

Skagerak Parent Council Meeting Minutes

8 December 2020



Attendees:

Rowella Hansen (PC Chair)
 Ekaterina Mezhentseva
 Shelby Sissener
 Roxanne Kapparud
 Mhairi Sweenie
 Gry Sondergaard
 Keng Khoon
 Mehmet Ali Kamacioglu
 Brit Andersen
 Rebecca Pierce

Juliana Broockmann
 Vjollca Papagkikas
 Tanja Remman
 Vittoria Di Giacomo
 Mehmet Ali Kamacioglu

School Representatives:

James Tester
 Sebastian Lien (Vice President, HS Student Council)

Next Meeting Date	Thursday, January 7, 2021 16.30; Live stream via Teams.	ACTION
Financial Committee Report	Annual report to come. Seeking additional grants for “Green Oasis” phase 2, MakerSpace and Mother Tongue Library.	
Events Committee Report	Ginberbread cookies for students to take home and decorate. Teacher gifts discussed.	Gretha Shelby
Environmental Committee Report	Choir practice postponed due to Covid restrictions – possibly resuming in January. Planning a seminar with Sandefjord police regarding drug and alcohol prevention. Date to be announced. School behavioural policy to be reviewed.	Mr. Tester/Roxanne
Student Council Report	School merchandise – awaiting finalization of school logo redesign. Merchandise committee has been formed within the student council. HS student still needed for the steering committee for strategic planning.	Sebastian
Administrative Reports	Please see attached file. Acoustic engineer will be assessing necessary work for top floor of PY/MY school – flooring completed. All school holiday events cancelled. School budget – now out of negative equity. Two board members up for re-election.	

**Primary Area
of Focus**

Safety

Working with Anette Hvidtsten to create a Hjertesone and Green School, similar to Godstad School. Safer parking lot with a one-way system and bus stop shelter are being addressed, with the support of Trygg Trafikk, Sandefjord Police and the school's landlord.

Crosswalk problems will be addressed by landlord.

Sandrine Liland will help with bus stop initiative. Need photographs of students waiting at the bus stop and to create a proposal to kommune. More information will be supplied to parents.

Sandrine/Rowella

Student Wellness

Creating a culture of caring.

Social communication program to be chosen, with help from the PC. Will be added to the school curriculum for all age groups.

Programs and specialists for emotional wellness necessary – looking at outside resources.

Preparing a calendar of events for students unable to travel home during the upcoming break, due to Covid restrictions. CAS programs available.

Potluck meals will be offered to students during the break.

Mr. Tester

AOB

School newsletter a great success! Seeking a volunteer to continue with this project.

How to improve parental participation and communication within individual classes.

Launching of new Skagerak webpage estimated for February.

**January
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To be determined.

Please note, all parents are welcome, and encouraged to attend future meetings or alternatively, contact your Class Rep if you would like anything specific discussed at the next meeting.

<http://www.skagerak.org/page.cfm?p=503> – link to Parent Council site

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/132211457413966/> - link to closed Facebook parent/teacher page called **Skagerak International School Community**