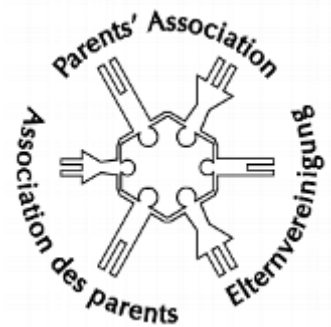


# Parents' Association of the European School Munich



## Minutes of the Board Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3469 from 18:35 pm until 8:40 pm.

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### Attendees:

**PA Board members:** Roberto Trimarchi, Antje Stoller, Irene Rosin, Germana Baldisseri, Julien Jacoby, Esteban Hernández Castelló, Rupert Plenk, Marina Conte, Giorgios Lazaridis, Sofia Macieira, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Mohan Chennupati, Gerry van Woensel, Wayne Smith, Caroline Müller, Adriana Vera-Merz

**Observing members of the Educational Council:** Maciej Madaliński (Kindergarten), Ines Lampreia (SWALS-Primary school)

**Absent PA Board Members:** Flavio Carsughi, Martin Ratcliffe, Katia Sittler, Stéphane Fraissé, Jean-Luc Dupuis

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### 1. Approval of the agenda

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

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the last board meeting

The minutes of the board meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved.

### 3. Vice-Chairman's report

Roberto Trimarchi attended the February Jour fix with the school in which several topics were discussed. There will be enough rooms in the Fasangarten site for the parents' association's after school and extra curricular activities next school year. The available area will be enough for up to 300 children in the after school care.

The idea to change the begin time of the school day from 8:15 am to 8:30 am has been rejected.

The school is in favour of opening the nursery for children aged 3 (M0). Discussions about the financing is taking long. Therefore, there will be no M0 in the school year 2019/20.

The new contract for the canteen has been checked by an attorney and is ready to be signed. Currently the school is reviewing it and thereafter, Il Cielo will do likewise.

### 4. New marking System – possible communication to parents

Rupert Plenk informs that none of the efforts asking the German authorities to change the equivalences of the new marks has been successful. With the purpose of building up more pressure, he suggested to send

an email to all parents with a sample text requesting to view the files regarding the European School marks equivalence table to the "Sekretariat der Kultusministerkonferenz" in Berlin. The representatives of the German sections in the four European Schools in Brussels have already sent the parents an email with this request.

The board members decided to follow Rupert's suggestion with 15 votes in favour and one abstention.

Rupert will prepare a communication email to the parents with a short explanation of the situation, mentioning that pupils of all language sections who plan to study in Germany will be marked based on the new conversion table. The email will include the sample document to be sent to Berlin. Rupert will share this with the board members prior to sending it to all parents. Additionally, he will prepare a longer text to deepen the understanding of this topic for the board members only.

## **5. Update Interparents**

Anna Cattani-Scholz informs that there is still no German inspector for the Secondary school. This is unfortunate given the concerns of the school community regarding the equivalence table of the new marking system in Germany. This is a topic that affects all pupils who are willing to study in German universities.

By now, Germany is the only country that has published an official conversion table. The directors of the German schools (Frankfurt, Munich, Karlsruhe) expressed officially that they share the concerns of the parents on this topic.

The position of Interparents is that it is too early to have a conversion table. The Interparents' representatives would have liked to have a table after the system had gained experience with the application of the new marking system.

The new marking system is to be used in the S6 starting next school year. Interparents considers highly risky to implement the new marking system in the next BAC cycle and is evaluating the possibility to discuss at the next BoG the option to postpone the implementation for the next BAC cycle (BAC 2021).

Interparents would like to intervene in the next meeting of the Board of Governors asking not to implement the new marking system in the school year 2019-2020 in the S6 (next BAC cycle). Anna asked if the board in Munich would back this position. This was put to vote with the following result:

5 votes in favour  
2 votes against  
8 abstentions

Anna points out, that after the Brexit the German universities become more attractive to the European Schools' pupils.

The UK authorities have agreed to support the seconded teachers until the end of the school year 2019-2020 even in the event of a no-deal Brexit. Interparents' position regarding the seconded teachers, is that the European Schools should try to retain the good ones.

## **6. School's request for materials**

Mohan Chennupati mentions that the school requested some materials that were provided by the EV in previous years: Lanyards with the school logo, lice sacks, and blue balls for the playground

The board decides that after the school provides detailed information to Mohan, he will discuss this with the treasurer and agree on the financial help that can be offered.

## **7. Financial Issues (not for publication)**

## **8. Any other business**

- a. Irene Rosin asked the language representatives to remind the parents to register their children for the school bus/MVV ticket within the deadline (1st May).
- b. The first day of school 2019-2020 there will be no school buses in the morning. There will be no long days for the primary in the first week. The school buses will operate accordingly.
- c. Sofia Macieira informed that, as response to her request of reversing the decision to join the SWALS L1 lessons for several grades in the secondary school, the school direction will consider a change for the next school year. Possibly, the joint hours will be reduced from five to two per week. This change would require an amendment of the budget. The SWALS representatives in the PA and the educational council are seeking for the opinions of the inspectors (15 in total) in this matter. They expect their support in the educational issue to back the budget amendment.
- d. The board members who haven't sent Flavio their texts for the new website, should do so promptly.

## **9. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting ended at 20:35 pm.

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