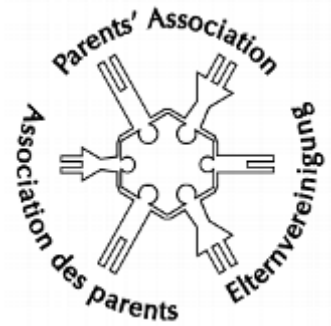


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 22.04.2015

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:35 – 21:45.

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (16): Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Rafael Baltanás, François Girardin, Maria Laiou, Gerry Van Woensel, Dimitrios Varelas, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Stefano Zanaboni, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler, Elena Rojo Romeo, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Enrico Ulivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Conor O’Sullivan, Flavio Carsughi, Edoardo Pastore

Observing members of the Educational Council: Irene Rosin (IT-GS), Charlotte Albayrak (EN – GS)

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.35.
2. As a first point, the issue of refurbishment works in the kitchen of the canteen was discussed. Ms and Mr Petrone as well Ms Gravagno from Il Cielo were present. It appears that there is water under the floor of the kitchen and, although for the moment there is no indication of any infection or other danger, this has to be repaired. There was a meeting planned for the 23.04.2015 with the school, Il Cielo, the Parents’ Association as well the BIMA (who owns the buildings of the school). The subject of the meeting was to decide if and when these works were to be carried out. A matter that needs attention is that, even if the works start during the summer holidays, it would be highly probable that they continue during September 2015. During this time, the kitchen and – most probably – the restaurant would be unusable. Ms Petrone presented alternative solutions in order to guarantee the canteen service during this period. The most promising solution, which combines the lowest costs with the ability to keep the same quality and level of service, would be to build a tent at the school grounds (probably at the outdoor sports area) where the kitchen and a restaurant with 1000 places will be housed. The Board agreed that this was indeed the most preferred

solution, however, there may be a need for a building authorisation. In addition, it had to be verified whether there was sufficient room at the school grounds in order to build such a tent taking into account the need for electricity, water and wastewater installations. It was agreed that this proposal would be presented at the planned meeting with the other stakeholders. It was also agreed that the parents will be informed as soon there is a decision on the matter. After this issue was discussed, Mr and Ms Petrone and Ms Gravagno left the meeting.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting as well as the agenda (with some additional points) were approved. It was agreed that the form regarding requests for financial support would be redistributed to the Board members by the secretary. It was repeated that this form was only for internal use by the Board members and that its aim was to ensure that all the necessary information regarding a specific request was available for a decision to be taken.
3. The request by the school to support financially a playground installation for the Lilla Pavillon was unanimously approved, with a maximum amount of 7000 Euros.
4. The request to support financially the celebration for the Bac was also unanimously approved, with a maximum amount of 1300 Euros. In addition, a prize – probably in the form of a “Gutschein” of a value of around 350 Euros – will be given to the pupil with the best result at the Bac.
5. The issue of the school calendar for the school year 2015/2016 was discussed next. There has been dissatisfaction throughout the whole of the ESM school community regarding the school day on 23.12.2015. G. Weber reported that also EPO, ESO and NETMA were not pleased at all with this outcome and that they had written to the Board of Governors to protest. He added that it might be that a move towards more autonomy of the ESM within the European school system may be triggered. The representative of the Spanish section requested that the Board sends a letter to the ESM director in which he would be explicitly asked to agree to any request for special leave received from parents that claim that for family or religious reasons they have to leave on 22.12 in order not to miss the celebrations around the 24/25. It was remarked as well that a “last-minute de facto” closing of the school on 23.12 is not a satisfactory solution since families travelling abroad have to arrange (i.e book) their travel several months before Christmas. It was finally agreed to request from the director of the secondary to publish the school program of the last days before the Christmas holidays as soon as possible.
6. G. Weber reported that the establishment of the Charity-fostering Association was progressing. The statute had been drafted and it was being reviewed by a lawyer. The association will have 6 members: 2 from the school management, 2 from the pupils’ community and 2 from the parents. The latter would be nominated by the Board. The role of the association will be to review proposals regarding charity activities to be organised by the school and to overlook such activities. Their role will be advisory; the school management will be the one to take the decisions. It was agreed that Georg Weber and Gerry van Woensel would be nominated by the Board.

7. Irene Rosin raised the issue of the use of mobile phones at school. G. Weber re-iterated the position of the Board that this was a matter for the Educational Council. In the discussion that ensued, it appeared that it was not clear whether the agreed filtering of content had actually been implemented by the school. It seems also that it is not clear whether the teachers can (are allowed to) collect mobile phones from pupils that use them in the class. I. Rosin said that the issue would be brought to the next meeting of the educational council.
8. Elena Rojo Romeo announced that RUF would be able to offer longer opening hours for the Garderie starting from September 2015 if there is sufficient demand and as soon as some issues with the school were clarified, the main being additional costs (for security). The idea was for the Garderie to be open until 18.30 and to give the choice to the parents to select between the actual time table (ending at 17.30) and the longer hours, until 18.30. The possibility of offering an additional shuttle bus leaving at 18.00 from the Garderie to the EPO was also being contemplated. In addition, during the long days there would also be Garderie service from 15.45 until 18.30. The proposed costs would be: 130 Euros/month for the short days (12 – 18.30) and 60 Euros/month for the long days (15.45 – 18.30). The current prices for the present schedule (i.e. until 17.30) will remain. As soon as the cost issues with the school are clarified, the information will be published to the parents.
9. Maria Pia Ayala-Perriello reported that the front door at the Kindergarten is often open and left without surveillance during the opening hours of the Garderie. This may be due to the children and parents coming and going for the Intercurricular Activities. Since this was affecting the safety of the children, Kirsten Arenz will take it up with the responsible for the Garderie at the Kindergarten.
10. Anna Cattani-Scholz gave a short report about the last meeting of Interparents, which took place in Munich. The main topics on this meeting were the proposals for the reform of the marking and the reform of the studies in the secondary. Although nothing has been decided yet, it is feared that there may be decisions taken which are detrimental to the ESM. It was agreed that a meeting with the director of the secondary would be requested in order to discuss the issue. The position of the ESM Parents' Association will be made public as soon as possible and contacts with the other European schools located in Germany (i.e. Frankfurt and Karlsruhe) will be sought.
11. Next meeting will take place on 27.05.2015.

The meeting was closed at 21:45.