

AISL weekly

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Message from the Superintendent

It is hard to believe that it is November already and we are coming up on the completion of Term I in the elementary school. There are so many things going on that keep us all busy and the time goes by so quickly.

This week I wanted to speak to the Character Counts program that we have implemented at AISL in the last two years. The AISL staff and students have embraced the principles of the program that promotes responsibility, integrity, respect, fairness, and trustworthiness. We try and honor students who exhibit such behaviors and acknowledge all the values of practicing these universal characteristics. It has been my observation in the past few weeks that we, as adults, need to be reminded that modeling these expectations are important, especially on the field of sports when competition sometimes brings out the best and the worst in people due to the emotional component of sports. I ask that parents take a deep breath and think about what we want our students to hear and see that models the principles of character counts and good sportsmanship...we are counting on your cooperation.

The school has tentatively marked Monday, November 15th and Tuesday November 16th as recognized holidays. Please note that these dates are not set in stone and are subject to change if and when the Federal government declares an official public holiday. If the government declares different dates than we have tentatively marked then we will adjust accordingly to the declared dates. The school will be closed for the declared dates and we will notify all when we have received the official announcement.

A Message from the Board of Directors:

SPOTLIGHT on Curriculum

In an effort to keep the community informed of the continual assessment and review of curricular programs that we offer, throughout the month of November in each Friday Newsletter, we will be highlighting different areas of the curriculum and improvement plans that are in progress.

This week we write to update the community with regards to the PE Curriculum, PE instruction, and the Athletics program at AISL. We understand that our physical education program and athletics are important to our community and we want you to know we are working on several components that are intended to improve our programs. We are taking a comprehensive and systematic approach to improvements in all curricular areas which we do annually each year. Many have asked what is happening and specific to the PE Program and Athletics are the following for the 2011-2012 school year action plans:

- Investing in staff development and teacher training
- Developing an "Artist in Residence Program" to take advantage of talented individuals who come to Lagos and approach the school to offer services
- Using experts with specialization in fields of physical education that enhance the technical aspect of skills taught in the classroom
- Arranged for a highly recognized Physical Educational consultant to visit AISL in January
- Provided more than sufficient financial support to purchase the equipment and supplies for Physical Education and Athletics
- Plan to add ex-pat staff to enhance current staffing and develop Athletic program at all three grade levels
- We have implemented the MS intramural Friday program that is a huge success
- Developed a clear scope and sequence of learning targets and skill development for each grade level. This is part of the accreditation process
- Managing the facility much more efficiently to eliminate scheduling changes to events, programs, and activities

We believe we are making great strides with the vision to provide the very best. We believe we share the same goal as you to have a high quality program, develop well rounded lifetime learners, and to develop a sense of competitive spirit in our students. We hope that you will be supportive of the efforts made so far this school year and the others that are being implemented. We are confident that improvements will be clearly visible in the coming months and throughout the year. We will continue to update the community on these efforts as we implement changes throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

October 29, Friday

- **Scary Movie Night (HS)**
7:00-9:00 pm, Pool

October 3, Wednesday

- **Spelling Bee (3-8th grade)**
7:30-3:30 pm, Gym

October 5, Friday

- **End of 1st Trimester (PK-5)**
- **Writing Training for Parents**
12:45-2:00 pm
- **Last Day of Session 1 After School Activities**

Midyear Transfer

Dear AISL Parents,

We need your assistance in letting us know if you will be returning in January. Please take a moment to send the Registrar or myself an e-mail if your children will not be returning.

Thank you

John Stewart & Temi Obaide

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High School Sports

Soccer

We played a very strong match on Tuesday against the Eti-Osa Local Government youth team. It was a very energy sapping game, however we conceded a goal 5mins to the end of the match. Final score Eti-Osa Boys - 1, AISL - 0.

We have reorganized our mid-field and attack and we hope our game next week will bring a good result.

Our game next week Tuesday against the Ronik Secondary School is unfortunately cancelled, however there is hope we get a game for Thursday, November 4 to make up for the cancellation.

We are still in need of girls to join our Girls Soccer team. So if you are interested please see Mr. Alfred.

