

Notes meeting dd. 6 november 2023

All documents can be found in the MR folder 2023-2024. The meeting will take place from 16.00 hour on 6 November. Request to read the notes of the prior meetings carefully.

Present: Chair PMR VO, secretary pmr/PO-mr teacher1, VO teacher 2, PO parents, VO parent, 2 VO students, Principal, Vice-principal

Absent: -

Later: PMR OOP

1) Opening 16:07

2) Notes 25/09 and Agenda approved

3) a) Discussion on proposals MR for mobile phone.

- One option, the pouch, is proposed; VO students are hesitant, particularly wondering how they can keep in touch with their parents (and vice versa).
- Importance of minimizing phone usage is stressed for physical and social health.
- Students want accessibility to laptops to do homework, but laptops are likely an alternative distraction in case mobile phones are banned.
- Also, **give students alternatives for break times (board games, playing cards, etc.)**.
- There is **consensus on clarity about rules for school and in class**. Option phone hotel is now unclear and not evenly enforced; also, during break times phones cause a lot of distraction. VO teacher 2 stresses that new national policy advice currently applies to class, not schoolwide.

b) 3 questions for management: absence consequence; school contribution specification; revision VMR reglement.

3.1 Is there consequence on absences?

- Chair: Some students say they don't come to school because they say they can better learn at home.
- Student confirms this. There is a distinction between IMYC (more) and IB (less) in this. Some students won't come to school if they are late, to avoid truancy consequences (!).
- Denise gets complaints from Bureau Leerplicht that the school doesn't enforce the issue of absenteeism enough.

4) Leadership joins (16:47)

- MR comments on policy documents that are shared. LS will comment briefly in next meeting.
- Verzuimbeleid**: improvement needed (and upcoming) on policy of coming back if students missed class. LS wants to answer the question "why are you skipping?" and get more facts. Also stresses student responsibility for DP ages, whereas in lower levels enforcing current rules may be enough.

ACTION: LS will organise a new evaluation group and will invite school members and members of VO-MR to assess current situation and provide input to Leadership.

- c) **Revision VMR reglement:** Modifications on number of VO MR members (1 extra parent VO and 1 extra VO teacher) and appointment of Vice-principal are proposed. **ACTION: preferably before January.**
- d) **School contribution specification:** LS will provide clarification and possible to amend school guide for next year. Parental contribution is defined by PO<->VO, no further distinctions. LS can do this in December, having the facts of this year's contributions. School camp is currently not for all groups: discussion about how to incorporate it in the budget; also, percentage of paying parents is - apparently - quite low. **Specifying spending of contribution to parents may well help to increase the amount of parents who actually pay the contribution.**
- e) **Mobile phones:** MR clarifies and elaborates advice in "input document" shared with leadership. Different perspectives and opinions exist within MR. LS indicates the broader topic about communication, in school and between students and parents, about which discussion is needed. A worthwhile topic, to be kept separate from mobile phone discussion.

(Principal leaves at 17.32)

5) Students updates

- a) Student Council progress: SC board has been elected. Chair will make a Google Classroom for SC. + Chair will contact roostermaker about absences of SC members. Water fountains for refilling water bottles would be very welcome. Issues of hygiene with toilet sinks. SC will make a petition.

6) Parent updates

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7) Personnel updates

New possible member PO doesn't work on Monday, however, the possibility of changing the meeting day for MR is difficult. MR teacher PO will find out whether compensation for MR membership is possible.

8) -Peningmeester needed for MR? Undecided, no volunteers as of yet.

-ACTION: Procedure elections MR (Jan.24). Chair and VO teacher2 will organize it.

9) Round of Questions

- Parent: School policy and intentions for school camp remains vague. Possible improvements/changes are discussed. MR still hopes to be invited to be involved in the organizing of a system whereby more students can go on camp. -"Lesuitval" protocol is up for future meetings, as it is not working in practice.

11) Afsluiting (18.03)