

The Westwood WEB

Monday, 8th August 2011
Week 11, Term 2.

From the Head of School

23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SCHOOL COUNCIL INTEREST

On Tuesday October 18th, 2011 Westwood International School's Annual General Meeting and School Council Elections will take place. Any parents interested to serve the School Council are invited to submit their curriculum vitae and motivation letter. The closing date will be 18th August 2011.

BACK GROUND OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents should have meaningful involvement in their children's education. Such involvement includes ensuring that their children are ready to learn as well as being able to choose education programs that best meet their children's learning needs. Other members of society also have a responsibility to contribute to the education of young people and an important role to play in education. In an education system, few decisions can be made by one person or group alone. Parents, students, teachers, principals, government, business and other community members are all participants in the educational endeavour and have a responsibility to work together, cooperate and communicate with one another. Being a member of the school council is a good way for an individual to express his/her opinion on important school matters. Councillors have the opportunity to express their point of view when decisions are being made. They also have regular opportunities to advise the Head of School about matters that affect the school, to learn a great deal more about the school and help to make WIS an even better place as a member of the council. Council members are expected to participate in all meetings of the Council and its committees. In addition to monthly meetings, members are strongly encouraged to participate in school visits and public forums where they can become better informed about issues faced by the school and its stakeholders.

WESTWOOD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

The WIS Council:

- Is a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of the school
- Is the major governing body of the school
- Decides future directions for the school and oversees the school's operations

The School Council's role is to govern the school, It is the function of the Head of School and Senior Leadership Team to manage the organization in accordance with the policies and directions of the School Council. The School Council and the Head of School work in partnership to achieve the purpose or mission of the School.

The School Council establishes the strategic settings for the School which state the purpose of the School, its core values and its strategic direction. Based on the strategic settings, the School Council approves the strategic plan developed in partnership with the Head of School and staff. The Head of School and staff implement the strategic plan within a set of policies established by the School Council. Progress on the implementation of the strategic plan is monitored by the School Council through regular reports from the Head of School.

The Council's responsibility therefore is to:

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Develop and monitor the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Raise funds for school related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community
- Stimulate interest and market the school generally

The WIS Council does not:

- Manage the school
- Determine class allocations
- Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents

Role of school council members

For the WIS Council to operate effectively, members need to respect everyone's opinions- even those they disagree with.

It is also important that once council reaches a decision, all school councilors support that decision in the school community.

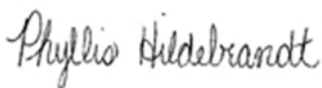
Parent members on School Council bring their experience as parents at the school and the views of the wider school community to school council meetings.

The WIS employees bring their educational expertise to school council meetings to complement those of School Councillors.

Community members, most often bring a particular skill to school council. They might bring accounting skills or building skills or some other skill that the school is looking for at that time.

On behalf of the entire Westwood community I would like to thank all those who will show interest to serve the school and I am looking forward to receiving your applications. Applications can be dropped in the main office with Lydia Phillips.

Yours in education



Phyllis Hildebrandt
Head of School
Westwood International School

Dismissal time for Friday 12th August is 10h30.

School re-opens on 12th September, 2011.

4. Upcoming Events:

CIS Career fair in October 2011: This event will take place at Westwood. Time and dates to follow.

Sports News

Karuna Datta-Bhatnagar

We congratulate Sparsh Gautam from 6B who has been awarded a Black belt in Tae-kwon-do last week. Tae-kwon-do is a martial art from Korea that is used for self defense. He started his journey of Tae-kwon-do at the age of 4 years in 2003. He played in many Tae-kwon-do tournaments and trained very hard to achieve all his belts. The colors are: 1.White 2.Yellow 3.Green 4.Blue 5.Red and finally 6.Black. Now his aim is to get to The 8th dan and by doing so he will become a master. We wish him luck for this next stage. All the best Sparsh!

Tarazullah Nikakhter

To Be or Not to Be...

FYI:

1. Applications to SA Universities

Applications for undergraduate academic programmes, other than the Sciences close on **30 September, 2011** for South African students, and on **31 August** for international students.

2. Applications to Oxbridge: 15 October deadline

3. SELECTION TESTS: NBTs

For those IB2 students who were unable to write the tests. Please remember there are two further opportunities to write at Maru-a-Pula School:

Saturday 13 August 2011

Saturday 3 December 2011.

The payments details given below:

Bank:Standard Bank

Account Name:University of Cape Town

Account number:071503854

Branch:Rondebosch

Branch code:052009

The NBT reference number must be added on the deposit slip under reference For further information about the placement test , please visit www.nbt.ac.za