

MR Update

October 2025

Dear ISH Community,

Greetings from the Medezeggenschapsraad (MR)! We're back with another update to share some of the key topics discussed in our recent meeting. As always, the MR represents parents, students, and staff in supporting the ongoing development of our school community. You can also find the update from the previous meeting on the [ISH website](#).

What's Been Happening?

Changes in the MR

We are very happy to welcome two new secondary staff representatives, **Dirk Labuscagne** and **Ben Seijger** to the MR. Ben and Dirk will replace Drake and Erica, who stepped down last month. With two new members stepping in, we are currently reviewing and adjusting roles within the MR to ensure a smooth transition and will provide a full update on this after our next meeting.

School start times and bus schedules

As communicated last month, the decision has been made to maintain the current start and end times for secondary. This follows careful consideration of feedback from the secondary staff's feasibility survey, which showed that 43% of staff would face challenges arriving earlier due to childcare commitments and longer commutes. Several alternative options were explored, but these were found to create new issues for families or other parts of the school community, hence the times will remain the same.

Despite repeated requests from the school to Connexxion (the bus company) to adjust the bus schedule, the school will continue to pursue this matter. We are also aware that on some days a smaller bus is assigned to this route, which can result in it being full and leaving students and staff unable to board. This issue has also been raised with Connexxion. These ongoing challenges, both with timing and capacity, continue to cause difficulties for many families and staff in our community.

What you can do

We can all play an active part by contacting Connexxion directly to share our experiences and request both a consistent larger bus and an adjusted timetable. The more voices they hear, the stronger our case becomes, so please consider submitting feedback through their [Contact form](#) to help support a change that better meets the students' needs.

Investigating AI at school

The MR also discussed the growing role of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in education. The school is exploring how AI can be used responsibly and effectively. In secondary, a traffic light system has been introduced to indicate when AI tools may or may not be used for assignments, and this framework will continue to develop across the secondary department.

The IT department also recently shared an addendum to the Academic Integrity Policy to clarify expectations around the responsible use of AI. This aims to ensure that students understand how to use AI tools appropriately and maintain academic honesty in their work.

Outdoor space

As mentioned in our last update, the Student Council continues to explore improvements to the secondary outdoor spaces. At the last MR meeting, we also discussed the possibility of new outdoor sport equipment, as the school has set aside a budget for such purchases. The Heads of School have indicated they are open to proposals, which will now be developed by the Student Council in consultation with the Heads, taking into account both quality and practicality, for example, how easily items can be moved and stored.

Next meeting and agenda requests

The next MR meeting will take place on **Monday 5 January**. If you would like a topic to be placed on the agenda, please send your request in writing to the MR secretary at mr@internationalschoolhaarlem.nl.

This should be done at least two weeks prior or in this instance, due to the upcoming winter holidays, make sure to send it in before **28 November**.



Got questions or suggestions?
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We're here to represent you, so let's keep the conversation going!