



Newsletter



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Electoral Participation

From the Director



Dear AISB Community,

Next Tuesday night at 7pm is AISB's Annual General Association Meeting and Board Elections. Last November the United States elected new leaders and just last week Mali went through the wonderful process of electing local leaders. As you have most likely spoken with your children about an election, you now have the opportunity to speak with your children about what happens each May here at AISB. This is the time that AISB's Association elects new School Board members for those whose terms have expired and those that will be leaving us at the end of this year. Just like many countries go through the process of electing leaders, the AISB Association will do the same next Tuesday night.

At the same time, the AISB Annual General Association meeting is also an occasion to find out about the general state of the school and its future plans. The current Board Chair, Rob van Doeselaar, will share the results of the annual parent survey and the Board Treasurer, Olivier Verstraeten, will update the members on the school's current financial status. The Facilities Chair, Christy Bennett, will give us the latest on the school construction project, a major undertaking that initially began back in 2002 and is now 'under construction' since last month. There will also be the annual Director's report and a quick view of the curriculum work completed by the faculty this year.

The evening finishes with a question/answer period and the announcement of the election results. A reception/social time is also planned for the evening so that you can visit with other

Association members and school administration as the votes are tallied.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm participating in AISB's democratic process.

Sincerely,

David G. Henry,
Director

Board Elections and General Meeting

7pm, Tuesday Night
All Parents Welcome

Pizza Party for Classes with Highest % of Parents in Attendance

The High School Drama Class
presents

'Juno'
7pm, Friday, May 8

Parental Discretion Advised

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Recent Board News

The AISB Board of Trustees met at 7pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The board examined the progress made by the Facilities Committee on the new school construction project, discussed the overall positive parent survey results, planned for the upcoming board training, reviewed the annual board self-evaluation and approved the final revision of the 2008-09 budget and the annual audit. Below are additional items covered in the meeting:

2009-10 Budget and 2009-10 School Fees Approved

The board unanimously approved the 2nd draft of the 2009-10 school budget, which includes line items for the financing of the new school construction project. The tuition fees for 2009-10 were also unanimously approved. The slight increase in the tuition fees for the Kindergarten through 12th grade programs represents an approximate 3-4% tuition increase. The original proposal had an increase of 5%, however, the School Board was able to reduce the increase by finding ways to lower the 2009-10 budget expenses. Next year's tuition increase is similar to last year's. There was no increase in the Pre-Kindergarten tuition fee structure.

AISB School Board Elections and General Association Meeting – May 12

The board planned for the upcoming General Association Meeting and Board Elections. In addition to the elections there will be a review of the progress on the new school project, discussion of the parent survey, Treasurer's report and an update on curriculum development.

For the upcoming board elections, there are two American positions and three non-American positions open on the AISB School Board for the 2008-09 school year. Absentee and proxy voting instructions will go home this week.

Pizza Parties for Classes with Highest Parent Attendance at Board Elections

The class (Elementary & Secondary) with the highest percentage of parent association members present on Tuesday night for the General Association Meeting and Board Elections will receive a classroom pizza party!! All parents and association members are encouraged to attend the meeting next Tuesday night.

Upcoming Events

May	Advanced Placement Testing
May 8	One Act Play – 'Juno', MPR – Signed Parental Permission Forms for Grades 1-4 to Attend (New Date)
May 12	General Association Meeting & Board Elections 7pm, MPR
May 15-17	WAISAL HS Volleyball Tournament - Dakar
May 16-17	Board Retreat for 2009-10 Board Members
May 19	Regular Board Meeting, 7pm
May 21	PTO General Meeting, 7pm
May 22	Africa Day Celebration
May 25	Africa Day Holiday - No School
May 30	Ground Breaking Ceremony at Sotuba, 9am
June 10	Graduation
June 12	Last Day of School

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Ground Breaking Ceremony



Sotuba, **le samedi 30 mai 2009.**

Mothers' Day Journaling from the Kindergarten Class, by Lynn Robinson



The High School Drama Class and Their Spring Performance Choices

AISB became an accredited high school in October 2007. Since then, our Spring high school drama class picks a meaningful play they study in class and perform it. The play that is chosen by the high school students, with guidance from the teacher, is based on their interests, not necessarily on the audience. Hence, the Spring performance is not the annual school wide production which occurs each fall.

We hope you understand better our High School class' play selection process and the reason for Grades 1-4 permission slips for this year's production of 'Juno'.

Enjoy the show!