Mr. Alfred Ohimain

AISL Athletic Director

Band Update

I just wanted to let you all know about upcoming dates that our school's bands will be playing for. The Concert Band will be first to play on Nov. 8th at the MS Assembly at 8:45. They will be playing "The Nigerian National Anthem", "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" and "All-Star".

Next will be the Grade 5 Band who will perform with the ES Music Concert on Wednesday, December 8th which will start at 12:30 PM.

Finally will be the big Winter Band Concert with the Grade 6 Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and the HS Symphonic Band. This event is on Thursday, December 9th, starting promptly at 6:30.

Details about when to be there and what to wear can be found in the class syllabus which is posted on Edline.

Hope to see you all there,

Brian Vaughn

After School Activities

After-school Activities session one will end on Friday, Nov. 5. We will take a two-week break from Nov. 8-Nov. 21. The second session of activities will start on Nov. 22.

Drivers and Nannies

Parents and Staff, please inform your drivers that they must wait outside of the gates. There is no waiting area on campus.

Also, please ensure that all drivers and nannies wear their badges when they are on campus.



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MAP® Testing Coming to AISL in November

This year AISL is moving away from administering the IOWA Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) students have traditionally taken in the spring. Our test this year will be the Measures of Academic Progress® or MAP® test. The data we will be able to generate from the MAP® test will help teachers plan their instruction to better meet the needs of individual students.

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) developed this test. MAP® assessments are computerized as well as adaptive. When taking the MAP® test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As a student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student should however answer incorrectly, the questions become easier.

Since this year we are piloting the test, students in grades 2-10 will be tested in mathematics in November. The tests are not timed which takes the pressure away from the students. While it takes most students 45 minutes to an hour to complete a MAP® test, our students will be given as much time as they need.

Look for more information about MAP® in the coming weeks.

Bola Body-Lawson
MAP Coordinator

High School Students and Parents

Tonight is scary movie night at the pool with the feature film being *The Blair Witch Project*. From all accounts, this is a pretty scary movie (although it is not a horror/slasher movie), and it is therefore rated "R". We want parents to make an informed decision about their children watching the movie, and as such, we are requiring a parent signature on our permission slip before students are admitted to watch (think of it like the movie theaters!). If in doubt, please take the time to look up further information on the movie before signing the permission slip.

In addition to the debut of our new gigantic blow up screen for the movie, students are welcome to swim or hang out in and around the pool during the movie. Please remember to be appropriately covered.

When: 7:00 – 9:00 (pick up by 9:15 PM)

Where: AISL Pool

Who: Existing AISL high school students only

Entry: Permission slip signed by parent and N500

Students are not to hang out at school until the 7:00 pm movie.

The Student Senate hopes to see many students there!

Establishing a Healthy Home/School Connections

Now that first quarter report cards have gone home in the HS/MS and with elementary report cards right around the corner, we felt this is a great time to review the makings of a healthy home/school connection. At AISL we hold a foundational belief that the connection between parents and teachers is a vital part of each students' education. As a school it is important that we offer parents the opportunity to communicate with us questions and concerns you have regarding your child's educational experience. Likewise it's important to us that parents respect teachers' working hours and schedules. With these two points in mind, we've created a list defining a healthy parent/teacher relationship:

- Use the current communication forms available to stay on top of what is happening in the classroom (classroom newsletters, Ed Line, weekly school newsletter)
- Email teachers questions/concerns or make an appointment to discuss issues that arise so teachers have time to prepare a thoughtful response.
- Avoid stopping teachers in the morning before school, popping in during the day unannounced, or showing up after school expecting to have a meeting.
- Be open to giving and receiving suggestions about a particular situation.
- Keep it positive! We are all here for the benefit of the children and we need to work together in our efforts.
- Before approaching administration, please talk with the teacher involved to hear their perspective or solution.

Mardi Gras in Lagos

All you need to know

Date: Saturday, 13 November 2010

Time: 2 - 6PM

Entry: Children (3 and older) N3000.00

PARENT N2000.00

NANNY N3500.00

Every ticketed child will be given a mask and a Mardi Gras wristband.

