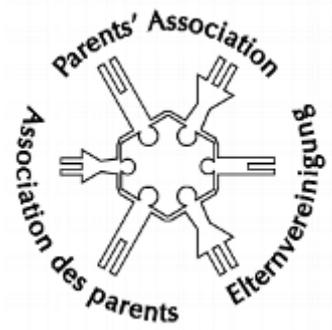


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 30.05.2017

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:45 – 20:55.

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (14): Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Carolyn Casall-Bain, Sebastian Petit, Rafael Baltanás, Marina Conte, Dimitrios Varelas, Antje Stoller, Kerstin Arenz, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Günther Körbler, Irene Rosin, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: George Lazaridis, Gerry Van Woensel, Stefano Zanaboni, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Enrico Olivieri

Observing members of the Educational Council: Pamela Ellis (EN-HS)

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.45.
2. The agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. The chairman reported on several issues:
 - A new contract had been signed with the school for the provision of catering services. The contract, which is to end in the end of the coming school year (July 2018), imposes the recently adopted food policy of the school and gives exclusive responsibility for the provision of catering services at the school to the Association. The Association agreed with Il Cielo to extend their cooperation for an additional school year. After that, a new tendering process will be carried out for the provision of catering at both sites of the ESM.
 - The school confirmed that there will be no missing teachers in the coming school year. The open positions, especially in the EN, FR and DE sections have been filled – mostly by seconded teachers. The problem, however, does not seem to be solved

for the long term – especially with regard to EN speaking teachers. The Board has provided the school with possible contact points for looking for EN speaking teachers that could be recruited locally in the future. The issue of the attractiveness – or the lack of it – of the contracts offered will have to be discussed with the school and the EPO. The Association will be monitoring closely the situation. A positive evolution was that, after contacts with the Bavarian state, the ESM will have access to the state's reserve list of German teachers who can be used as replacement for absent teachers.

- Charity – The "Förderverein" has been well accepted by the ESM community. Local regulations are a bit complicated and vigilance is necessary when proposals for new projects are assessed. The Förderverein will be controlled by the Finanzamt after the first 3 years of operation and it is expected that some additional guidance will be provided by them, if necessary. The Chairman invited those Board members who were interested to attend the meetings and participate in the assessment of the proposals to do so.
- Another issue discussed with the school was the so called Social Fund. The school has this Fund in order to support financially families in need, but not much use of it has been made in the recent years. The school management has requested the Board for support and proposals as to the future of this Fund. Manolis Papastefanou and Carolyn Casall-Bain will be looking into the matter.

4. Kerstin Arenz reported about a meeting with BIMA regarding the refurbishment of the kitchen and the canteen at the ESM. It looks like the works will be over before the end of the summer holidays and that the kitchen and the canteen will be available from the beginning of the coming school year.
5. Irene Rosin reminded that deadline for applying for bus transport for the next school year was to end on the 31.05.2017. She mentioned that there were still families who had not applied, despite the several reminders. It was noted that there had been several reminders sent to the parents (and even published on the EPO's Intranet) and it was decided that no applications will be accepted after the deadline. Exceptions will be made only for new pupils and those who had moved and changed address.
6. Starting with a remark by Marina Conte, a discussion on the subject of pupils' exchange ensued. It is felt that the school is not actively engaged in this program, despite it being a part of the official program of the European Schools. The question of who bears the responsibility and the liability of the organisation and carrying out of such exchanges has been one of the factors that contribute to the general reluctance of the school. For the Board it is clear that, since the school has all the information regarding pupils and their families and no general dissemination of such private information can be tolerated, it should be the school which takes the responsibility. The chairman stated that the issue will be discussed with the school in a coming meeting to be requested before the end of the school year. Marina Conte and Rupert Plenk will also participate.
7. Next meeting will take place on 04.07.2017, outside the EPO premises.

The meeting ended at 20:55.