

Dear AISV Community Members,

On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to join Stephane in welcoming you and your children to the 2021- 2022 school year. My family and I arrived in Vilnius a year ago from Ankara, Turkey, and immediately found a home at AISV. I have three children attending AISV: Easton in Grade 5, Dylan in Grade 2, and Rosie in Grade 1. I will be serving as the Board Chair for the next two years and I look forward to working with this year's School Board: Gina Ray, Arturas Zygelis, Renata Gaidienė, Ryan Hawkins, Julius Grigalunas, and Troy Baugh. As stewards of the School's long-term future, the Board collaborates closely with the School's leadership to develop the strategic plan and meet the school's mission.

According to our by-laws and Board Policy Manual, we revise our Guiding Statements every three years. The last revision took place in May 2018 and was called the Dream Summit. Last Monday, August 16, a group of parents, students, Board members, and staff gathered at AISV to revise and articulate our mission, vision, and values. We were guided in this work by our visiting consultant, Robert Landau, who has over 40 years of experience in international education. After serving as head of school in Prague, Beijing, Singapore, Hawaii, and California, Robert founded Two Roads Education, a consulting firm, and currently specializes in coaching and guiding schools. With his vast experience, he led this group of community members through a whole day of reflection on who we are as a school and where we want to go. The students especially expressed their convictions, articulated their opinions, and shone in their contributions.

While everyone agreed that our previous Guiding Statements embodied our ideals and values, the group wanted a new mission that was concise and could be remembered by everyone in our community. Here are our **new Guiding Statements**:

**Mission: Connect, Inspire, Empower!**

**Vision: Prepared to realize our personal potential, pursue our passions and positively impact our ever-changing world.**

**Values: Empathy, Open-Mindedness, Curiosity, Accountability, and Perseverance.**

Below you will find the first draft of the new visual for these statements. On Thursday, September 23 during Cafe Ruz, Stephane will present our new Mission, Vision, and Values and explain their connection to our Strategic Plan. During that session, you will hear from different participants about the process and their contributions. I would like to thank all the members of our team that spent the entire day to generate such a profound mission that will guide our school forward.

#### Students

Easton McGuire (gr.5)  
Lily-Louise Horbach (gr.7)  
Mark Soloveicik (gr. 6)  
Capucine Merkelbach (gr. 5)  
Aurora Manfredini (gr. 12)  
Xianmingsheng Diao (gr. 10)

#### Parents

Laura Soloveicik  
Andrew McNeely\*  
Elizabeth Elger\*  
Guylaine Draghi\*  
  
\*Also staff members

#### Staff

Stephane Ruz  
Sheryl Salem  
Ieva Dovydenienė  
Diana Arya  
Irena Stefanovič  
Uldė Sirtautaitė  
Robin MacArthur  
Jolita Norkunaite  
Lauren Heil & Brad Kurtz

#### Board

Shaun McGuire\*  
Renata Gaidienė\*  
Arturas Zygelis\*  
  
\*Also Parents

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact our School Director Stephane Ruz at [sruz@aisv.lt](mailto:sruz@aisv.lt). We all look forward to having a fantastic school year with face-to-face instruction on our AISV campus.

**Shaun McGuire**  
School Board Chair

# AI SV GUIDING STATEMENTS

## OUR MISSION



## OUR VISION

Prepared to realize our personal potential, pursue our passions  
and positively impact our ever-changing world.

*Pasiruošę atskleisti savo asmeninį potencialą, siekti tikslų  
ir pozityviai veikti besikeičiantį pasaulį.*

## OUR VALUES

Empathy | Open-Mindedness | Curiosity | Accountability | Perseverance

*Empatija | Atvirumas | Smalsumas | Atsakomybė | Atkaklumas*