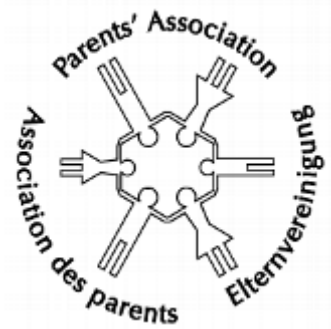


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 20th February 2019

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468 from 18:35pm until 8:25pm

Minute writer: Adriana Vera-Merz

Attendees:

PA Board members: Martin Ratcliffe, Roberto Trimarchi, Antje Stoller, Wayne Smith, Katia Sittler, Irene Rosin, Germana Baldisseri, Julien Jacoby, Stéphane Fraissé, Rupert Plenk, Marina Conte, Giorgios Lazaridis, Sofia Macieira, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Adriana Vera-Merz

Observing members of the Educational Council: Mark Robinson (EN-HS), Maciej Madaliński (ER Kindergarten), Pamela Alice (guest)

Absent PA Board Members: Flavio Carsughi, Caroline Müller, Esteban Hernández Castelló, Gerry van Woensel, Mohan Chennupati, Anna Cattani-Scholz

1. Approval of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting at 18.35pm. The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last board meeting

The minutes of the board meeting held on 20th January 2019 were approved.

3. Report meetings with Fasangarten neighbours and city of Munich

Irene reported that the meeting with the neighbours at Fasangarten went well. Birgit Knoblach (SPD speaker in Fasangarten/Giesing) is active and supportive. The school directors didn't attend the meeting because it was not necessary.

Traffic problems are expected because the Lincolnstr. is the only access street for the school buses to the new school, and there are several other facilities on this street such as an old people's home, a kindergarten, a church, and another school. The neighbours had asked the city of Munich to build a new street to access the school but, due to environmental reasons, the city refused. A suggestion to avoid a traffic chaos in the mornings is that the school starts at 8:30am instead of 8:15am.

A request for a parking prohibition during the school rush hours on the Lincolnstr. was filed at the city of Munich.

There is enough Parking area for the school buses and the teachers. In case the buses need more place, the teachers' parking area will be reduced.

The city of Munich refused to open a public bus line from Perlach to Fasangarten. Instead, a school bus for students who live in a radius of 3km from the school, stopping at Neu Perlach Zentrum, ESM, and Fasangarten will be offered.

Starting next school year 5th grade pupils will be allowed to take the school buses even if they don't have younger siblings in the primary school. The rules for the nursery children will not change: they can use the school bus as long as they have older siblings and there are free places in the bus. As an exception, nursery children are allowed to take the bus from the EPO to school, even without siblings.

A Newsletter will be sent to the parents in March informing about the transport situation that we expect starting in September and with the registration instructions.

The inscription deadline for the registration to the school bus/MVG tickets will be at the beginning of May. Irene asks for the support of the section representatives in reminding the parents of the deadline. Only the late inscriptions of new students and the children who move will be dealt with as exceptions.

Other transport topics: The buses bringing the children to the Pschorr building are not allowed to enter the area in front of the main entrance. In the past the bus stopped at Bayernstr. 34. Currently the children alight at the Zollstr., where they are not insured: the insurance is only valid at public stops. The security team of the EPO is upset because the bus stops in front of the fire exit. We requested a meeting with the security team through Maria Castellanos to look for solutions.

Shuttle buses: Currently only big buses cover the shuttle bus service (ESM-EPO). They are not full. The service is very flexible for the parents, allowing short notice changes. Therefore, the buses have more places than required and the service makes losses. The board decides that next year the shuttle bus service should be cost covering.

4. Chairman's report

The meeting for the canteen topics went well. The school, Il Cielo and the PA agreed on the terms of the contract, which is being finalized by an attorney (paid by the Parents' Association). The contract will be for three years and the meal price will not increase.

Antje, Roberto, María Castellanos and Jean-Luc hosted the information event "Get to know the European School Munich" on 14th February at the EPO.

There are concerns about how the after school activities will run next school year with the new site. The school assures that everything will remain as it is currently.

The current admission policy will remain for the next school year.

Rupert Plenk informs that parents who have individually asked the German authorities about the conversion of the new marks have gotten than answer with the following argument: The percentage of students reaching the best marks at the ESM is usually higher than the average. They took this into consideration in the new conversion.

Carsten Metz (educational council) is collecting arguments against this position (e.g. Pisa studies). The possibility to get the new conversion reversed is very low. Putting in place a new marking system for the European Schools would be a very long process.

5. Sponsoring request for Eurosport 2019 and „Weltgymnaestrada 2019“ Dornbirn/Österreich – Request from sports coordinator secondary school

Bernd Auerhammer, coordinator of the PE department filled out sponsoring requests for the following events events:

- a. 16th Weltgymnaestrada 2019 in Austria: total cost approx.. € 28.500, 34 acrobatics students involved, requested amount € 1.500 - € 3.000

- b. Eurosport 2019 in Varese: total cost approx.. € 15.000, 30 acrobatics students involved, requested amount € 725

The EV Board decides unanimously to sponsor the Weltgymnaestrada event with € 1.500 and the Eurosport event with € 750 plus the costs of printing the logo of the Parents' association either on the t-shirts or on the brochures.

6. Financial issues

There were no financial issues to discuss.

7. Any other business

Student exchanges: Marina Conte mentions that the new responsible educational adviser for the student exchange program is Ms. Huguette Heinis. The PA can support her sending information to the different language sections through the representatives, if required.

Brexit: Mark Robinson and Pamela Alice have followed the Brexit topic and give the board some insights. The seconded teachers received a letter from the UK government stating that in the event of a no-deal Brexit there is a risk that their contracts will terminate with immediate effect on 29th March.

This is not the preferred option of the British Department for Education. They would prefer an arrangement to cover the contracts until summer 2020, as stated in the letter to Mr. Marcheggiano. The response of the Secretary General to the head of the UK delegation welcomes the intention to continue the secondment of staff until 2020, but offers no negotiation. Without a deal, the UK department of education cannot cover an interim transitional period in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

It would be ideal if the same conditions as if there would be no Brexit could be given to the seconded teachers for the period of time they would have remained at the ESM otherwise. Due to contractual/legal reasons this would be very difficult to reach.

The European School Culhalm might not be able to offer the European BAC after the Brexit. There is no requirement to the British universities to accept the European BAC. In the event of an organised Brexit the EBAC would be recognised until 2027.

The chairman suggests to approach the EPO to make sure that they are aware of the impact of the Brexit on the ESM. Mark, Pamela and Maria Castellanos could ask for a meeting in Brussels to discuss this topic.

8. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be on 26th March.

The meeting ended at 20:25

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