

# AISV Facility and Campus Expansion Project

On Friday, October 17th, 2014 we had our official time capsule ceremony signifying the start of the AISV expansion project. Ceremoniously, this is the time we record the present state of AISV and preserve it for future generations. It was a great occasion to have the diplomatic community on campus as well as special guests from the municipality of Vilnius. As a school, we have had many milestones in our recent history and thankfully we were able to select a large sample of these items for future generations to enjoy.

More importantly, we are now well on our way to creating the next stage of history in AISV. I am excited about the future for the school and even more so for the students who will benefit greatly from the new facility. This does not come without support of a caring community in the school, nor does it happen in a vacuum, and today is a perfect example of the commitment that everyone in the school community exhibits year in and year out.

**Dustin Shipman,**  
AISV Director (2014-2015)



*The AISV Board* firmly decided to embark on this project back in mid 2008 and together with school administration over those past years had to overcome very many difficulties - from finding the most optimal developmental concept to resolving many other barriers and delays due to the fact of constructing new building in the strictly regulated Old Town zone. But luckily all those worries are now in the past and, on a personal level, it was great to be part of this development as leader of Board's Building and Grounds committee and interact with many dedicated people who each contributed their best to progressing this project.

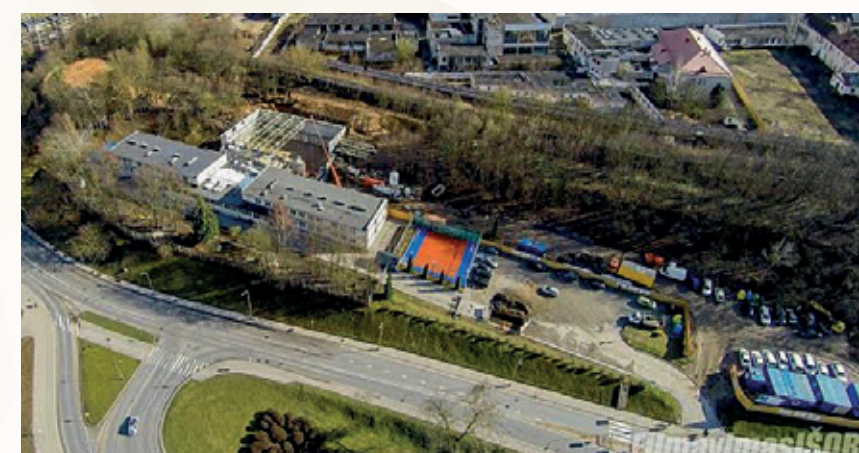
This addition is firmly landing the AISV's facilities in the XXIst century and finally making the building and grounds look at least partially on par with what was

happening inside the walls since long ago - a modern and striving community providing excellent educational environment for citizens of tomorrow.

I am sure that the school community will make great use of the new facilities and I hope that the Board will not stop with this, but could find opportunities to use this momentum and move ahead with the second phase of expanding and re-developing the main school building too.

Go AISV team!

**Artūras Medeišis,**  
AISV Board Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Member (2008-2014)





**Construction work started on September 17th, 2014 and the permission to use the building was received on September 29th, 2015.**

**The AISV campus was expanded by 7.020 m<sup>2</sup> and the building was expanded by almost 1.700 m<sup>2</sup>**

*A school's success* is truly measured by the success of its students. In embarking on this construction project, AISV sought to do so much more than just build "brick and mortar" facilities. At the heart of our goal was to help build the most complete, happy, well-rounded students possible. A new gym, cafeteria facilities, repurposed classrooms, new office spaces, an Upper School student lounge - while all of these changes are impressive from a physical standpoint and beautify our campus tremendously, what matters most is the way they will be used to positively impact the lives of all those who walk through AISV's doors. Thank you to all those who worked tirelessly to see this dream through to reality, and to the entire school community, who prioritized and supported this project from Day One guided by the vision of making "AISV - the place to be!"

**Heidi Evans,**  
AISV Board Chair (2013 -2015)

Architects -  
**UAB "Senojo miesto architektai"**

Project Manager -  
**UAB "Contestus projektai"**

Construction Company -  
**UAB "Merko statyba"**

*AISV is thrilled* to celebrate the completion of our expanded campus and new facility! Our students have a new canteen, gym, soccer pitch, and re-purposed spaces to enrich learning and assure we are inspiring, motivating and empowering all learners to succeed!

It takes a village to raise a child, and in this case the walls for the new building. By this I mean that it has taken many to make the vision of this a reality, including:

- former administrators who had the dream to expand the campus;
- the architectural vision that excited all of the possibilities;
- the city of Vilnius and the US Embassy that believed in the school need and value added benefit for the community;
- school board members who had the patience and persistence to keep the project alive and pursue all avenues to move the project forward;
- community partners that supported the project including DNB bank;
- the staff, students, and parents that lived "under construction" for a year;
- all the construction workers, sub contractors, and other workers who spent time digging in mud, cutting down and planting trees, laying foundation, floor, tile, planting a green roof, installing playground equipment, and so much more;
- the leadership of MERKO and Contestus project managers;
- and finally, the AISV community that brings the campus to life and celebrates accomplishments such as this!

**Yvonne Ricketts,**  
AISV Director (2015-2016)

*The whole process* was smooth because all parties (School, Architects, Contractor) were willing to step extra step to build the building as amazing as it can be.

**Erika Baranauskaitė,**  
UAB "Contestus"



## SOCCER PITCH:

- The size of the soccer pitch is half of the regular soccer pitch - 58 m x 25 m
- The artificial grass was selected over the natural grass providing the opportunity to play in all seasons



## PLAYGROUNDS:

- The upper playground is part of the territory formerly called „Garden of Eden" (Rojaus sodas).
- The lower playground is fully covered with special rubber surface and overlooks the beautiful old town of Vilnius



## RE-PURPOSED CLASSROOMS



## NEW CANTEEN



## GYM:

- Is unique since it is built inside of the hill
- Meets FIBA requirements
- Has the running track installed in the upper part of the gym.
- Bleachers are installed, so at one time about 400 people can enjoy an event