Date: 11.04.2015

Time: 12:00-13:00

Location. Ny-Krohnborg Senteret, Bergen

Doc: MOM-01\_11.04.2015

Present: Parent/Parents of Ashlesha, Vineeta, Durva & Navya, Amara & India, Diksha, Khrithi, Isha Kale, Ria, Neha & Rina, Prerna, Nadia & Nataliya, Gnapika, Ditya, Melanie, Prapti, Dhriti. Other parents: Deepti Saxena, Teachers –Suvarana and Nichola; BISAC Board

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Agenda Points | Key discussion points |
| 1.Presentation of BISAC | Please refer to Annex 1 (below) |
| 2. Dance classes for the remainder of this semester i.e. April - June 2015 | Saturday classes will continue with a focus on preparations for Abhinaya 2015. Extra practice sessions will be held. We are trying to secure rooms for this purpose. Tentative schedule will be Fridays 18:30-20:30. |
| 3. Dance classes after summer holiday i.e. semester 2 (mid-August to end mid-December) | The Bharathanatyam classes will be structured to categorize levels to meet requirements for accreditation/certification. The girls will be training for annual examinations. For this, the girls need to practice more. With this in mind, we are trying to organize classes twice a week. We have communicated our need for extra halls to Bergen Kommune for next term for this purpose.  Contact with dance schools in Europe is established. Discussion is in progress on procedures of accreditation/certification Suvarna, Rasjana and Nichola who have successfully completed arangetram (debut on-stage performance of a classical art student) and/or have diplomas in dance and others will play an important role in this process.  Parents will be kept abreast of developments in this process.    Boys Dance classes will be offered from 09th of May - Ashwin shall be conducting the dance classes for boys and it will be free of charge for this semester. Age limit for boys is 5+. Boys will also perform in Abhinaya 2015.  Bollywood classes for girls and Bollywood for ladies will continue as per today. Bollywood for ladies is conducted on a drop-in basis. |
| 4. Expansion of activities | BISAC courses are open to all.  a. Hindu mythological classes from August. We have knowledgeable teachers who have shown interest to conduct these classes.  b. Hindi classes from first week of May. These are also free for this semester. Fees will be charged based on budget from August. Archana Meshram, a qualified Hindi teacher presented her plans.  Archana Meshram was very well received. Parents from non-Hindi speaking backgrounds questioned the suitability of classes for their children. The lessons will be evaluated with this need in mind after the trial period this semester. |
| 5.  Expression of interest in Hindi lessons and dance classes for boys. | Sign up sheets were circulated.  In addition, it was stated that information on planned courses would be available on Facebook and on BISAC.no  Parents were requested to spread information on courses. |
| 6. Fees | Annual membership fees is set to 200 NOK.  As there was no objection to the annual membership fee at the meeting held 11.04.2015, it will be implemented when the payment details for Semester 1 are sent out to parents.  The fees structure for Semester 1 decided based on budget and funds from Kommune is as follows:  Bollywood 300 NOK  Bharatnatyam 300 NOK  Boys dance free  Hindi  class free  Semester 2 fees will be announced as soon as the budget for the various activities are planned based upon funds available from Bergen Kommune.  Fees for activities will be kept nominal as far as possible to the extent activities may be subsidized through funds received from Bergen Kommune and other income.  Fees and payment information will be posted on BISAC.no and emailed to parents.  Bergen Kommune’s support to BISAC is incumbent upon income generated through membership and/or activities balanced against expenditures for which funds are requested.  Abhinaya 2015 - costumes and accessories. Again here we are working for the least expensive option.  Hall, food, other expenses associated with planning and execution will be kept minimal.    Bollywood for ladies dance classes are affiliated to BISAC. Charges are NOK 50 per lesson which is directly paid to Nichola who is in charge of this activity. Bollywood for ladies will remain a drop-in activity in Semester 2 for the convenience of participants who are mostly mothers. |
| 7. Swimming courses - 15th -19th June | The swimming camp will be of a week each evening for a couple of hours. Kids 6 years and above who cannot swim at all, are afraid of water or cannot swim without help or not more than 100 meters are the target groups.  A request for expression of more interest was made. A sign up sheet was provided. |
| 8. Summer camps - suggestions, ideas, comments, wishes, 22nd-26th June? volunteers? | Summer camp will be held this year too like last year. Activities include outdoor walks, craft and art and dance. A one week camp is planned, 22-26 June.  Parents requested 4 weeks of summer camp spread out in June and August.  BISAC will organize 2 weeks.  Application for funds has been submitted to Bergen Kommune.  Volunteers were canvassed and more are welcome.  Sumathi, Suvarna and Manisha volunteered. |
| 9. Abhinaya 2015 | Performances are restricted to dance class students and BISAC associated activities. Students may be accompanied by non-members. |
| 10. Website & comments and spreading of information | BISAC.no is in a process of building and development. The webpage will be updated on a frequent basis with information on activities offered. A blog is available on the site. Parents are requested to leave comments and questions.  Email address for correspondence is [post@bisac.no](mailto:post@bisac.no). |
| 11. Dance costumes | Rasjana and Suvarna to get back with information on costumes and prices.  BISAC Board to make a final decision on purchase by end April as costumes are required for Abhinaya 2015. |
| 12. Any other business – | Consent forms were circulated.  Floor opened to parents:  Mythological classes requested to be in English.  Appreciation, support and trust was expressed by many parents in BISAC and its planned activities. |

Annex 1: Presentation of BISAC

The dance school/classes started off as a small initiative with support from Bergen Kommune in 2011.

In the past 3 years, we've progressed to a proper School offering different types of dance classes and there is room for growth as parents have expressed interest in different arts and cultural activities to be built around the dance classes. In addition, Bergen Kommune is very positive to our dance class initiative.

Advice from the Kommune was taken into account and resulted in the formation of BISAC.

BISAC is a non-profit organization. The Board comprises 5 parents who volunteer their time and effort. The 5 Board members are: Manisha Aarseth, Jaro Aarseth, Archana Parmar, Ashwin Parmar and Sumathi Subramaniam.

Our main focus is our children and the nurturing of our arts, culture and traditions through them.

In this Meeting, we'll discuss in forum the planned expansion of activities under BISAC. For these activities to be undertaken, administrative groundwork needs to be laid down. The 5 of us are hard at work ensuring we forge good ties with the parents, the community and with Bergen Kommune.