

## **PSAB ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**

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### **Report from the President**

The 2018-19 school year was a very positive one for the PSAB and the international section in Buc. We saw continued support for the section from the administration in each of the schools, excellent comradery among the students, and renewed energy around community events. Traditional events like the potlucks and Saltimbuc shows continue to be a big draw, and thanks to initiative from Peter and Marie we introduced new activities with Game Night and an evening with an oenologist.

For this coming year we hope to build upon this enthusiasm to continue to propose interesting community events and encourage newcomers to join our team and bring their ideas and energy. The contribution of parent delegates is equally as important. As the section continues to grow, we will continue to experience growing pains. The lycée begins its first year in the prefabs and as much planning went into the move, we need to be vigilant about the students' experience in the facility, including the canteen. The administration of the LFA are beginning to be more open about plans to expand the section once the construction is complete. As this transition phase continues, an open dialogue between the parents and the teachers and administrations is vital, and for us to better fulfill our role as the voice of all families, we need to hear input from all parents, including those that aren't active as delegates in the schools.

Patrick Givlin (PSAB President 2018-19)

### **Primary (Louis Blériot)**

Louis Blériot welcomed 30 SIB students in September 2018 (5 to CE2, 10 to CM1 and 15 to CM2). The CM2 class overall was larger than usual and was split for the second year in a row.

Preparations for the Louis Blériot Christmas Market started after the Toussaint holiday. Two workshops were held to make 120 Christmas crackers. This was the third year making crackers which are well appreciated by the children and the community.

On 17 February there was the annual crêpe party which was attended by approximately 12 families and was a great success. In March PSAB supported a new event suggested by Marie Vernay : a Book Tea. The aim is to improve the English-book library in Mrs Vernay's classroom. Books were covered and titles were entered into an electronic list for better tracking. 300 Euros was raised at both the Book Tea and through a Saltimbuc bake sale. Mrs Vernay will get some new book titles for the library.

The largest PSAB effort in the primary school was put into the testing day on March 30. There were 42 children testing and 15 parent volunteers turned out to talk to new families. The results were released in May with 14 new students accepted (8 in CE2, 3 in CM1, and 3 in CM2).

Testing also took place at MLK Collège for the Louis Blériot CM2 students, coordinated by Marie Vernay and Peter Sayer.

On June 28 the annual Kermesse went off with good cheer and no one melting, despite the week of heat wave.

Elysa Sicard (VP PSAB Primary 2018-19)

### **Collège (MLK)**

During the 2018-2019 school year, the new PSAB team for MLK strived to communicate effectively with SIB parents and teachers as well as the other APE (parents' associations) and MLK administrators in order to promote the interests of SIB students and families.

We sincerely thank the 40 PSAB parent volunteers who shared their time, ideas and talents as Parents Délégués and/or by helping out at activities and events. We encourage all SIB parents to join in with the PSAB team coming on board for the new school year at MLK! Many projects are available to fit your schedule and tastes.

PSAB was active throughout the school year in various meetings, activities and events concerning the SIB at MLK, including:

- APE elections : With the other APE, PSAB volunteers organised elections for the parent associations. PSAB received 33% of votes and was thus able to strongly represent SIB families with 2 seats on the school board (Conseil d'Administration) and seats on other commissions
- MLK Administration & APE: Attended monthly meetings with MLK Administration and the heads of the 2 other APE (parents' associations, FCEP and AAPE) to address issues regarding the SIB and all students.

- Conseils de classe & Parents Délégués: Created and launched Google forms for the surveys used for the 3 Conseils de classe. PSAB parent representatives communicated with parents and professors throughout the year.
- Conseils d'administration: Attended 5 Commissions permanentes and 5 Conseils d'Administration, with MLK Administrators, Vie scolaire and professor representatives.
- SIB Open House & Testing: PSAB parent volunteers greeted prospective SIB families and provided information at the Open House and testing days.
- Cafeteria: Exchanged (with families, APE, LFA parents' association, MLK Administration and professors), as of January 2019 when Sodexo and C'Midy began as meal provider/ management.
- SIB teachers: Exchanges concerning classes and course work. Communications with PSAB families concerning the Wine & Cheese cocktail and British Day, much appreciated events organised by the SIB teachers.
- SIB 3èmes: Organized a pizza lunch for 3èmes and parents following the LFA Open House.
- Changes as of September 2019: Sought input from PSAB parents and exchanged with MLK Administration and teachers concerning the Semester system, Cafeteria (temporary building as of Sept. 2019 due to construction at LFA), and the "Competency" method for 6è classes. (Also, MLK Administration proposal for 3ème and 4ème classes to be 100% SIB, i.e. with no francophone students.)

Carol Guisse (VP PSAB Collège 2018-19)

## Lycée (LFA)

The 2018-2019 school year was filled with all the usual activities and events for our students, thanks to the energy and dedication of the teachers. PSAB supported activities such as the Post-Bac Orientation meeting (including distribution of a bookmark highlighting student mental health), the LFA open day and information meeting for new applicants, a Wine & Cheese event, the Yearbook, and of course the end of year graduation ceremony.

