



*Pupils' Committee
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PUPILS COMMITTEE (PC) MONTHLY REPORT

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Throughout the month of October 2023, the Pupils Committee of the European school of Alicante has held four official meetings (we have weekly meetings) that have led to the conceptualisation and execution of several ideas. These ideas are all attempts at improving the educational environment for the pupils at our school.

Achievements and further plans:

- 1) Guidelines to evaluate each member of the PC by the end of the year have been presented and will be implemented in order to ensure the full participation and effort of each member. A certificate will be awarded to those who succeed in meeting the criteria expected of them by the end of this school year (this is no different from previous years).
- 2) Renovations to the studios have begun being discussed with AMPA and smaller working groups have been created within the Pupils' Committee to impulse this project forward as soon as possible. Plans are currently being discussed and will be materialised in the near future. We are drafting the proposal to be sent to AMPA to see how much they are willing to economically contribute to the project.
- 3) The IT team of the PC has skilfully coded a working website in order to provide information and increase transparency and cooperation with the Pupils Committee. This is a great resource available to all students and people within the school community, as well as a very useful tool that other future students can still take advantage of with minor alterations.
The IT team is also working on a school APP that will achieve all of this to an even higher degree and be readily accessible to students facilitating things such as canteen menu, PC updates, events etc.
- 4) Profession Immersion has resumed this year. The project consists of monthly afternoons aimed at broadening students' knowledge on the working world and what career paths one must study to acquire certain jobs. Every month 3 or 4 guest speakers will come to talk about their profession with a small presentation about their jobs and giving the students as well a period to ask questions about said job. The first session took place on the 14th of November at 16:30-17:30h and it was a massive success: 60+ people attended.
- 5) The Pupils Committee has begun a project to make and sell school merchandise which has successfully been approved. A competition regarding the design of hoodies and sweatshirts has been done (winners yet to be determined) and the making and orders of the products will be completed soon.

6) November 20th is international children's right to education day and the Pupils Committee has planned a book donation in celebration of this day. At the entrance and inside of the library there will be a place to donate books that will then be sold. The exact dates for the donation and sale are still to be determined.

7) After evaluating the success of the pilot implementation of free feminine hygiene products in school, the Pupils Committee will be trying to expand it to all bathrooms and will be available to students free of charge. This will be very helpful for people who need them and highly convenient in avoiding unpleasant situations for students.

8) The Pupils Committee has directed the planning and execution of the S1-S3 party that took place in school on the 10th of November (this did not take place during the month of October, however most of the planning stages did).

The party was a complete success in which younger students were able to enjoy an appropriate and fun social event while contributing back to their school community through ticket and food sales. Food catering was provided mostly by Ausolán and sold by voluntary members of the Pupils Committee. The party was supervised by teachers, advisors and the management.

9) Some ideas regarding changes that have already been implemented in other European Schools were also presented by the management and are being considered by the Pupils Committee.

One of these proposals is the installation of a screen at the entrance where important information is shown, this is already the case in the European Schools of Brussels. This is now the case as well in our school, in the entrance hall.

10) The Green Committee (a group within the Pupils Committee) has come up with an idea to recycle paper in classrooms. Paper boxes will be decorated by art students and put in classrooms. This project aims at making our school a “greener” school which is also an important aim.

11) Themed day: The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, observed annually on the 25th of November, is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the pervasive issue of violence against women and girls worldwide. In response to this, we propose organizing a themed day at our school on the 24th of November, one day prior to the international observance, to create awareness and solidarity. Students will come dressed in white and interactive material has been created for teachers and students.

These are the major things that have been taking place and will take place. These regular updates will ensure full transparency of the Pupils' Committee and hopefully raise awareness on the importance of the Pupils' Committee.

The Pupils Committee hopes to further improve the experience of the students at the European School of Alicante through their hard work during the coming months, and to ensure the best possible results of the projects currently at hand.