Every ticketed PARENT will BE GIVEN a gold wristband

Every ticketed nanny will BE GIVEN a blue wristband

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO-ONE WILL BE ADMITTED ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS WITHOUT THE WRISTBAND ON.
ANY NANNY WEARING THE PARENT WRIST BAND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ONTO THE CAMPUS.**

Attractions for the day

The arts and craft station is located by the 2 kindergarten classrooms. The children in the elementary school will find this a great activity making a cool Mardi Gras fan. This activity is free.

Face painting is located outside the school office. This is available at no cost.

Balloon sculpture is located outside the school office. This is available at no cost. Please note that it is one balloon per child 7 years and younger.

Candy land is located outside the Grade 1 classrooms

Rides

The Mardi Gras Train The Carousel

The Flying Jumbo ride

The Star Jet

Bungee Jumping

The Dunk Booth

Jumbo Bouncy Castles

All the rides are free!!!!!! Yay!

Food and Drink

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Hot Dogs

Ice Cream

Pop Corn

Cotton Candy

Suya

Dim Sum

Assortment of finger foods

Mini Pizzas

Baked Goods

Soft Drinks

Non alcoholic cocktails

WATER IS FREE

All food and drinks at the carnival can only be purchased using the food and drink vouchers. The PTO will be selling voucher booklets one week before the Mardi Gras Carnival. Each booklet sells for N2000.00 and is in N50, N100, N150 and N200 denominations.

Food and drinks located in the French Quarter (Basket Ball Court) and along Bourbon Street (Driveway by the gym).

Bead Throwing

At 4.00pm there will be the throwing of beads from the balcony BY OUR KREWE MEMBERS at the beginning of Bourbon Street.

Wear your beads throughout the day and you can even trade with one another to add to the fun.

Raffle Prizes and Theme Baskets

British Airways return ticket to London

iPhones

Digital picture frames

Dinners

Lunches

Wii Console and games

Spa Treatments

Barbie Girl

Ben 10

Hannah-Mylic (The Best of Both Worlds)

Out of Najja

Perfumania

Bionicle

Some Like It Hot!

School Days

Curl Up On The Sofa

It's a wrap

Cooks Delight

Merry Christmas

Hot Wheels

Home Entertainment

A Girls Best Friends

and more.....

Mask Decoration Competition

There are super prizes available for the best decorated MASKS. Come to the gym at 4.30pm if you wish to participate, wearing the mask they have decorated. Prizes include iPods.

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Games

Games for the children are located in the gym, from favorites like twister, there are also some games located around the courtyard

Redemption table

Loads of super prizes for the children at the redemption table located in the gym.

We encourage you and your family to get into the spirit of the day! The colors are purple gold (yellow) and green. Or you could come dressed up in costumes!!!! The more colorful you are, the more likely you will be one of the lucky few at the carnival. There are many prizes and gifts to be given away on that day.

Hospitality

We are providing a sitting area in the courtyard and another sitting area on the soccer field. The school nurse will also be on duty throughout the day.

The forms for tickets go out on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 and are expected back completed on or before Monday 8th November 2010.

IF you have any questions, kindly email

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Writing Workshops for Parents

Friday November 5

OR

Friday November 12th

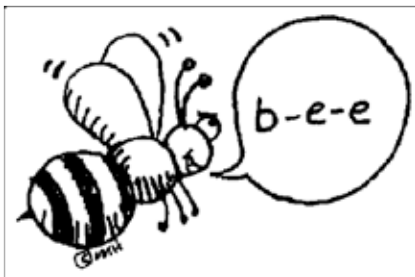
12:45 - 2:00 pm

AISL Gym



Want some tips on how to help your student at home to improve their writing? We are pleased to offer two opportunities for parents to learn more about how writing is taught and assessed at AISL.

Come and work with Dave Lantz, an AISL HS English teacher and international writing consultant, on either Friday November 5th or Friday November 12th from 12:45-2:00 in the gym. Dave will introduce you to the Six+1 Traits of Writing Model that is being used at AISL. He'll also give you suggestions on how you can support your children as they work on their writing skills at home. This is a workshop that is aimed at parents of AISL students in grades PreK-grade 12. Hope to see you there!



