

29 December 2017

Dear ISH Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Staff

The International School of Helsingborg (ISH) has an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which functions for the benefit of your child and the academic staff who teach and provide support to our children.

Without an active PTA, the school would not be able to provide our children many of the things for which we, as parents, have chosen ISH for our children's schooling and social development.

I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the 2018 ISH PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on **Thursday, 1 February 2018** at the school's Petri Building.

The AGM shall commence **at 6:30 pm** and is anticipated to conclude by 7:30pm. Light refreshments and snacks will be available prior to and after the meeting – it's always a pleasant mingling event.

Please find enclosed, and available at www.ishpta.se:

- Notice of Annual General Meeting, which provides formal notice
- Draft new ISH PTA Constitution
- Agenda for the AGM
- Minutes of last year's AGM

Please review the Draft new Constitution, you will be asked to comment on and vote on adopting it at the AGM. Our existing Constitution required a major overhaul to satisfy our bank's requirements and to facilitate the smoother functioning of our PTA.

Preliminary financial statement of 2017 together with a Budget for 2018 will be provided at the AGM.

As a small team, we have punched well above our weight and, with the help of our Non-Executive Board Members and our team of Volunteers, have achieved many successful projects that you and our children will fondly remember. One indicator of this is that the PTA bank account holds the highest balance of funds ever in the PTA's history – these funds are allocated to the school for the direct benefit of all our children.

The year ahead is mapped out and the PTA will continue to assist our children and the ISH teaching staff, and organise many fun and events on the school's calendar, for example; the 2018 Spring Fair, another fabulous Diwali Night for later this year, and PTA Coffee Mornings, among many other exciting events.

Because they have served two (2) consecutive terms, several Board members, including myself, will not be eligible for reappointment for a further term; this opens the opportunity for other ISH parents to step in and make their positive mark in 2018 – please email me or the PTA Secretary your nominations for PTA Board positions as soon as possible.

It has truly been an immense pleasure to have served as Chairperson of the ISH PTA Board the past two years. I have enjoyed working with some amazing people, met teachers and parents from all over the world, made new friends, and I have had a closer involvement in how my three children have been schooled at our ISH and in what facilities have been made available to them and their fellow students. I will always be around to lend a hand and to guide and help the new PTA Chairperson if needed.

Without parents on our Board, the PTA will be wound up and all the benefits provided to our children will cease. We encourage and warmly welcome you to join us as a member of the 2018 ISH PTA team.

Without YOU the PTA cannot exist or function for your child's benefit!

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Kerry
(PTA Chairperson)