

Minutes from the General Assembly

on 21 April 2022

The General Assembly was held in the AIS large Gym, starting at 18:00

Participants: 11 parents

From the Board:

Niclas Kvernrød, Vibe Bregendahl Noordeloos, Arun Prabhu, Li-Ha Luu, Michael Winther, Lone Mikkelsen, Marie Kongskov, Dorte Holm Jensen, Sonny Hansen and Peter Farzekas

From the Staff:

Chris Hanna, Charlotte Jessen, Margaret Kristensen, Christian Brøndum, Kathryn Templeman, Megan Behnke, Wendy Garnier, Emilie Zelander and Marianne Wehen

Chairman, Niclas Kvernrød began the meeting by welcoming the parents. The current board members, staff and all the parents presented themselves.

1. The election of the General Assembly Chairperson

Lars Hansen was elected.

Lars declared the General Assembly was convened according to the regulations.

Marianne Wehen was appointed as the minute taker. Megan Behnke and Margaret Kristensen were appointed vote counters.

2. Report from the Board including Parent Survey results

Niclas Kvernrød presented the Report from the Board 2021.

Recap of Covid 2021 – thanks to everybody, parents, staff and children for their endurance.

Board cooperates well with school management.

2022 focus areas – Marketing, Student enrollment and One Campus project

One Campus plans to be completed in 2 years (summer 2024), starting late June 2022. Mission accomplished to get 130+ Mill DKK for the project.

Vibe B Noordeloos presented the Parent Survey 2021 and encouraged more parents to take part in the survey. Current survey participation is around 60%.

The Report from the Board was approved and is attached.

3. Report from the Head of School

The Head of School, Chris Hanna presented the Director's Report for 2021, including the impact of Covid-19. AIS is operating within budget for the 5th year in a row.

The Report from the Head of School was approved and is attached.

4. Presentation of the accountant's audited annual result

Business Manager, Charlotte Jessen submitted the annual result 2021. The annual result can be seen on AIS's website www.ais-school.dk.

5. Presentation of the Approved Budget 2021

Business Manager, Charlotte Jessen submitted the approved Budget.

Question about sponsorship commitment and need to raise 1M+ to break even.

Question about how the new building project will impact the school financially – explained that the Foundation is running the new building project, independently from the school.
The Budget was attached.

6. Election of Board Members and Substitute Members

Board Members:

A. Parent representatives from PYP4-MYP5: 1 position for a 2-year term.

Sonny Hansen (children in MYP1 and MYP4) and Anne-Christine Starbæk Lyngholm (children in PYP4 and MYP3) introduced themselves for election.

Sonny was re-elected.

Substitute members for parent representative from PYP4-MYP5:

There was 1 substitute elected: Anne-Christine.

B. Parent representative from PYP1-MYP5:

Laurent Prat (children in PYP1 and PYP3) and Peter Fazekas (children in PYP4 and PYP6) introduced themselves for election.

Peter was re-elected.

Substitute members for parent representative from PYP1-MYP5:

There was 1 substitute elected: Laurent

Name:	Elected by:	Time Period:
Li-Ha Luu	AIS Parents, PYP4-MYP5	2021-2023
Arun Prabhu	AIS Parents, PYP4-MYP5	2021-2023
Peter Fazekas	AIS Parents, PYP1-MYP5	2022-2023
Sonny Hansen	AIS Parents, PYP4-MYP5	2022-2024
	Appointed by:	
Dorthe Holm Jensen	Dansk Industri	2019-2023
Michael Winther	Aarhus University	2022-2026
Vibe B Noordeloos	International Community	2021-2025
Vacant	VIA University College	
Marie Kongskov	Aarhus Gymnasium / Tech	2022-2026
Niclas Kvernrød	Dansk Erhverv	2019-2023
Lone Eibye Mikkelsen	Erhverv Aarhus	2019-2023

7. Election of AIS's School Supervisor

According to AIS's Articles of Association, point 6 and the rules for Frie Grundskoler, parents must elect a supervisor, who ensures that AIS supplies its students with an education that lives up to the standards of the Danish Folkeskole/Public School.

The Parent Council (PTA) suggests that Linda Jensen be re-elected as AIS's supervisor.

Linda Jensen was elected.

8. Additional submitted items

No items were submitted.

9. Any Other Business

Question about AIS having/getting a Diploma program, answered by Niclas and Vibe.

Question about adding more languages like Japanese, Chinese and/or Spanish to the curriculum, answered by Kathryn.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00


Chairperson of the General Assembly, Lars Hansen



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REPORT FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR 2021

Presented to AIS General Assembly on 21 April 2022



AIS's primary focus continued to be to maintain and further the development of the school's programme. Although the school faced slightly declining student numbers, this tendency seemed to have stopped from fall 2021, hinting at a potential growth again in the upcoming years.

Daily life at AIS during 2021 continued to be affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Lockdown, emergency teaching, online instruction, travel restrictions, extraordinary cleaning and the tracking of infected families and close contacts remained important parts of daily life. It must be stated, however, that students and AIS personnel together with parents made an exceptional effort to work successfully through this challenging period as a unified school community.

In the area of school finance, AIS is now in its fifth year in a row of having operated within the school's approved budget. The school continues to reduce its dependency on revenues in the form of sponsorships which have declined by approximately 75% over the past four years.

The school's successful evaluation visit by the International Baccalaureate (IB) organization in 2020 must be maintained, with the next evaluation visit to be conducted by the IB in 2025. Continued updating of programs, policies, practices and curricula is taking place regularly and is progressing in a direction which continues to hone and strengthen the teaching and learning at AIS. Inspections from Aarhus Kommune (Municipality) and the Undervisningsministeriet (Department of Education) in accordance with regulations regarding private kindergartens and private schools continuously result in very good evaluations.

In response to expected growth in IB education in the coming years, additional funding continued to be sought in an effort to raise the projected amount necessary to finance the "One Campus" new building project. Planning to replace the older buildings at the AIS Dalgas campus and to build a new kindergarten structure on the same premises continued with optimism. The anticipated goal to be reached in 2024 will be to have a facility which can serve some 600 students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade ten.

When the calendar year 2021 came to a close, the school was still struggling with the ups and downs of the Covid pandemic. In August some of the restrictions had been lifted but by late fall the pandemic was in full swing again, ending in December with students being sent home and the final few days of the term mandated as online instruction. With increasing rates of illness, the return to a programme of regular daily instruction seemed a long way off. How this pandemic would come to an end was a question no one could answer. In spite of this, the strong efforts of all concerned led to finding multiple ways to keep the educational and financial aspects of the school's operation in surprisingly good condition.

CHARLES C. (CHRIS) HANNA
Head of School