The following Middle School students will participate in the AISL Spelling Bee to take place on Wednesday, November 3.

Grade 6
Sam F.
Idia A.
Brenda U.

Grade 7
Ejiro E.
Ben D.
Reni A.

Grade 8
Vidya G.
Devika P.
Damian McM.



We wish all of the participants the best of luck in their Spelling Bee endeavors! Bee the best spellers you can bee!

HS Students attend MUN Conference at Cairo American College

By Anna Mensah

This years Model United Nations Conference in Cairo, Egypt (CACMUN) which just concluded this past Tuesday was a huge hit for the High School students who attended. It consisted of an eight day trip to Cairo, Egypt to participate not only in the conference but to also enjoy the many cultural excursions Cairo has to offer.

Model United Nations is a Model simulation of the United Nations. Students who participate in MUN learn and feel what it would be like to be a delegate in the United Nations. Through draft resolutions writing and formal debating students try and solve many of the worlds current global problems. The 11 AISL students who attended this years conference spent four days battling many of the worlds

most difficult problems while trying to get their resolutions passed by the rest of their committees so as to better the world. Guest speakers were also part of the conference including well know Washington Post reporter and author Jeffrey Fleishman. This trip was a huge success with many resolutions passed.



The cultural excursion were a lot of fun and a really interesting part of the trip. Student visited the Great Pyramids of Giza, rode horses in the desert outside of Cairo, visited the Egyptian Museum and visited multiple mosques in Islamic Cairo including Mohammad Ali, Sultan Hassan and Iban Toulon.

MUN was a great hit for the students who attended and we would like to give a big thank you to our MUN director, Tom Bonnet for guiding us through Cairo and teaching us how to fight better in the "MUN way". We would also like to thank Mrs. Anwar for helping chaperone the trip.

We cant wait for next year!

IMPORTANT for EVERYONE

Name Badges

Please remember that it is MANDATORY that everyone (parents, drivers, nannies, cooks, and guests have their ID badge visible AT ALL TIMES when on campus.

Security/Police

In the past few days I have been told and personally witnessed several armed police that are either on the outside of school property and/or across the street. Some are hired privately by parents to travel back and forth with students. There are also some that are patrolling for the 1004 Estates.

I am adamant that these armed police be nowhere near the campus or in close proximity to our students. If they are privately contracted, I ask that you remind them never to exit the vehicle and stay in the car. I have also communicated to the 1004 Estates with the same message to ensure compliance.



Saturday Soccer

Time to start playing ... WEEK 6

ENVIRONMENTAL - LATE KICK OFF!!!

30-Oct-10	Pitch 1/1a		Pitch 2		30-Oct-10		
1100-1200	Ajax	v	Feyenoord	Bordeaux	11am - 12pm		
	FC Twente	v	PSV Eindhoven	Marseille			
1200-1300	Toulouse	v	St Etienne	Monaco	v	Paris St Germain	12pm - 1pm
1300-1400	Inter Milan	v	Napoli	Roma	v	Sampdoria	1pm - 2pm
1400-1500	Juventus	v	AC Milan	Real Madrid	v	Valencia	2pm - 3pm
1500-1600	Barcelona	v	Sevilla	Villa Real	v	Atletico Madrid	3pm - 4pm
1600-1700	Chelsea	v	Manchester City	Liverpool	v	Newcastle United	4pm - 5pm
1700-1800	Arsenal	v	Manchester United	Aberdeen	v	Rangers	5pm - 6pm
Fri	Celtic	v	Hibernian				Fri

PICTURE DAY - SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Picture day is scheduled for Saturday 6th November. Please remember you need to be there half an hour before your match time if you want to be in the team picture!

WATER

Don't forget that **every child should bring their own water** to the game. The weather is suddenly much hotter and they will need to keep drinking.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Thank you to all those team mums, parents and kids who have been cleaning up after the games. If team mums maybe bring a rubbish bag - anything that will help get the rubbish to the right place! Thank you again!

PRACTICES

The kids really do love it when their parents get involved and the coaches are always thrilled to have support so please do get out there and join in practices. It is really great to see how fast they catch the point of a drill and how quickly they learn and use what they have practiced.