Graduation was once again a highlight for our *Terminale* students and their families. Our graduates had a lot to celebrate - the entire class earned honours (*mention*) in the baccalauréat OIB, with a full 50% achieving mention Très Bien! Graduation ceremony on July 6 was a joyful celebration, and we wish them well as they embark on further studies in France and abroad. Congratulations to Augustin Lacroix of Terminale SIA for his prize at the prestigious *concours général*. Augustin achieved third place in English, awarded at the ceremony in the Sorbonne.

This year, the Ministry of Education launched the *réforme du Bac*, affecting students who will sit the *bac* from 2021 onwards. LFA used this opportunity to add an equivalent of Bac L, with the new *Humanités* option. LFA now offers 5 *options*: Maths, Physics/Chemistry, SVT, SES, and *Humanités littérature et philosophie*. This means students can select any three *options* corresponding to the older system of Bac S (by including Maths, Physics), Bac ES (by including SES) or Bac L (by including *Humanités*).

Preparations were made for the expansion of LFA, with meetings to inform parents about moves to temporary prefabs, *désamiantage* of the old LFA building, etc. No doubt the construction period will pose challenges to students and staff, though the end result will be more room and better surroundings at LFA, and potentially even a new class for the SIA.

In January 2019, the LFA canteen was moved to management of C'Midy, as voted by the Conseil Départementale des Yvelines. The early months of 2019 saw numerous problems in terms of waiting time for students, quantity and quality of meals etc. In addition, the move to prefab structures at 2019 rentrée poses an extra challenge. C'Midy will have new equipment, new system and terminals to badge students, and so we hope to see an improvement in the canteen service.

If your child uses the bus network and you would like to volunteer as *parent référent* for your line, please discuss with Josh O'Donovan, or contact Elise Fourré at [elise.fourre@gmx.com](mailto:elise.fourre@gmx.com). *Parents référents* are needed for lines from Sceaux (37.39 A), Chevreuse (39.37C), Voisins le Bretonneux (SQY bus 456), St Quentin (Savac 307), Saclay Val d'Albion-Jouy-les Loges (L-LFA Phébus Keolis), Savac lines 261/262 to Versailles, 262 to Saint Remy and 264 to Jouy en Josas.

Upcoming events for lycée families:

- International University Fair Paris College Day: Sunday Sept 29 - <https://www.aaweparis.org/university>
- JIP Journée d'Information Professionnelle for LFA students: Saturday November 23 and meeting for Terminale students about orientation in France: Thursday November 21
- Postbac Information for SIA lycéens and parents: Saturday January 11, 2020
- Parcoursup Information meeting for Terminales: Thursday January 16, 2020
- LFA Open Day: Saturday February 1
- Work experience or exchange in Germany for seconde students: from June 15 onwards

I have enjoyed representing you as VP for lycée. Now that my daughter is in *Terminale*, I am handing over to Valérie Spender, parent of 2SIA and TSIA. Thank you, Valérie, for volunteering for this role, and welcome aboard!

Josh Donovan (VP PSAB LFA 2018-19)

## **Saltimbuç**

The year got off to a quick start with a performance of *Alice in Wonderland (Act I)* for the MLK 6e Francophone students on Oct 19th at Les Arcades, Buc. This was well received by the teachers who were provided with the script in advance so they could prepare the students. In March, Saltimbuç performed alongside professional actors in *Les Anglophones Débarquent* hosted by Eric Bouvron in Buc. The troupe then went on to produce our 2019 show, *The Wonderful Wizard of OZ*, which was performed in Les Arcades, Buc (7th & 8th May), in St Mark's, Versailles (8th June), and in Bures (15th June).

This year's Saltimbuç troupe numbered a record 44 children, from CM1 to 1ère. The artistic director was Alex Tomko of Dramaties, with support from Kay Bourguine of Vibrations & Movement. Key parent volunteers included Marie Lelarge, Cyndee Royer, Julia Pearn, Pat Givlin, Josh O'Donovan, Cara Thénot and Anders Trolle. Special thanks to Nathalie Hassenboehler and Peter Sayer for their work on costumes and props.

Between the four performances of *The Wonderful Wizard of OZ*, Saltimbuç drew a total audience of 545 people and ticket sales of 4279€, bringing valuable revenue to allow our troupe to continue. Saltimbuç raised a further 287€ through the sale of refreshments for the English library at Louis Blériot primary school. New this year was the creation of a junior troupe with rehearsals led by Marie Lelarge & Cyndee Royer who provided crucial volunteer input. The new Junior Troupe allows a greater number of children to benefit from participation while keeping rehearsals manageable and fun for all. Our heartfelt thanks to the PSAB community for your enthusiastic support of our young actors!

Julia Pearn

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2018 - 2019**

### **Income and Expenditure**

PSAB continues to be financed according to the same model as previous years.

