

Active Parents in the School

On the role of the class representative



Heimili og skóli
Landssamtök foreldra



WORKSHOP FOR HEIMILI OG SKÚLI

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Possible issues on the agenda

- ◆ How can Heimili og skúli best serve it's members (members of school boards)?
- ◆ How can members of schoolboards best do their job activating parents in schools?
- ◆ What are the most important and meaningful tasks for Heimili og skúli in 2012?
- ◆ What do want to discuss?



THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

- ◆ *The role of the parent class representative is to fuel cooperation between parents, teachers and students in the class. The representative is elected by parents or pointed by former representative.*



GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

- ◆ Organise a meeting of all parents in the class at least twice every year. First, when the school begins, not later than September.
- ◆ Encourage and empower cooperation between the school and the homes.
- ◆ Be a connector between parents and the main teacher.
- ◆ Make sure that the planned parents projects are followed through.
- ◆ Feed information between school and parents.

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- ◆ Be a link to the School Parent counsel and School board.
- ◆ Help the teacher to involve parents in school activities.
- ◆ Class Representatives in 7.-10. class organize „Parent Walks“
- ◆ Respect information security



A GOOD MEETING

- ♦ The agenda is well presented when meeting is advertized
- ♦ Use email or even Facebook
- ♦ But paper note in school bags of children one week in advance
- ♦ Respect time of the meeting. Not too long, but allow discussion.



ORGANIZE THE MEETING

- ◆ Coffe house set up will help to create relaxed atmosphere.
- ◆ Welcome everyone
- ◆ As people to present themselves



SUGGESTED ISSUES

- ◆ What should we do with the students this winter?
- ◆ The teaching methods
- ◆ Wellbeing of the children in the school
- ◆ Upbringing – raising children
- ◆ Pressing issues / Problems



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FRIENDS GROUPS

- ◆ A project run by parents. The goal is to strengthen the connection between students in the class and build healthy class culture.
- ◆ Friends groups are a preventive method and it is also a good way to deal with bullying.
 - ◆ Good to have 4 students in each group
 - ◆ Get help from the teacher to divide in groups.
 - ◆ Each group meets every two weeks.
 - ◆ Parents take turns in hosting the group.
 - ◆ In two months new groups are formed and you go another round.



FRIENDS GROUPS – EXAMPLES

- ◆ Play a board game
- ◆ Bake a kake or a pizza
- ◆ Take a walk (bring a small meal)
- ◆ Go to the beach
- ◆ Visit the parent's work
- ◆ Skiing
- ◆ Swim
- ◆ Bicycle
- ◆ Keep the cost low and prefer no video or computergames

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WHO DOES WHAT

- ♦ **Parents** are responsible for the education of their children and have to watch how they are doing in cooperation with them and their teacher.
- ♦ **The Principle** manages the school, runs it and is responsible for how the school is doing – is the professional leader.
- ♦ **Parent's association** supports the school, and well being of students and cooperation between home and school
- ♦ **School board** is a forum for cooperation between the principle and rest of the school society on how to run the school.
- ♦ **Parent representative** enables more cooperation between parents, teachers and students of the class.

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WHERE TO GO

- ◆ Main teacher
- ◆ Student consultant
- ◆ Parent's association
- ◆ Call for a meeting of all parents in the school
- ◆ Teacher responsible for a school section
- ◆ School principle
- ◆ School board



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