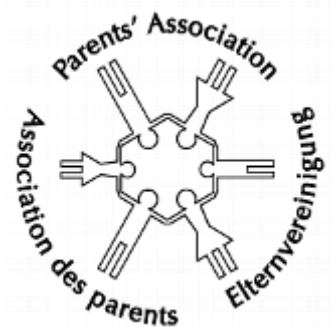


## Minutes of the Board Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468 from 6:40 pm until 9:20 pm

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### Attendees:

**PA Board members:** Antje Stoller, Irene Rosin, Julien Jacoby, Stéphane Fraissé, Marina Conte, Sofia Macieira, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Flavio Carsughi, Esteban Hernández Castelló, Mohan Chennupati, Katia Sittler, Giorgios Lazaridis, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Germana Baldisseri, Roberto Trimarchi, Martin Ratcliffe, Adriana Vera-Merz

**Observing members of the Educational Council:** Maciej Madaliński (EC Kindergarden), Daniel Pinilla (EC SP), Ines Lampreia (EC SWALS - Primary school), Enrico Fedrigo (EC IT- Primary School)

**Absent PA Board Members:** Rupert Plenk, Caroline Müller, Gerry van Woensel,

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### 1. Approval of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting at 6:39 pm. The agenda was approved.

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

The minutes of the board meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 were approved.

### 3. Chairman's report

Jean-Luc reports about the last Administrative Board meeting. In general the part of the meeting dedicated to pedagogic issues was good. In the second part, dedicated to finance, the participants had diverse opinions (e.g. whole day school concept).

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Mr Hrovath expressed himself cautiously regarding the potential change of the admission criteria for Category III pupils. The number of pupils in the primary school is decreasing and from a pedagogical point of view, he and the teachers are of the opinion that this situation should change. Mr Hrovath requested measures to achieve the stabilization of the number of pupils in the primary school. Otherwise, the school will face a major problem in the next future.

Currently, there are 5 nursery groups at the Fasangarten site. The school agreed with the German authorities that they would use both sites for the nursery. Nevertheless, due to transport, furniture and humidity issues, this was not possible. Currently there are five groups in the new site. Once the renovations works at Neuperlach are finished, there are up to four rooms for the nursery in each site. The German government insists that the school uses both sites, as they had agreed to do.

Regarding the canteen, the EV should have prepared a tender to choose a service provider. The German authorities expect that we do so.

#### **4. General Assembly school year 2019-2020. Candidates for the following positions:**

- Chairman/legal issues and contracts:  
Roberto Trimarchi will apply. If he is elected, the position for the second chairman will be open. The agenda for the general assembly will be updated accordingly.
- Treasurer:  
Julien Jacoby will apply for re-election.
- Information policies:  
Flavio Carsughi will apply for re-election.
- Language sections (to be elected in their own assemblies): German, English

Irene plans to step back from the transport position next year. Maciej Madaliński might replace her thereafter. Irene will introduce him to the topic during the current school year.

#### **5. DE Conversion table and new marking system**

Anna Cattani reports that a meeting with the Kultusminister Konferenz in Berlin took place. Interparents and representatives of the German sections of the Brussels European Schools were present. At this stage there is no intention to revise the conversion table published in July 2018.

The European School checked the change in the grades for the S5 German, French, and English language sections after one year of application of the new marking system. The marks have gone down in comparison to the old marking system, because of the higher marking range.

Therefore, it is expected that all the students applying for a university place in Germany starting 2021 will encounter two negative effects in comparison to the old marking system.

Anna suggests that if any of us has the chance to meet an inspector of whichever member state, we should address this issue. This situation affects all pupils willing to study in Germany regardless their country of origin. We should also check out what are other member states planning for their new conversion tables.

#### **6. New internet site – Newsletter Module decision**

The board approved unanimously to buy the newsletter module for the new website for €1.000 (€600 new module, € 400 role management module).

With a majority vote, the board decided that the EV logo will have the font Tahoma Regular. It will be in German only. Some of the board members are of the opinion that the logo should be available in the three official European languages: German, English, and French.


#### **7. Financial Issues**

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#### **8. Any other business**

- Daniel Pinilla asks the chairman to pass on information to the educational council more regularly (e.g. admin board summary e.g.)

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- Antje and Irene had a meeting with the employees to talk about organisational topics. Some of the employees would like to move the office to Fasangarten or do home office. The EV office will remain at the EPO premises. It was agreed with the employees that apart from the morning telephone duty for buses, there should generally be no home office. It was repeated that overtime hours should generally be reduced to zero by the end of each year. Any exception should be agreed by the corresponding board member.
  - Irene reports that the neighbours in Fasangarten have risen complaints because of the school buses. Especially the first day of school was problematic. There will be a meeting with the KVR Police to ask for a zig-zag park prohibition on the Lincolnstr. A zebra crossing will be put in place on the Cinicinatti Str. There are traffic issues due to the arrival of suppliers for the HIT super market at the same time as the school buses arrive. The S-Bahn frequency at the Fasangarten station changed temporarily to 20 min instead of 10 min, which causes the parents to bring the children to the school by car.
  - The board acknowledged the reception of the email from Caroline Müller regarding the current canteen issues. She could not attend the meeting today due to health reasons.
  - Some board parents report bad management from the school regarding category III applications for language groups which started the school year with less than 9 pupils: the school didn't answer timely, forcing the parents to decide for other schools.
  - Katia reports that the French group in the nursery has been assigned a room which is not adequate for the children: there is no water tap in the room, the doors are inappropriate, and the closest bathrooms are for bigger children. Currently there is no alternative room.
  - Jean-Luc mentions that Maria Castellanos (EPO) will provide an external evaluation of the pedagogical consequences of the reduction of the teaching hours for SWALS.

## **9. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm

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