

Protocol made by Saskia Valkhoff  
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## Minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2009

### 1. Corrections in the minutes of the 26 November meeting:

A request for an additional 7 or 11 classes and toilets has been made. If this will be accepted depends on the Munchen authorities.

Sentence 4 ....was wenig sinnvoll . Scrap.

Dass problem.....werden können. Scrap.

The SAC (school advisory council) can not make definite decisions by itself.

Further no changes and the Protocol of 26 November 2008 has been accorded.

After acceptance of changes the complete minutes will be published on the website of the European school. [www.ev-esm.org](http://www.ev-esm.org)

### 3. Punkte der Lehrer

#### a. School absentees before and after the holidays.

A remarkable improvement has been seen after the stricter rules with regard to inspection of absentees. Students have to hand in a medical attest or an excuse undersigned by the parents within 24 hours. When failing to do so the students have to stay in school during a free hour and do work like writing essays, cleaning, library work, or in some cases copying the 'Schulordnung'.

On Monday 21 December a record of absentees was listed; 245 against around 20 on a normal day. How to solve this problem of a holiday week where only one day of lessons is given will be discussed later on in the year in the Verwaltungsrat and in the SAC.

The rule is that NO free days are accepted the last day before- and the first day after a holiday. The only accepted rule on these days is a medical attest; no undersigned statement from the parents. (see internal school rules)

### 4. Punkte der Eltern

#### a. Harmonization

Harmonization of the lesson material is obliged at the fifth grade tests in June and in June of the baccalaureate. The different language sections are working using the same syllabi. In classes 6 and 7 there is no harmonization because of the freedom allowed to the teachers to organize their own program according to the syllabi. Nevertheless, on a voluntary basis some teachers harmonize partly/entirely their test throughout the year.

#### b. Replacement of teachers during the one week fieldtrips in May.

Classes 2, 3 and 6 will all be on Landschulheim during the same week in May this year. Many teachers will be absent. A scheme will be announced two weeks in advance announcing replacement teachers, as good as possible. It could be some teachers will hand out extra homework to the children in school, during this week. A suggestion to have parents assist in school classes during this week cannot be realized.

Next school year (2009/2010) only classes 2 and 6 will be going on Landschulheim, classes 2 in October, classes 6 in May

#### c. Dangerous jewellery worn by students.

The teachers have observed this jewellery (sharp long spikes etc.) and have not considered any serious dangerous. Putting too much emphasis on this issue would only insinuate the opposite.

#### d. Day field trips

There are no guidelines with regard to the amount of school day-trips made per class or

language section.

e. Abolishing the Coca cola machines

With regard to the question of abolishing the Coca cola machines a vote was held. 11 of the 12 voters voted for abolishment of these machines.

A letter will be made up and sent to the management with the questions like who is in charge of the machines and how to go about with the plan to either eliminate the machines or replace them with healthier drinks.

End December 2009 the mensa will be ready. A new situation will be made with regard to the current 2 kiosks and mensa.

f. The social fund status

This fund is set up to financially assist children without means so that they are able to join the Landschulheim excursions or school trips. However it is not strictly directed for this purpose only. Some money has been used in the past for other purposes like t-shirts for the school choir etc.

g. Improvement of the website

A suggestion came to have easier access to links of other important relevant sites (like the European schools or Elterenvereinigung,...). Will be discussed with Carolin Neudeck.

h. Alumni status.

This is an issue which actually has to be run by parents (and students) themselves. Nowadays where students have so much access and contact through face book, linked in etc. the need for an alumni working group might not be relevant.

Mr. Studer will contact a number of ex students with a brief letter asking about their current social status.

A large report by the European Parliament has been made where 1400 ex students were interviewed. This is still a relative small group considering that 20.000 have studied at a European school.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies/download.do?file=22931>

The European schools show to be very successful.

i. Test season.

The tests are not allowed to be taken home for 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup> classes. Legally the school needs to archive the tests so to have proof material. In the past to many tests were not brought back to school. The test can be looked into by the parents during a meeting with the teacher and student. This point will be further discussed as not all members agreed upon it.

A last question was raised: how confidential are the points being discussed in the Erziehungsrat meetings?

Fully open, until said specifically it is a confidential issue.