



## JIS Parent's Forum Meeting Minutes.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm Room S21

Attending – Parents, members of the PTCG committee, members of Staff.

Martin Walley, the Chairman of the PTCG opened the meeting and introduced the CEO, Mr John Price.

### 1. John Price commented upon the following,

- ❖ New Boarding House – This is now ready to be built. The tender will go out in May and the aim is for it to be completed by Dec 2006.
- ❖ John white has been appointed as the new Boarding House Master.
- ❖ A new walkway will be built at the same time which will connect the Boarding House with R block. Students will no longer have to walk along the road.
- ❖ Arts Centre – The plan is to build an acoustically sophisticated centre that can seat up to 800 people, with a smaller theatre for drama/arts/music performances alongside. The centre may be let out to local groups also. Architects have been short listed and plans are ready to go forward. The board has already approved the initiative. The design phase will probably take 2 to 3 months to ensure an aesthetically pleasing result and top quality facilities.
- ❖ The Brunei Cricket Association are offering a cricket wicket which they will be able to use at the weekend. This is a positive move and addresses the need for more sporting facilities for the school. Momentum in this area is growing.
- ❖ An ISI inspection will take place in the school in April/May of next year. We will be judged upon a wide variety of criteria. This will cover the whole school.
- ❖ Approval has been given to restructure the library and move the Junior section upstairs creating more space downstairs and money has been allocated to upgrade and restock the Secondary section. This will be done during the July/August holidays and a new librarian has been appointed who will work in the Secondary section. Sarah Love will continue to run the Junior section.
- ❖ Pool shading – money has been allocated to put up shading at the other end of the pool. The central part needs to remain open to allow heating of the water. The PTCG will raise money to pay off this debt.
- ❖ Water fountains – there are now 22 in place around school and 2 more have been ordered.
- ❖ Term Dates – the possibility of moving the December holiday has been discussed.



2. Martin then introduced David Allison, Principal of Junior and Middle School who spoke about the following issues.

Accounts Bills - David showed examples of the new Accounts bills that have been introduced. It was agreed that they are much clearer and easier to understand than the previous ones.

Car Parking – Has improved since the new road was built and when the Arts Centre is built it will incorporate a new road which will ease things further. Concerns were raised about groups of drivers sitting together and smoking, parallel parking and the risk to young children crossing the car park. It was felt there was a need to develop good car park etiquette. It was suggested that a sign be put up in both English and Malay giving guidelines about this to those who use the car park.

Canteen – Parents and children has been surveyed by the Empire. The large amount of packaging was discussed and the need for more bins or less packaging! Favourite food running out was also an issue which we will mention to them. Also the question of whether menus could be put on the web site was brought up.

Martin then outlined some of the events coming up for the PTCG.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May – Ball – Tickets \$100 on sale in the shop.  
Netball Fun Day/Car Boot Sale – date to be arranged.

AOB.

Gardeners to dispose of rubbish without leaving the plastic bags.

Only 7 parents attended the meeting despite an invitation being issued through the school newsletter and by e mail. Why?

Despite the low turn out the parents felt this was still a useful exercise and should continue with more proactive advertising next time.

JIS 10th Anniversary coming up- Andrew Taylor showed a proposal for activities planned to celebrate this. Any more ideas to him please.

Meeting closed at 9.45.