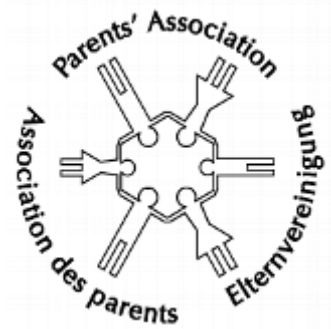


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 27.05.2015

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:35 – 21:10

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (15): Georg Weber, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Conor O’Sullivan, Rafael Baltanás, Gerry Van Woensel, Flavio Carsughi, Dimitrios Varelas, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler, Elena Rojo Romeo, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Edoardo Pastore, Enrico Olivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Rupert Plenk, François Girardin, Maria Laiou, Stefano Zanaboni

Observing members of the Educational Council: Irene Rosin (IT –GS), Magda Vecchi (IT – HS - Deputy).

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18:35.
2. The agenda (with some additional points) and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Georg Weber reported about the discussions regarding the works to be carried out in the kitchen and how the canteen service will be affected (see also point 2 of the minutes of the meeting of 22.04.2015). According to BIMA (Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben), who is the owner of the building of the school, the works are to start on 30.06 or 01.07 and will go on for about 8 weeks after the start of the new school year. During all this period the kitchen and the food distribution area will be inaccessible. BIMA will take over the costs of the works but refuses to take over any other costs related to any alternative solution for the canteen service. In discussions among the school, the Association, the EPO and Il Cielo solutions have been sought. The solution that is being currently studied is to use the teachers’ kitchen for cooking and food distribution. The additional cost for this solution is estimated to 150.000 Euro, relating mainly to cutlery and dishware. Another solution could be the preparation and distribution of lunch packs, which the Board does not favour. From a legal point of

view, the situation is not simple: the Association has a contract with the school for the use of the kitchen and the restaurant area in order to provide catering services and Il Cielo has a contract with the Association to provide these catering services. A lawyer is being consulted in order to assess the liability risks for the Association; it looks like the Association cannot be held liable for any disruption of the canteen service. Another risk is that if the service is disrupted and the contract with Il Cielo is suspended, Il Cielo may decide to abandon the contract and the ESM all together. In that case the procedure to find a new caterer would have to be initiated from the beginning. It was unanimously agreed that the first priority is to try and keep Il Cielo as the caterer at ESM. The chairman was mandated to continue the discussions with the school and Il Cielo under this premise and even accept the "lunch pack" as an ultimate solution if nothing else proves feasible. The parents will be informed as soon as there is some concrete information.

4. G. Weber reported about the project to extend the opening hours of the Garderie as from September 2015 (see point 8 of minutes of the meeting of 22.04.2015). The school has estimated the additional costs to a sum of 10.000 Euro /year (mainly for security) and has contacted the EPO in order to get permission to use this money from the school budget. To this day there has been no further information on this subject. It was agreed that unless there is some information by the end of May, the project will be left for the following school year, i.e. 2016/2017.
5. The reform of the secondary was discussed next. Anna Cattani-Scholz had distributed a draft position for the Association to be published as information for the parents. Although the Board agreed with the content of the position, there were some questions, especially regarding the new marking system. Anna Cattani-Scholz and Edoardo Pastore explained that the new marking system (using A-E instead of marks 1 - 10) has been approved by the Board of Governors and it is to be implemented from the school year 2017/2018. The problem does not come from the marking system itself but from the need for official equivalence tables in the national systems. The actual marking system has been known to universities and national administrations for some time and there are no problems in the recognition of the marks from the European schools. If there is a new marking system, then there have to be new conversion/equivalence tables and this in many countries where the graduates of the European schools seek higher education. It appears that this part of the job has not been done and hence, the introduction of the new marking system is perceived as hasty. It was agreed that Anna Cattani-Scholz will draft again the position of the Association on the subject, giving some more details in order to inform the parents better. The draft will be circulated to the Board members before its publication.
6. Kirsten Arenz presented a request by the library of the Primary school asking for 2.000 Euro to purchase books for SWALS. Jean-Luc Dupuis pointed out that, due to accounting constraints, this sum had to be spent by the Association either before the end of this school year or after the start of the next. The Board agreed that, should it be possible to purchase the books by the end of June 2015, the request was approved. In case this would not be possible, the decision would be postponed for the next school year. Dimitris Varelas was mandated to clarify the issue.

7. Flavio Carsughi reported that for the project Archaeology for Kids some extra material would be needed for the storage of the already purchased equipment. The Board approved the additional expense of 400 Euros. The project will take place on 25th and 26th of June. The first two classes of the IT, GR and SP section will participate. Manual help by parents is needed for preparation and storage of the material. F. Carsughi will circulate a "doodle" where volunteers will be able to register.
8. Irene Rosin raised some questions regarding the decision of the school to adopt cashless payments within its premises and commented on the lack of information. G. Weber explained that this was a decision of the school which the Association would follow and that the school was the one responsible for informing the parents and the pupils.
9. The next meeting will take place on 25.06.2015.

The meeting ended at 21:10.