. **New Staff:** David Watson handed over the list of 34 new faculty and Staff for school year 2007-2008 (see Appendix). Mr. Gary Davis has replaced Mr. Prosser in the College Counseling department. Chinese staff has increased to three and we are at max capacity.  
  
Sad announcements are that Mrs. Lopez and Mr. Duckett have passed.
2. **Enrollment:** David Watson detailed enrollment for 2006-2007. The total number of students is currently 1178, with another 11 places offered, reaching (and slightly exceeding) the maximum amount of students of 1180. For comparison last year we opened with 1149 students.
3. **College placements:** A list of college acceptances has been handed out (see Appendix)
4. **IB and BAC results:** Jean Stephan gives update on the BAC results: 100% success for the sixth consecutive year, with a total of 28 students. This is a big class, former classes were 12 -16 students. This year the majority went to US or Canadian universities while former years the majority went back to France.  
  
Dr Watson give a short explanation of the IB exam system: 6 times 4 (out of 7) points is minimum to pass, max would be 6 times 7 = 42 points and 3 extra for extended essay. Restriction: minimum of 3 points for higher level subjects to pass, irrespective if total adds up to 24 points. For European University a minimum of 28 points is necessary, 36 – 38 for Oxford and any result above 40 is truly exceptional. The average result of 56 students was 33 points. This year 3 International students failed.
5. **SAGE dining:** Seem to have a good start. According to Dagney the lines are shorter in comparison to last year. The food is very well received with teachers. In the LS there are some

issues with the distribution of the food by teachers in the classroom, limited choice for vegetarians and the plates are fairly small.

6. **School Council elections:** David Watson mentioned the letter will be translated in French too. Separate communication has been made on this subject.
  
7. **Accreditation:** We have started the re-accreditation process with the huge endeavor of self study and a visit of a limited number of committee members, resulting in the description of all and every aspect of the school and a visit of the full committee beginning of next year. The results of the on line survey will be presented next meeting.
  
8. **Round table:** Dagney asks about the holiday schedule. Dr Watson explains we make our own schedule.
  
9. **Carry over from former meetings:**

Last year possible topics to work further by the school council, was focusing on the following three top subjects:

- Find ways to improve communication between the school and the parents
- Find ways to improve parental involvement and tap better in the parents skill pool
- Balance homework load

Presentations on these have taken place, further participation from interested parents is appreciated. No progress to date, the work can continue after the new School Council election.

The meeting concludes at 5:40 p.m.

Next meetings (conference room @ 4:30 p.m.):

Dec. 5, 2007 (?)

Feb. 13, 2008

April 2, 2008

May 21, 2008

Topics for next meetings to be submitted to Chantal Duke ([cduke@awty.org](mailto:cduke@awty.org)) 48 hours prior to session. Chantal will then issue a combined agenda to all.

Previous School Council MOD can be found at:

<http://www.awty.org/parentsSchoolCouncil.php>

Anneke Valk-Schreuder