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**ESK PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
6 November 2008**

The Parents' Association would like to thank all those who attended our General Assembly on Thursday, 6 November 2008. For those of you who were unable to make it, here is what happened. Also, check out our website. <http://www.eskar.org/en/people/parents/panews.html>.

The meeting started with those who were on the Board last year introducing themselves. Markus Gammelin gave a Power Point presentation of our activities last year with Sabine Chenu for after school activities, Merrild Flemming for the Transport Committee and Ramil Nasyrow for the Canteen Committee. Kevin Barber then presented the financial report. Please click here for the Power Point presentation (German) and Annual Report (English). Reports from the Transport and Canteen Committee should be available soon. In addition, Gunnar Buckau reported on the Momi and Nahi after school programs (English), which although not part of the Parents' Association is of great interest to parents.

Following all the reporting, elections were held for the open seats on the Parents' Association Board. Each member of the Board represents a language section in either the primary or secondary school. A list of your representative will follow soon.

The highlight of the evening was a lively discussion about the Canteen. Parents were excited about the new building which is due to open later this month and were clearly hoping to see better, more efficient service. i.e. better food, more choices, more flexibility and less queuing-time. Parents wanted more information in writing, on how the Canteen Committee functions and is financed. A working group has been set up to look into new ideas. Parents were informed that the earliest any changes could be made would be in January 2009. So there is a lot of work ahead.

Parents in attendance expressed concerns about replacement teachers, languages, "permanences" and problems facing new families – all issues that the Parents' Association will work on during the coming school year.

So what is coming up this year?

The main goal of the Parents' Association this year starts with you. 'We would like to see better communication with parents and class reps. What are you concerned about? Check out our website, contact your class Rep and contact us. We are looking forward to working with you to rebuild a better school community.

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