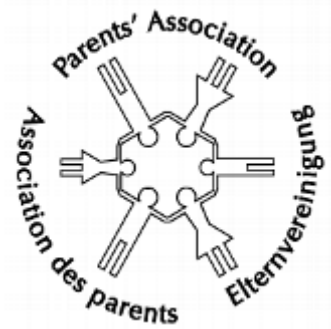


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 16.01.2018

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:10-20:40.

Minute writer: Rupert Plenk

Board Members present (14): Jean-Luc Dupuis, Koen Leuridan, Julien Jacoby, Rupert Plenk, Sebastian Petit, Rafael Baltanás, Marina Conte, Gerry van Woensel, Dimitrios Varelas, Stefano Zanaboni, Günther Körbler, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Irene Rosin, Flavio Carsughi.

Board Members absent: Carolyn Casall-Bain, George Lazaridis, Antje Stoller, Kerstin Arenz, Manolis Papastefanou,.

Observing members of the Educational Council: Maciej Madalinski (KiGa), Ursula Haider (DE-HS- Deputy), Mark Robinson (EN-HS).

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.05.
2. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the Board meeting of 20.11.17 and of the General Assembly of 12.12.17 were approved as well.
3. The chairman and Ms Scholz reported that on Thursday 14 December, parents representing the European Schools met Commissioner Oettinger for an information-rich and frank exchange of views on the current situation in the European Schools. Commissioner Oettinger opened the meeting by clearly stating his support of the ES system, mentioning the significant challenges currently facing the schools, in particular the complicated financing structure. Parents highlighted the falling numbers of seconded teachers, the need to have the Commissioner's personal support in making Member States aware of their responsibilities as well as the need to progress with a new cost sharing agreement for when the current one expires, in a Brexit context, and the need to address the key issues surrounding the local teachers' recruitment and the challenges of competitiveness of contracts. Interparent is following this issue.

4. The chairman and vice chairman reported on an informal meeting with EPO representatives. It appears that the EPO considers the European School to be part of the work package for employees. However, the EPO intends to monitor cost and budget of the school and may be prepared to intervene.
5. There was a brief discussion on the upcoming Board Meeting at the School, concerning amongst others the future budget. The position of the Parents' Association is that teaching quality has to be at least maintained. Considering the situation of the school, with around 80% spending on salaries, it was questioned whether savings can be done without impacting teaching quality.
6. The Europahalle will not be available on May 9, 2018, in spite of prior discussions with the school on an event "Philosophy & Science" organized by the Italian Section, with support from other language sections. This event will have to be cancelled if the Europahalle is not available, and any money already spent will be lost.

The organizers of the event will seek contact with the school, to possibly work out a compromise.

7. Mr Salvat, Principal Educational Advisor at the school, has inquired about cooperation concerning a "Medientag". Mr Petit will follow this issue up.
8. Ms Arenz had submitted whether the Internet Platform of Cielo could be somehow integrated in the website of the Parents' Association, in line with application for RUF and NSA. The board approved to contact the IT expert (Michael Kim-Mayser) to investigate details and costs.
9. The Music Group/Choir will do an excursion and asked for sponsoring. A budget of 1000 Euro (out of full costs of 2600 Euro) was unanimously agreed.
10. The Förderverein, a joint venture between School, Parents and Pupils, is looking for candidates. Several Board members announced their readiness to run as candidates.
11. There were reports on activities of the UK-Section (Brexit, meeting with inspector) and Interparents. The near future will see a School Advisory Council on Food Policy, possibly with a revision of said policy. Feedback is welcome.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for 21.02.2018, 18:00.