

IAC - International Advisory Committee
4 June 2024
Discussion Summary

Community members Representatives		2024.06.12
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Dr. Judy Allen	Director	
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Ms. Marielle Steengraver	Directorate Secretary	
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Ms. Heather Rhine	Principal US MHS section	
Mr. Mario Vanheuckelom	Principal US Elementary section	
Ms. Kirstin Manfrass	Principal German section	
Ms. Sheena McLeod	Principal British Section	
Ms. Janice Hughes	Principal CDN MHS section	
Ms. Shannon Tipping	Principal CDN ES section	

Welcome and introduction:

Dr. Judy Allen welcomed everyone. After introducing herself an introduction round is done by all those present.

AIS Calendar SY 2024-2025

Mr. Bindels explains the AIS calendar which is a combination of the 4 National calendars, where indicated the AIS holidays and early release days for the students. He explains the complexity of the different bus times and routes AIS students are challenged with. The latest update of the calendar can be found on the AIS website.

- There doesn't seem to be a correlation between the Dutch National Holidays/NATO holidays and school holidays. Kings day students have a day off, 4 & 5 May are officially no holidays in the Netherlands. The Netherlands are divided in 3 regions for the summer holiday and rotating with the earliest-middle and latest start date. The early start date is normally starting mid-July. AIS summer break starts mid-June till mid-August. Synchronizing the holidays with the Dutch holidays would have impact on the terms and start/end dates of an AIS SY.

Bus Transportation

AIS bus transport has been discussed in detail; concerns from the community have been brought forward.

Actions to be taken by AIS:

- Conduct parent survey before 7 June to gather data – review current practice
- Review policies and procedures
- Create a flowchart for incoming complaints. Streamline communications and feedback

AIS will re-reinforce the code of conduct and the bus behavior expectations to each student at the beginning SY24/25.

Catchment Area are known by the bus coordinator, National offices and housing offices, for security reasons not publicly shared. AIS will organize a meeting with the housing office.

Cameras on the bus are discussed, Is this legally possible within the GDPR regulations? Who is responsible for the stored data? What additional costs are associated with this? Mr. Bindels will investigate this further with Legad JFC HQ.

Director's Items

Planned Fire drills SY24/25 are shared for information.

AFNORTH Website

The AIS website and in particular the parent portal at the top provide access to all shared information, including transport and catering, etc. You need a password for the parent portal. You can request this from your National section.

Ongoing projects:

Roof project 2020-2025—Completion of the roof renovation project will be in the summer 2025 with the central area of the school building.

Science rooms – Renovating 2 more additional rooms over the summer 2024 B2.12 & B2.14

Renovation Library –

This renovation project has been split over 2 summers starting in the summer 2024 with the overall construction works.

Track – The bumps in the track will be repaired in the summer 2024.

Gym complex –Revamping the gym floors and wall paneling starting summer 2024.

Emergency Notification System

This system will be used as the first communication when an emergency occurs at AIS. The registration for the ENS can be found on the parent portal. Registration for SY24/25 after the 1st July 2024.

International Wing

Currently there are 4 sections within AIS with their own National curriculum. From some countries international students experience difficulties and need to take extra lessons to be able to transfer back to their own national curriculum. The mission of NATO has changed over the years, AIS has not. The Board of Governors gave permission to do a feasibility study. The AIS Directorate, BSG Commander, Nordic delegations and Brunssum municipality, are investigating the opportunities to open sy25/26 an international wing with an international curriculum. Potentially starting with a 6 grade class in SY24/25

Next meeting between all stakeholders is scheduled, signing a declaration of intent.

One of the biggest things that the SNRS can help us with, especially concerning other countries that don't have children in our school, is trying to find out the potential numbers of students that are out in the community.

Any Other Business

Agreed to share the summary on the website.

Parents and children, above age 12, are requested to register for a NATO name card to elaborate access to JFC HQ camp.

Family day JFC – 11 Sept 2024

Leaving summer 2024: Gen Kunkel, Lt Col Paquette, Ms. Tipping