



Harbour

International & Bilingual School of Rotterdam

MR

Harbour International

MR = Medezeggenschapsraad



In the Netherlands, every school is obliged to set up a MR. This must consist of parents and staff.

It is the task of the MR to **monitor** the quality of the school and the well-being of the students and the team. The statutes explicitly refer to the task that the MR must commit to **openness** and **equal treatment** of people. Members are **elected** for a term of three years at each school.

The **OMR** is the parent section of the Participation Council and consists of parents of students who are chosen by the parents of the school.

The **PMR** is the staff section of the Participation Council. The PMR is chosen by the school staff.



Meetings

The MR meets at least 5 times a year. The MR has an **annual agenda** with subjects such as:

- the budget,
- school guide,
- student numbers,
- formation
- and all kinds of current affairs.

In addition to the meetings, the MR regularly coordinate with one another.



Consent / advice



The authorisations of the MR are included in the Participation in Schools Act (WMS). It is regulated when an MR has the authorisation to advise or approve.

The management requests the **consent** of the MR for various decisions and plans. Examples include a multi-year school plan, a school safety plan & adjustment of educational objectives.

In addition, the MR can **advise** on decisions. Examples include determining class schedule, financial policy and staffing.

Information we receive is confidential.



Our MR

At Harbour International:

2 teachers

- Isabel
- Dagmar

2 parents

- Claire Sansone (mum of Olivia 7E and Julia 5J)
- Giulio

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Goal

A MR is the discussion partner of the principal of the school and deals with matters at school level. One of the goals of the MR is to create and maintain a climate of **openness** and **mutual consultation**.

Issues at school level are presented to the Participation Council (MR). Parents and teachers can **contribute** ideas about this in a MR meeting. Together with the management, it is examined how the policy of the school can be used as effectively as possible.

The school board also does not 'just' make decisions, but listens to the arguments put forward by the MR and takes this into account in a final decision on certain matters.



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The MR is not intended to solve problems or complaints from individual parents or children. Discuss this with the teacher concerned or with the school management. You can contact the MR if you are concerned about more **structural issues** that happen in the classroom or at school. If you have a question or would like more information about the MR, please send an email to:

- mrinternational@harbouribsr.nl

