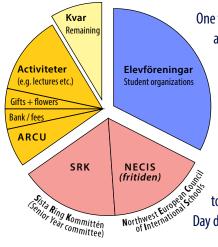
## What does the Parents Association (PA) actually do?

Every year we ask all SSHL families to pay a voluntary membership fee. During the fiscal year 2019/2020, approximately 195 families contributed to an income of just over SEK 165,000. These membership dues are used for various student activities and school events so as to benefit as many SSHL students as possible. In 2019-'20 fiscal year the expenses can be summarized into three parts:



One third went to some of the student associations. There are about 25 student associations / clubs at SSHL all of which

may all apply for funding from the PA to support their activities. In order to receive a grant, each club must meet certain conditions. For example they must have a board and statutes that comply with the PA's student-club policy. You may read more here. Some examples of grants received during this period include a mixer-board for the Audio-Visual club, new tools for the Design & Technology Group and Valentine's Day decorations for the Ace of Hearts (anti-bullying) club.



The final third of the funds were used, in part, for ARCU (*Arcu et fidibus*. . . is the oldest student association at SSHL) that received a grant to organize the so-called ARCU gala for final year students that takes place when only 50 days are left until graduation. Other activities funded include grants to pay for lecturers and to thank the school management and staff at the graduation with flowers and cakes. It also pays for administrative costs such as bank fees and book-keeping services.

Due to Covid-19 and the necessary measures taken by the school to fight the Corona virus, the spring of 2020 was far from normal with many restrictions on student movement. Therefore we made a contribution of SEK 4000 to each of the seven boarding houses to buy something they felt would help them get through the tough quarantine period. Some bought new TVs, others outdoor furniture, one bought a SodaStream and coffee machine and one house went 'old-school' with a Nintendo playstation! By the way, *every* SSHL student is member of one the boarding homes.

Thanks to some larger donations that go beyond the suggested membership fee the PA (often together with the SSHL Alumni Association) has been able to support several larger projects on campus: In 2015/16, a new multisport court was built; in 2016/17 a new tennis court and in 2017/18, the PA bought all new tables and chairs for the cafeteria. 2018/19, when Carina Nilsson took over as principal, she requested our support for an outdoor classroom in order promote student health through movement, fresh air and nature. Very strong parental support last year allowed us to make the dream of an outdoor classroom a reality and just in time too!









