

## Minutes of the Board Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468 from 6:45 pm until 9:18 pm

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### Attendees:

**PA Board members:** Antje Stoller, Irene Rosin, Julien Jacoby, Marina Conte, Flavio Carsughi, Germana Baldisseri, Roberto Trimarchi, Martin Ratcliffe, Rupert Plenk, Rafael Baltanás Jorge, Stéphane Fraissé, Sofia Macieira, Adriana Vera-Merz

**Observing members of the Educational Council:** Inken Hanisch (EC DE Secondary), Dirk Petry (EC DE Secondary), Aurelia Fitzpatrick (EC DE Primary)

**Absent PA Board Members:** Esteban Hernández Castelló, Mohan Chennupati, Katia Sittler, Giorgios Lazaridis, Gerry van Woensel, Caroline Müller, Anna Cattani-Scholz

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### 1. Approval of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

- point 6 changed to: Request of NMS (new marking system) working group to finance a trip to Berlin or Brussels to meet representatives of the KKM, the ES Secretary General, and other ES and government representatives.
- points 4 & 5: switched order in the agenda

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

The minutes of the board meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved.

### 3. Chairman's report

The format in which the board meeting minutes is to be published was discussed. The board members agreed unanimously to publish the approved minutes on the website without the financial/data sensitive information including the headers and with the remark "not for publication".

Caroline Müller was absent but sent a report on canteen issues. In summary:

The school doctor visited the site and complained about the security problem in the area of the front door of the canteen (same door to come in and out) and about the space problem between the cash registers and the counter where the meals are served. The school doctor wants to have fish on the meal plan 2-3 times a week. Caroline will communicate this to Il Cielo.

Caroline Müller will work with KLUG and H4F to hold healthy eating project days. Medical students would support this initiative. The purpose is to increase our children's nutritional awareness over the years.

Il Cielo is the caterer at the Munich International School. One of our members approached the board saying he had compared the menu of the MIS with the menu at the ESM, and the one of the MIS is more diverse and appealing. We don't know if there is a difference in the contracts or the prices.

Roberto Trimarchi informs that he attended the SAC Meeting. There, the issue of the smart phone usage in Neuperlach was discussed. Members of the Educational Council have received comments from other parents regarding the considerable amount of time that the children spend at school playing on their mobile phones. There are rules in place for a restricted usage of the mobile phones for the pupils from S1 to S3. The question of a possible total prohibition for the use of the devices for these 3 classes has been raised. The Educational Council will discuss this topic in its next meeting.

The Chairman received a request from a parent for the PA to advertise an initiative that deals with children with autism or mental trouble. The board agreed to advertise neither this nor other initiatives. There are plenty of similar requests and we don't have the skills and time to judge about their quality and relevance.

#### **4. IT-Update (not for publication)**

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#### **5. Report of Cat 3 meeting**

Martin Ratcliffe informs that a Category III parents' meeting took place on 28th November with the attendance of approximately 20 parents.

The main discussion points are included in the minutes he shared with the rest of the board previously to this meeting.

The Category III parents were mainly concerned about the following topics:

- School's rules regarding alcohol, drugs and smoking, the enforcement of these rules and recent incident involving ESM pupils: The Category III representative asked the Chairmann to request the School Management to hold an information event for all parents.  
Roberto Trimarchi informs that the "Beratungstütertützungsteam" of the school is organizing a parents' evening to inform about these topics. Nevertheless, he will raise it in the next jour fix with the school management.
- Admissions Policy for Cat III pupils: Martin Ratcliffe asked the chairmann to discuss and request the School Management to review the admissions policy, now that the Fasangarten site is operational. This should happen before the next meeting of the Board of Governors takes place. Roberto Trimarchi informs that he has been in touch with the EPO representative for the school issues. The admissions policy is a topic to be discussed next year.

#### **6. Request of NMS (new marking system) working group to finance a trip to Berlin or Brussels to meet representatives of the KKM, the ES Secretary General, and other ES and government representatives**

Dirk Petry, Roberto Trimarchi, Ruppert Plenk, Carsten Metz, Ursula Heide, Aurelia Fitzpatrick, Inken Hanisch, two students' representatives and a parents' representative from Varese met the new inspector for the German Section in the secondary, Thilo Buchmaier on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The inspector will arrange a meeting with the KMK/German Government representatives to discuss the conversion table of the new marks. This meeting will take place either in Berlin or in Brussels.

The board agreed unanimously to financially support the trip with up to € 300 for travel expenses per person, for two parents of the ESM attending this meeting. Members of the board would like that parents who were officially elected as representatives in one of the school bodies (EC, Board) attend the meeting.

Anna Cattani-Scholz joined the meeting for this point via telephone. She informed of the previous meeting in Berlin, with the KMK and Mr. Buchmaier, which she attended. She welcomed his initiative to hold another meeting and expressed her willingness to join it.

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

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## **8. Any other business**

- Given the many missing teaching hours at the school, Irene Rosin has the idea to contact temporary employment agencies to cover them. This has the advantage that the school doesn't enter directly in a contractual relationship with the teachers, but requests them on demand. The board supported the idea, despite of some doubts regarding its practicability (teachers are usually not in the pool of professionals of the temporary employment agencies). Irene will get in touch with the agencies and come back to the parents via the Educational Council, to further discuss this possibility of solving the missing teaching hours issue.
- The board agreed that the potential successor of Irene Rosin as board member responsible for transport receives the messages sent to [transport.vorstand@ev-esm.org](mailto:transport.vorstand@ev-esm.org) starting now. This will facilitate a smooth handover.

## **9. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The meeting ended at 9:18 pm