CANCELLATIONS

To learn if games are cancelled please check the soccer website or phone the Weather Phone. Note the phone is a recording only so please don't text it as you won't get an answer, and please check both these before phoning Stuart's personal number! **Weather Phone 0805 839 2753**

NEWS

Don't forget this weekend is Environmental so all games are a few hours later. Check the schedule above for this weeks game times. Looking forward to some exciting football! See you there



Photo of the Week

<http://sites.google.com/site/aislsooccer/>

Books for all ages



The AISL PTO Bookfair will be held the week of January 31, 2011



**Spanish language
books for kids**

**History, fiction, adventure,
sci-fi, humorous...all your
favorites coming soon**

**Buy a book for your
teacher's classroom**

Would you like to volunteer to help? Drop an email to cpizzala@hotmail.com, with your full name and phone number...thanks to those who have already emailed!

After-School Activities:

Sign Ups will Start Nov. 8

Session II

Start Date: Monday, November 22, 2010

End Date: Saturday, February 19, 2010

**The After-School Activities program guide will be in the
November 5 newsletter and will also be online at**

www.aislagos.org

Sign ups will be processed through the business office.





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Saturday November 13 2010

American International School Lagos

2 - 6pm



Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed in the E.B Deboise Memorial Competition on October 22nd- 23rd. Below is a list of competitors and places earned at the meet. Great work!

Girls 9 and under:

Toyah Moyat

50 meter breaststroke 2nd place

Ayanda Hundah

50 meter breaststroke- 3rd place

50 meter backstroke- 3rd place

50 meter butterfly- 3rd place

50 meter freestyle- 1st place

Inumidun Oyebode

50 meter breaststroke- 6th place

50 meter backstroke- 7th place

50 meter butterfly- 5th place

50 meter freestyle- 6th place

Girls 10 and 11:

Nabila Williams

50 meter breaststroke- 5th place

50 meter backstroke- 2nd place

50 meter freestyle- 5th place

Claire Varnai

50 meter butterfly- 7th place

50 meter breaststroke- 7th place

Motolani Osinowo

50 meter butterfly- 2nd place

50 meter breaststroke- 4th place

Girls 12 and 13:

Yasmine Gelderloos

100 meter freestyle- 6th place

100 meter breaststroke- 7th place

100 meter butterfly- 5th place

100 meter backstroke- 6th place

Kimberly Cox

100 meter freestyle- 7th place

100 meter butterfly- 7th place

100 meter backstroke- 8th place

Lindsay Kontchou

100 meter freestyle 9th place

100 meter breaststroke- 8th place

100 meter butterfly- 7th place

100 meter backstroke- 5th plac

Boys 9 and under:

Anthony Mensah

50 meter breaststroke- 4th place

50 meter backstroke- 4th place

50 meter butterfly- 4th place

50 meter freestyle- 3rd place

Jaap Akkermans

50 meter breaststroke- 5th place

50 meter backstroke- 2nd place

50 meter butterfly- 3rd place

50 meter freestyle- 8th place

Brent Cheung

50 meter breaststroke- 8th place

50 meter backstroke- 7th place

50 meter butterfly- 6th place

Boys 10 and 11:

Ehigie Akpata

50 meter freestyle- 7th place

50 meter backstroke- 7th place

Boys 12 and 13:

