

## News from the participation council – February 2023

Dear colleagues, parents and others,

The participation council wants to keep the people it represents informed of relevant issues raised in the council's meetings. Below you will find information on a number of the topics discussed during the participation council meeting of 17 January 2023.

**Call for parents to join the participation council.** Three seats are vacant on the participation council for parent representatives. We'd like to see them occupied.

Parents interested in joining the council can sign up at [mrverkiezingen@wolfert.nl](mailto:mrverkiezingen@wolfert.nl)

In response to an inquiry from a parent, we discussed whether **use of free online learning tools is desirable**. When using free apps, students are often confronted with all kinds of advertisements that can distract them from their work. During our consultations with the central management team, it emerged that certain apps used regularly by our teachers are also available in paid versions.

The participation council requested the central management team to find out which online learning tools are of use to a large number of teachers, and to see whether paid versions can be purchased centrally.

The participation council plans to explore a possible **reorganisation of the participation structure**. We are going to see whether it is possible and desirable to set up separate sub-councils for each of the schools within the school group.

**Application procedures for a new head of school are currently under way at both Wolfert Bilingual and Wolfert Lyceum.** At the two schools, staff members and a parent will participate in the appointment advisory committee, and will be involved in the decision-making.

The procedure for expenditure of the additional funds to **reduce pressure of work** is under way at each of the schools. At each school, the Staff Advisory Council is drafting plans for use of the collective component. This is proving to be a complex process at the majority of schools, involving a series of steps. Before approval can be given, the participation council will monitor whether the schools are acting in accordance with the agreed procedure.

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