

The Parents Association met the president of the EPO Ms Alison Brimelow

On Friday, 12th September 2008, the PA board members Athanassia Radoglou, Tom de Backer and Georg Weber had the opportunity to meet Ms Brimelow, president of the EPO.

Ms Brimelow, in the presence of the PD personnel, Mr Archambeau, and Mr. Robin, director responsible for school matters at the EPO, stressed the importance of the ESM and its well functioning for the EPO.

The PA members proposed three items for the discussion:

After-School care

Ms Brimelow was very well aware of the importance of child care facilities after school. She emphasized the importance for EPO staff and in particular for mothers with children working at the EPO.

It was agreed with the PA that the finding of more sustainable solutions than at present has a top priority. PA and the EPO agreed that a strong cooperation with the school is needed. It is envisaged that an extension of the school, in terms of buildings or site, must provide a long term solution for the afternoon child care as well.

Such an extension might however be operable only between 2012 and 2013. An intermediate solution for the afternoon childcare has to be found. In essence two possibilities have been envisaged and are currently under investigation of the PA in close cooperation with the EPO. Ms Brimelow assured her full support for such cooperation.

New canteen

Ms Brimelow assured the support of the EPO's experts for preparing a tender and giving their expertise in matters of the new canteen with respect to legal and technical issues.

Additional site of the ESM ("Filiale")

Ms Brimelow informed us that recent talks with the school and the German authorities have shown considerable progress and the main obstacles have been removed. She indicated that she expects a positive decision of the EPO for an extension of the school, in terms of building on a second site in Munich, in the near future.

The PA is very pleased about the positive outcome of the meeting, the common understanding on the needs of the parents in school matters and the clear commitment and support promised by the office.

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