

Victoria German School AGM 2020

October 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Anahita Ariana, Stefan Dollinger, Marcus Schlag, Trevar Pearce, Monika Brandstaetter, Mike Stevens, Deborah Weber, Debbie Sherwood

Regrets: Werner Simbeck

AGENDA

- 1) 2019 AGM Minutes
- 2) Vice-President Report
 - a) PowerPoint presentation which will be available on our website
- 3) Director's Update
 - a) We are currently only hosting a very limited amount of in-person classes at the Lansdowne Middle School. The remainder is being taught online.
 - b) Student Number
 - i) We do not have a Spielgruppe this year due to COVID. We have fewer kids in the Grundstufe 18 vs. 33. We have 43 in the Mittelstufe (vs. 40); we have a lot fewer adult students only 15 (vs. 50).
 - c) All our events such as the Laternenfest and Weihnachtsfest are currently cancelled.
 - d) In order to continue funding from Germany we require a minimum amount of students at the A1 and B1 level. Starting at the A2 level will give you high school credits in BC. DSD2 diploma will allow you to study in most German universities. It is a very challenging exam and that is why there is a minimum age level. There are social and political topics that the students have to be able to make an argument or interpret a graph. The kids need to be intellectually able to understand the exam questions.
- 4) Treasurer Report
 - a) The information on the current fund, as well as income and expenditures are detailed in the PowerPoint presentation. Due to COVID we have expenses of \$12,000 for the fall and winter term to pay for rent for a number of classrooms at Lansdowne Middle School.
 - b) Our school income from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was \$96,202.31. The majority of the income comes from Tuition and the German Government Grant. Our income from last year was \$4,200 higher over the previous year. The School expenses were \$86,076.83 with the majority of the expenses to the teachers, Director and our Administrator. We have increased the Director and Teachers' wages.
- 5) Election
 - a) Chair/ President: Werner Simbeck
 - b) Vice President: Anahita Ariana
 - c) Secretary: Christina Knowles
 - d) Treasurer: Monika Brandstaetter

e) Members at Large: Trevar Pearce, Stefan Dollinger, Mike Stevens, Marcus Schlag
All positions are accepted by acclamation

6) Next Board Meeting: November 23, 2020 at 7:00 – 8:30