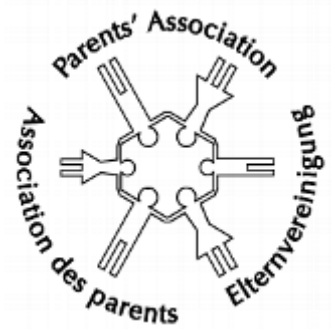


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 29th April 2019

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468 from 6:40 pm until 9:15 pm

Minute writer: Adriana Vera-Merz

Attendees:

PA Board members: Antje Stoller, Wayne Smith, Julien Jacoby, Stéphane Fraissé, Marina Conte, Sofia Macieira, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Flavio Carsughi, Esteban Hernández Castelló, Gerry van Woensel, Mohan Chennupati, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Adriana Vera-Merz

Observing members of the Educational Council: Maciej Madaliński (ER Kindergarten),

Absent PA Board Members: Irene Rosin, Germana Baldisseri, Roberto Trimarchi, Rupert Plenk, Caroline Müller, Martin Ratcliffe, Katia Sittler, Giorgios Lazaridis

1. Approval of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting at 6:40 pm. The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last board meeting

The minutes of the board meeting held on 23rd March 2019 were approved.

3. Chairman's report

In the last jour fixe with the school, it was mentioned that a meeting between the school directors and António Campinos, new president of the EPO, will be organised. It is expected that Mr. Campinos will support a change in the admission criteria.

María Castellanos confirmed that the inauguration of the Fasangarten site will take place in September or October when it is already functioning.

The school invited all parents to the celebration of the Europe Day on 9th May. Ms. Nellie Simon, Vice-President of the EPO's Directorate-General Corporate Services, will attend the event. The Chairman encourages the board members to attend. This will be an opportunity to discuss any issues with Ms. Simon.

The closure of the school accounts for 2018 was put for approval to the Administrative Board members. The Secretary General has already approved and Jean-Luc and Gerry will also do so.

The teachers' salaries are in evaluation. Anna comments that a comparison of the European School salaries and the local salaries was made in Luxemburg. A new career path opportunity to the middle management for the locally recruited teachers is currently under discussion.

The primary teachers are concerned due to the pupil reduction (currently approx. 800 pupils). The school direction would like to broaden the admission criteria and extend the nursery to M0.

The three years contracts for the canteen (starting in September 2019) are signed. There is one contract with the school and two with Il Cielo, one per site.

4. Newsletter Policy – official decision

The board members approved unanimously the following newsletter policy.

- The newsletter is approved by the chairman
- It is then sent to the information officer to check its design/format. The design is to be kept simple.
- The information officer sends it to all the board members (FYI)
- Lastly, the newsletter is sent by the office to all parents
- The Newsletter is not to be sent with a regular frequency, but when there are news to distribute
- The quality of translation should be correct.

The newsletter police does not aim to prevent the chairman to send information, but to keep a standard format and avoid information to be sent out before the board members are informed.

Flavio comments that the newsletter will be imbedded in the new portal of the PA. When it is in place, the layout will pop up automatically. We will decide on a simple one when the time comes. The office members or the information officer will have the rights to upload the newsletters.

5. Changes to the rules of procedure of the Board

The board approved unanimously a general revision of the "Geschäftsordnung des Vorstands" from 1998. Its change does not require the agreement of the General Assembly.

Adriana will make change suggestions to be shared with the rest of the board.

6. Pupils' exchange programme

The PA agreed to support families from the European Schools abroad to look for host families in Munich. The 6 weeks or one semester exchanges take place from the beginning of the school year through Christmas. It is possible to split the stay in two different families.

The board agrees that an email is sent to all parents in the primary and secondary school asking for families interested in hosting a child (minimum 6 weeks). The email will include a list of the pupils who applied for an exchange in Munich for the next school year and are still looking for a host family. The list will not include the names of the pupils but their gender, L1-L3, country of origin, and grade coursed.

The PA is not liable for the children; our help is limited to contact the host and guest families.

5. Request for landyards' purchase

The board approved Ms.Christelles Botella's request for the purchase of Landyards and balls (total price approx. 1.600 €) with 11 votes in favour and one abstention.

6. Mathematics App – Start-Up presentation

The board decided unanimously not to support the request of an Ed-Tech Start Up to promote the use/demos set up of the app Correct Guru within the school community.

7. Financial issues (not for publication)

There were no financial issues to discuss.

Julien will prepare an overview of the financial situation of the NSR and shuttle bus for the current school year.

8. Any other business

- a. Carsten Metz, educational council representative for the German Secondary school, wrote an email to the board members asking for a parents' assembly to be called to inform about the new marking system, its implementation and the German conversion table. Due to the legal requirements for officially calling a general assembly, and given the urgency of this matter, the board members agreed unanimously to organise an information evening instead.
- b. Anna comments that Interparents would have liked to have had the opportunity at the BoG to discuss the implementation of the new marking system, but this request was not supported by the other stakeholders. However, Interparents remains determined to follow this issue in the coming weeks, particularly with regard to the application of the new marking System to the next BAC cycle.

Unfortunately, there is still no active inspector for the Secondary School of the German section.

- c. S7 pupils requested 1.000 € to finance the BAC party. The board members rejected the request unanimously.
- d. Given that with the new marking system and German conversion table the pupils require better grades to get the same results as with the old system, Sofia suggested to set a concept of prizes as motivation for attaining good academic results. She will elaborate this idea and present it to the board.
- e. Flavio asked the other board members to inform him whenever there is need for a change in the website.

9. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be on 21st May

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm

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