

Storyboard for the PA General Assembly 18/10/2022, 6pm, ABIS gym

Slide 1: **Frozen**

Slide 2: **Elisabeth**

Dear Parents, a warm welcome to our annual Parents Association General Meeting. For those, who do not know me, my name is Elisabeth Zahlbruckner. I am a mum of three girls, my youngest is still in ABIS, in MYP 5.

My journey with the PA started in 2009. ABIS grew and so did the tasks, events and activities of the PA. Since then I serve as chairwoman of the Parents Association. In The PA Board is also Vera Doppler and Giselle Nasser Kallinger, serving as deputy chairwomen, Evi Ehrenreich as secretary, Chrissie Meyer as treasurer.

In this year`s general meeting we first want to inform you, dear parents, about things we did in the last school year and inform you about the main incomes and expenses of the PA. Then we ask you to release the PA´s board and third we want to motivate you to actively contribute to our team by giving you an overview what is planned for this schoolyear.

As this is my last year as head of this association we really want to invite you and get in contact with us, if you are interested in a function in the board.

Now I invite Giselle and Vera , our deputy chairwomen, on stage.

Slide 3,4: Giselle

Dear parents,

I would like to Welcome you to our Parents Association General Meeting!

Let me introduce myself to those of you who do not know me.

My name is Giselle Nasser, I was born in Colombia and grew up in the United States.

My son is Sebastian he is now in PYP5 . My husband is from Austria and four years ago we decided to give Austria a try, then we found ABIS and decided to stay.

Since then I have been an active part of the Parents Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what the parents association does, and how the members work and volunteer.

The parents association:

Special Events: like Halloween, Winter Wonderland, Walkathon and International Day, to name a few.

Healthy Snack

Yearbook

Upgrade learning Experiences: Providing a relationship between ABIS and NASA, and ABIS and The Louvre Museum in Abu-Dhabi, making us the only school in Austria to have this opportunity.

These are just some examples of how the Parent Association is active in our children's day to day school life.

To make these wonderful experiences happen it takes many hours of volunteer work from our active members.

I would just like to make sure you as parents understand, that 100% of our active members are volunteers, that it takes weeks, if not months to plan each event, and that most of the events are funded by sponsors, (found and contacted by these active members), because the PA Fee is not enough to cover the costs of these events, then I would hope that it is clearly understood, the amount of effort and selfless commitment that our volunteers give.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank , all our active members ! Thank you for your time and efforts, for making our children's experience an amazing one!

If you have any questions regarding the PA, or its members, we are all here today to answer them!

Thank you!

Slide 5: Vera

Dear parents,

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Here are some of examples of what the PA was able to accomplish this past year....

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Elisabeth: Thank you Giselle! Thank you Vera!

Our treasurer, Chrissie Meyer, will now present the main expenses and incomes of the 2021/2022 school year.

Slide 6: Chrissie

Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Chrissie Meyer and I am the treasurer of the PA.....

I want to show you the main expenses and the main sources of income.

The sources of income were:

Slide 6: Chrissie

The main expenses were:

Slide 7: Chrissie

Now I show you the “treasurer’s report”, that needs approval according to Austrian law.

All expenses were allocated to the purpose of the Association in accordance to the Articles of the Association.

Elisabeth: Thank you Chrissie. Are there any questions?

Slide 8: Elisabeth

According to Austrian law our auditors have to give a report on their findings on the accounts of the year 2020. I ask now our auditors Michael Tumpel and Reinhard Kunze for their report.

Slide 9: Auditors

Michael Tumpel and Reinhard Kunze give their qualified opinion.....

Elisabeth: Thank you very much Michael and Reinhard.

Slide 10: Elisabeth

- **We have now finished the reporting session about the schoolyear 2021/22 and before we give you an outlook about this recently started school-year we need - according to the Articles of Association and Austrian law - to release the PA board from any liability**

For the minutes of meeting: There were no motions tabled until the 11th of October 2022.

The General Assembly

- received the reports of the PA board and auditors and shall now

- release the PA board from any liability

For the minutes: According to the Articles of Association the General Assembly has voting power regardless of the number of present members.

Votes at the General Assembly shall be by simple majority.

I do ask: Does the General Assembly release the Parents' Association Board Members of all liability.

Are there any votes against?

Does anyone want to abstain from voting?

This is not the case, unanimous (majority) decision in favour. Thank you!