The number of PSAB memberships dropped slightly compared with 2017/2018 (97 families vs 108). Graduation contributions from Terminal SIA families were kept at 30 Euros in 2018/2019 with PSAB's general membership fees covering the difference in costs and a 100 Euro contribution to the FSE for the yearbook.

Receipts from annual subscriptions for members of Saltimbuç increased in 2018/2019, with 43 members versus 37 in 2017/2018 and a stable annual fee of 120€. Ticket sales from Saltimbuç were not as good as last year's record but still good, ensuring an almost perfect balance of Saltimbuç (+116,68€).

The Mairie de Buc renewed its support for Saltimbuç with a grant of 500€ for 2019. A new request for a grant is planned for 2019. Saltimbuç was also supported by the Alumnis with a donation of 181€.

In terms of expenses, Saltimbuç continued to get coaching from both "Association Vibration et Mouvement" (Kay Bourguine) and Dramaties in 2018/2019 for a total 7850 €.

New events were organised this year like the Wine Tasting, the Book Tea and the Bake Sale during the Saltimbuç show (to support Louis Blériot's library), without any increase in event costs. The Wine Tasting made a slight positive contribution, while expenses for the Potluck picnic, the Crepe Party, admission tests, etc , were kept minimal.

General costs remained as in previous years (website, insurance, office supplies, bank Paypal fees, ... ).

On the basis of expenditure from 01/09/2018 to 31/08/2019, PSAB generated a surplus of 1302,07€. This is less than the 2017-2018 surplus of 2937,91€ thanks to Saltimbuç ticket sales.

### **Cash Position**

With the surplus for 2018-2019, the end of year cash balance has increased. At 31/08/2019 PSAB's overall balance (total of current account and Livret A) is 13262,6 compared with 11960.53€ at 31/08/2018. This balance breaks down as 6554,45€ for Saltimbuç and 6708,15€ for PSAB.

Muriel Quéau (PSAB Treasurer, 2018-19)

	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Saltimbuc: Annual subscription	5 160,00	4 440,00	3 400,00
Saltimbuc: Ticket Sales	4 122,97	5 187,90	2 816,10
Saltimbuc: subsidy & donation	681,00	500,00	500,00
PSAB Memberships	2 880,79	3 250,00	3 181,52
PSAB Graduation contributions	600,00	870,00	795,00
PSAB Interest & exceptional	286,78	75,52	169,02
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>13 731,54</b>	<b>14 323,42</b>	<b>10 861,64</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Saltimbuc costs	9 847,29	8 308,39	5 744,42
PSAB events costs	646,95	906,97	1 373,25
Graduation Costs	678,53	1 341,30	1 073,19
General costs	969,92	828,85	758,46
Exceptional expenses	286,78	0,00	85,00
<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>	<b>12 429,47</b>	<b>11 385,51</b>	<b>9 034,32</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>1 302,07</b>	<b>2 937,91</b>	<b>1 827,32</b>
<b>Saltimbuc</b>	<b>116,68</b>	<b>1 819,51</b>	<b>971,68</b>
<b>Graduation</b>	<b>-78,53</b>	<b>-471,30</b>	<b>-278,19</b>
<b>PSAB including events</b>	<b>1 263,92</b>	<b>1 589,70</b>	<b>1 133,83</b>



Buc, 7 September 2019

Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend the PSAB General Assembly 2019 which will be held on Sunday 22 September from 15:30 to 16:30 at Les Hommeries, 64 route de Jouy, 91570 Bièvres.

Please find attached the annual report summarising the accomplishments of the PSAB and the international section during 2018-2019 and our objectives for the current school year and beyond. We invite you to review this report prior to the meeting and come with your questions.

This meeting is for PSAB members only, but you will be able to sign your family up at the door (cash or cheque). Alternatively, you can register on the PSAB web site ([psab.fr](http://psab.fr)). Annual family membership costs 30€.

Meeting Agenda

General Introduction

Treasurer's Report

Individual School Reports: Primary, College, Lycée

Saltimbuc

Election of the Board

Q&A Mixer

Any members wishing to volunteer for election to the PSAB Board 2019-20 are kindly requested to contact the PSAB Secretary by email : [secretarypsab@gmail.com](mailto:secretarypsab@gmail.com)

We must have 33% legal quorum (defined in Article 10 of our by-laws), so if you are a member and are unable to attend please complete and send in the proxy form below either by email to [secretarypsab@gmail.com](mailto:secretarypsab@gmail.com) or deposit the form in the PSAB mailbox at the LFA or MLK college. In order to avoid too many proxies for one person, please leave the nomination space blank.

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Bon pour Pouvoir : Assemblée Générale PSAB du 22 septembre 2019

Je, soussigné(e) \_\_\_\_\_, donne pouvoir à \_\_\_\_\_

de me représenter et voter à l'Assemblée Générale PSAB du 22 septembre 2019

« Bon pour pouvoir »

Fait à \_\_\_\_\_, le \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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