Shawn Els

100 meter backstroke- 9th place

100 meter breaststroke- 6th place

Girls 14-15

Meggi Varnai

100 meter freestyle- 1st place

100 meter backstroke- 1st place

100 meter breaststroke- 1st place

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:45 PTO Cactus	3 Gr 3-8 Spelling Bee 7:30-3:30 - Gym	4	5 Elem – End of 1 st Trimester	Saturday Soccer 6
					12:30-1:55 Parent Writing Training	SAT
	ISTA Drama		Staff Meetings		IB Visual Arts Trip	HS Volleyball Tournament 9-3PM
	IB Visual Arts Trip	IB Visual Arts Trip	IB Visual Arts Trip	IB Visual Arts Trip	Last Day Session 1 After School Activities	IB Visual Arts Trip
7	8 MS Assembly 8:40- 9:45 - Gym	9	10	11	12 Elem Report Cards	Saturday Soccer 13 PTO Carnival
			HS HOD Meeting		12:30-1:55 Parent Writing Training	
	HS Assembly on the Field 8:40-9:45	IB Staff Meetings				
14	15 *POSSIBLE EID-AL	16 KABIR HOLIDAY	17 Staff Meetings	18	19 Student of Month- Gym	Saturday Soccer 20
			HS IB Meeting		HS Karaoke Night	
21	22	23	24	25 1PM Dismissal	26	27
			Staff Meetings	THANKSGIVING	BREAK CAMPUS	CLOSED
			HS Meeting			
	First day Session 2 After School Activities	AISL Board Meeting				
28	29 HS Assembly 8:30-9:45	30				

*The Eid Holiday will be observed when the Nigerian Government officially declares the date

American International School of Lagos
Board of Directors
Minutes for Tuesday, August 24, 2010
AISL Library

Members Present: Ekaba Davies, Simon Hemming, Tonya Oaks, Hemant Patel, Stuart McGeoch, Fred Armand, Robin Cheung, Joe Lunsford
Admin Staff: Tom Shearer, Sharon Schauss, Justin Smith
Parent Attendees: Katrien Meshdagh, Binu Jacob, Jacob Matthew, Federica Felton, Maryanne Andrews, Dione Lemieux, Ravi Shankar, John McCloy
Staff Attendees: Jeff Klancke, Lauri Klancke, Gaye Lantz, Tim Stranske, Chris McBride, John Stewart, Barry Phipps, Jane Olson, Maria Dissell, Rico Guerreiro

Study Session

Sharon Schauss and Carlos De la Sobera reviewed the results of the 2010 IB exams. They also went over the IB program and its requirements for classes and testing.

Regular Session The regular session began at 5:20PM.

Call to Order: Mr. Joe Lunsford called the meeting to order. He noted that Mr. D. Heath was chaperoning the 6th grade international trip and sends his regrets. Tom Shearer will arrive late as he is returning from the airport.

Adoption of Agenda:

E. Davies made a change to the agenda under Curriculum. We added readings of Series 2.000 and 3.000 of the Policy Manual. R. Cheung moved the Funding Report to Executive Session. H. Patel, seconded by T. Oaks, moved to accept the agenda with changes. Motion passed.

Adoption of Minutes:

T. Oaks, seconded by H. Patel, moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Recognition of Staff, Students and Community:

S. McGeoch thanked Sharon and Carlos for an informative session on the IB Exam results. E. Davies thanked the IB team and the Staff and Administration for the back to school nights. J. Lunsford commended Sharon and the HS team on the HS conferences and Justin on the MS conferences. He also commended H. Patel on his commitment and dedication to the HS project. Hemant attended eight meetings on the HS last week, four visits to the site, and 3 separate meetings for other AIS business. Mr. Lunsford also thanked S. McGeoch for his work on the Strategic Plan and the Saturday Soccer program.

Superintendent's Report:

HS Report: S. Schauss thanked parents for attending the conferences. October was a quiet month. Individual pictures for HS students would be taken during Scholar Sessions on Oct 4, 11, and 18.

Elem/MS Report: J. Smith announced that MS conferences are finishing and Elementary conferences will take place next week. PTO Book Fair is scheduled for October. More information would be coming home.

Financial Statement:

Trudy Mafe and Simon Hemming went over the financial statement. The budget has been revised. We have less incoming students than were projected.

Members wishing to address the Board:

John McCloy – complimented teachers on their work and addressed the topic of learning support services. Given the school’s vision statement, he feels that the school needs to take a closer look at this issue. Mr. McCloy feels that the school doesn’t adequately address learning support services. J. Lunsford said that he appreciated Mr. McCloy's bringing the issue to the BOD and that Mr. McCloy would receive a response, in writing, in three days.

Katrien Meshdagh-Hens – Had four issues to bring to the board.