We all thank you for your trust and support and are very much looking forward to a great collaboration with you in favour of our kids at ABIS.

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We also want to thank you that you transferred the PA fee. Your support is very important and so much appreciated.

Slide 12: Elisabeth

What are our plans for this 2022/2023 school year?

We would like to continue traditions like the fruit basket. We found a perfect solution with a partner called Bioobst OÖ. They deliver weekly on Monday around 25 kg apples in Bio quality. Agrar Markt Austria sponsors this project with 50%.

We will keep sponsoring presents for Nikolaus, Faschingskrapfen, the welcome bags for the new students and a set of school wear for the new school Teachers and staff in dark green.

We already had our first PA Coffee.

In addition we are planning many events, activities and fun stuff for our kids.

Slide 13: Elisabeth

The major work of our PA is done through Teams. They are all really experts in their field and bring up wonderful ideas.

Slide 14: Elisabeth

Let's start with the Healthy snack team. **Leza and 6-8 helpers** prepare the healthy snack 15 times a year to show our kids the benefits of healthy eating. The snack consists of fresh sliced fruits and vegetables, fresh bread with butter, hummus or fresh cheese and the delicious Müsli.

Elisabeth: Another team is our Special Events team, Maggie, Kristina, Siobhan and Neil.

Slide 15: Special Events

Halloween: Neil

The PA Halloween event is taking place on Thursday October 20th at 4:00-5:30. It will be pretty similar to last year with a few small differences. We will have a pumpkin carving/decoration contest again as well as a kids costume contest, some games, candy, music and a photo booth run by the Paperwolves, our student run yearbook organization. This is a free event and a really good way for the kids to dress up and have fun; we really hope you can make it!

Christmas Market: Kristina

(Kristina is excused today)

The Christmas Market is taking place on Friday Dezember 2th. It will be the first time at this new building. We will have Christmas stands and there will be food and drinks. Thank you to all dad's joining dogs, because they will help out with the barbecue. Of course there will be crafts to buy and the choir will sing.

I would be happy to see a lot of you volunteering, because only together we can make for our children an unforgettable event.

Walkathon: Elisabeth

It will be again an charity run on the big sportsfield near to our school. It is planned in April.

International Day: Maggie

Last Event of the school year, a family event where we come together to celebrate the internationality & diversity of our student body / its a lovely opportunity for parents and students to represent their cultures with onstage performances and/ or culinary specialities to be served at the international buffet. This event is a wonderful ABIS Tradition aiming to showcase performances and authentic food from our multicultural ABIS Community.

Elisabeth: What amazing events ! thank you all for your hard work!!

Now, let me introduce the Welcome to PA team.

Slide 16: Siobhan

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Elisabeth: Thank you Siohan!

Welcome now our Dogs with me!

Slide 17: Neil

DOGS stands for dads of great students— all dads are welcome even if your student isn't technically... great DOGS is a great way for dads to get involved in school events, whether it's building Booths for the winter market to grilling sausages and sauerkraut to be enjoyed at our hand built booth. Outside of helping out at the school and being more of a present force in our kids day to day lives I think it's a great way to make friends— I've doubled the amount of friends I have... from 1 to 2... we'd love to see you at the next DOGS meeting and feel free to approach me whenever you see me around school even if I have a confused look on my face... that's pretty typical. Hope to see you there!

Elisabeth: Thank you Neil.

Last but not least we have our amazing Paperwolves Team, please Evi.

Slide 18: Evi

Paperwolves was founded in early 2020, aiming to create a place for our pupils to express themselves by writing. While the Yearbooks of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 are the first visible results of Paperwolves, we are actually aiming to create a student-led press, with different formats for them to express their thoughts and feelings and report about daily school life.

This might be done in a blog, by a Newsletter, by Paperwolves Info-boards to broadcast short term events like bake sales or poetry competitions. And of course via our Yearbook. We are very lucky to have a professional Photographer at ABIS, who joined Paperwolves this school year, and who will share his expertise about reporting by pictures. We are also looking for Parents with expertise in journalism, writing, editing or any other form of the written word, to support our kids in their journey of writing. If you are interested, please approach one of us, we are looking forward to you!

Elisabeth: Thank you Evi!

Are there any questions????

Slide 19: Elisabeth

thanks to all of our volunteers and PA Team members for your time and dedication.

Thank you, dear parents for your being with us tonight.

Enjoy you evening.