



Summary 1st IICS Board Meeting 2020/21 – September 1st 2020

Participants

Ferhat Ferhangil – Chair
Nina Ozsoy – Vice Chair
Maurizia Moreschi – Treasurer
Oussama Najjar – Member
Ahu Yildirmaz – Member
Ece Gurol – Member
Beau Higgins – Member
Eddie Massier – Member
Yesim Bezen – Member
Jared Grubb – Member
Cindy Richards – Member
Nathan Walker – Head of School
Omer Kipmen – FAC Rep.
Figen Underdown – Secretary

Intro

The board currently comprises 14 members with Ferhat Ferhangil as Chair, Nina Ozsoy, our PTA Representative and Vice Chair and Yesim Bezen, Jared Grubb, Eddy Massier and Cindy Richards (US consulate Representative) having recently joined the board. The other members are Maurizia Moreschi (Treasurer), Omer Kipmen (Faculty Representative), Nathan Walker (Head of School), Beau Higgins, Ahu Yildirmaz, Ece Gurol, Oussama Najjar and Figen Underdown (Secretary).

Secondary Principal Search

The Search for the Secondary Principal has not yielded a satisfactory final candidate.

Decision:

To extend the search for the Secondary Principal and present a new short-list for interviews and selection

IB Scores class 2019/20

We are happy to announce the IB scores of the 2019/20 class. The average score achieved is a strong 34 (vs. 29.9% world average) with a pass rate of 91%. IICS had 32 total graduates, 25 of them went for the full IB Diploma, two students for certificates on different subjects and five of them opted for the American high school diploma that IICS offers.

Cost savings and refunds to parents

As last year, IICS will pass on to parents the savings as a result of having the Distance Learning.

Decisions:

Nathan already communicated the full refund of VAT reduction, either to be credited against the 2nd tuition fee installment or refunded if requested or if fees have already been paid in full.

In the weeks ahead the school will detail out and communicate the key components of savings as well as the refund policy.

Facilities

200k USD had been allocated for investment / campus improvements for the year 20/21, predominantly on the Marmara Campus, including but not limited to conversion to a natural gas system, renewing the theater,

improving classroom floors / carpets, soundproofing the music room, repairing fences of sports courts, playground improvements (Hisar).

Necessary investments into Covid-19 related health-and-safety measures, such as ventilation, detection cameras, insulation containers., thermometers, disinfection materials etc. have been completed.

So far 130k USD has been spent / committed and the facilities committee will evaluate and prioritize the remaining budget

Board Committees and Task Forces (ad hoc committees)

For the year 20/21 the IICS Board will operate through the following committees / task forces. Committees are standing committees and continuous. Task Forces are created for specific purposes for a limited period of time.

- Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Policy Committee
- Relocation Task Force
- Strategic Planning Task Force
- Audit Task Force
- Election Task Force

Board Development

New as well as existing Board Members will attend CEESA virtual governance workshops throughout September and October to ensure that members are updated, stay well informed and receive insights on best practices within the CEEA network

Board Communication

Following each board meeting a separate Executive Board Meeting Summary will be drafted to be shared with the community on the IICS Community Portal, Board Section