1. The noise level in her daughter’s 10th grade classroom due to the generator. She asked if there was a way we could measure the noise level.
2. Traffic – she hopes that efforts are being made to alleviate the traffic conditions. She doesn’t see any improvements if efforts are being made. Another issue is that the 1004 guards at the exit gate are closing one gate and it is taking longer to exit.
3. Parent communication - things are not always passed on to parents in a timely manner. Edline is good, but what about last minute notification. She stated that, When after school activities are cancelled at the last minute, can there not be some supervision provided?
4. HS construction – Will the HS be open next year?

J. Lunsford assured Mrs. Meshdagh-Hens that she would receive a response in writing from the BOD.

Old Business:**The High School Project Report:**

H. Patel gave a review of the HS project. We are having some delay issues and are trying to get things back on track. Here is a review of what is occurring:

1. Staff flats are 80% complete
2. HS buildings are making progress
3. Gym roof is up
4. Music Room, Art Room & Library have the roof trusses in place
5. Back up power supply is in place
6. Gen sets and Netcom tower are going in/up
7. External works are progressing slowly. The contractor is strapped for cash. There is equipment we have paid for that is not there. As of right now, we are looking at the end of the year for the buildings to be complete. Until we see progress we can’t set a definite date. It will be difficult to move in this year.

T. Oaks reported that transportation options to the HS site are on track. We are looking at a back up bussing company. When more information comes in, she will update the community.

Facilities Review:

H. Patel reported that there are no maintenance issues on the VI campus. The Oniru staff flats has a new gen set and the owner of the Oniru building will reimburse AIS thru the lease payment.

Human Resources:

S. McGeoch reported that the recruitment process for next year would be done by Tom and Tim together. The HS Principal position was posted this week. Extensions will be offered to

existing staff in late October, approved at November BOD meeting and postings for open positions will go up in December. Salary schedules will be reviewed in November.

Finance:

Trudy Mafe and KPMG are looking at the 10.000 Series. The issue of retaining Pricewaterhouse Coopers as our auditors was discussed. It was decided that for the sake of expediency we should retain the company. S. Hemming, seconded by R. Cheung, moved to retain PricewaterhouseCoopers as our external auditors for the 2009-2010 audit. Motion passed.

Curriculum:

E. Davies conducted the second reading of Series 2.000. S. Schauss is working on section 2.5000. It is not finished. The board should spend time reading 2.600 and 2.700. Series 3.000 is not a change in policy. The policy has already been approved. Some of the language has been reworded. The board members were urged to read the existing policy.

S. Hemming said that the learning support policy does not show a lot of detail. We need to make it very clear during our Admissions process about learning support services. E. Davies, seconded by T. Oaks, moved to approve the implementation of the proposed series 3.000 new language on Admissions. Motion was passed. E. Davies reported on the last Curriculum Committee meeting. The committee discussed:

1. The HS recruitment strategy, how can we encourage MS students to continue on the HS at AISL?
2. Checking on how students are doing after the leave and when they arrive.
3. Learning support policy
4. Proposed HS trips (IB Art, ISTA Drama, College Tour)
5. Proposed MS trips (Washington DC, Egypt, Global Issues Conference in Africa)
6. Review of the PE program at AIS
7. Look at an Artist in Residence program

State of the School:

S. McGeoch reported that the forum was moved to Oct 5th. The forum will be discussed in Executive Session.

Accreditation:

G. Lantz reported that the accreditation process is going well. There are 50 staff members working on Section B. There are 9 curriculum committees. The 4 phases being worked on: Governance, Curriculum Audit, ES/MS/HS Issues, Visiting Team at AISL. We have a fleet of substitutes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so that the committees can work on their sections from 7:30-3PM

New Business:

Administrative Goals:

Will be sent out electronically to the BOD

2011-2012 Recruiting Plan:

Tom Shearer and the incoming superintendent, Tim Travers, will interview together for open positions. T. Shearer will interview in Tacoma and Klein first and take the list to T. Travers at the recruiting fair in Iowa. They will then go to San Francisco.

October Travel Authorization:

AISA Educator's Conference in Nairobi
ISTA Drama Trip to London
IB Visual Arts Trip to Paris
Sharon Schauss personal leave
All travel was approved.

Members wishing to address the Board:

None

Next Board Meeting: October 26, 2010

The Regular Session of the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted