

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 19th February 2020

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, Marina Conte, Germana Baldisseri, Roberto Trimarchi, Martin Ratcliffe, Rupert Plenk, Rafael Baltanás Jorge, Stéphane Fraissé, Esteban Hernández Castelló, Anna Cattani-Scholz
Adriana Vera-Merz

Observing participants: Inken Hanisch (EC DE Secondary), Maciej Madaliński

Absent PA Board Members:, Kerstin Arenz, Katia Sittler, Giorgios Lazaridis, Gerry van Woensel, Caroline Müller, Flavio Carsughi, Irene Rosin, Julien Jacoby, Sofia Macieira

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 21st January 2020 were approved.

3. Chairman's report

- Update from jour fixe

Afternoon childcare: RUF doesn't have enough room at the moment. The school will organize a cloakroom which will help to resolve the situation

Germana Baldisseri comments that there is no clarity about the rooms that the afternoon childcare can use next year. It depends partly on the willingness of the teachers to share their classrooms.

It is very likely that the nursery gets two rooms in house 2 in Fasangarten next school year. They are to be refurbished for smaller children. The official approval from the German authorities is still pending.

Canteen: The PA is following the quality of the food in Fasangarten (complaints: cold food, not enough). It seems that the quality in Perlach is better than in previous years. Il Cielo should be asked about the reasons of possible differences between the food at the ESM and the food in other schools where it caters (e.g. MIS). There might be organizational problems due to the two sites and the resulting cost increase for Il Cielo.

Security: Kerstin Arenz attended the jour fixe, but the security discussion was postponed. A meeting is scheduled for 13th March. The board members should tell him before this date if they want any particular issues to be discussed in this meeting.

Cat 3 simulation: The school provided the necessary historical data to Enrico Fedrigo in order to feed the simulation program to calculate the costs a Cat 3 pupils cause. Enrico will be invited to a board meeting to show the simulation.

- Update office **(not for publication)**

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4. IT: situation update (not for publication)

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5. AGB's update

The board members gave feedback on the draft of the new PA's Terms and Conditions, which Antje Stoller prepared. They are to be kept simple and avoid redundancies.

Prior to finalizing the new version of the Terms and Conditions, policies for the transport/shuttle services must be defined.

6. Advertising ESM in EPO intranet (not for publication)

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7. Financial Issues (not for publication)

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8. Any other business

- Antje Stoller informs that the School couldn't offer some challenge programme courses such as robotics and creative writing due to budgetary reasons. Martin Duggen asked if the PA could offer them within the NSA. The PA cannot offer courses using school resources (teachers and PCs). Antje suggests that our representatives in the administrative board bring up this topic to one of the meetings.

Anna Cattani informs about the last Joint Teaching Committee (14th February). There was a follow up from the inspectors regarding the recommendations from two years ago.

There was a discussion on language policy: introduction of a third language in the primary, introducing the local language. This is controversial because the introduction of another language would mean losing teaching hours for other subjects. Some are the opinion that the language 2 should be improved instead of adding a third one.

The introduction of new digital tools was also discussed: removal of the mandatory calculator. Interparents suggests that this must happen gradually, because the teachers should be well trained before changing the tools. The schools are free to decide individually about measures to improve the digital competence of the pupils. At the ESM "bring your own device" will start next year.

Following Brexit the UK inspector is willing to meet parents' representatives. He wants to follow closely the developments (e.g. losing teachers) and is willing to find solutions.

There was a request seeking that the pupils' representative are present in the administrative board. At the ESM they attend parts of the meeting. This differs among schools.

- Marina Conte requests financial support for a conference to be held by the rector of the University of Florence, Luigi Dei. The lecture is about chemistry, literature and memory processing and is directed to all S6 & S7 pupils that chose the 4 hour Chemistry course. The School will finance € 400. The board members decided unanimously to finance the event with € 80 for each of the 5 language sections.
- Antje Stoller comments that there is a plan to change the begin time of the NSA courses. They would be postponed in order for the children to have lunch before starting. Ruf and Pauker would be in charge of the supervision for the children registered with them. The PA must calculate how much the supervision for the other children would cost. The inscription to this supervised lunch break would be mandatory, if a following NSA course is booked. The start date of this offering depends on the possibilities of inscription through the IT system.
- The Chairman gave out invitations from the school for the inauguration event of the Fasangarten site on 19th May.
- On behalf of the Outreach-Programm of the ESM (Förderkreis), Jean-Luc Dupuis asked for administrative help in the organization of a public charity selling at the school. The board members agreed unanimously to grant this help

9. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be on March 17th 2020.

The meeting ended at 9:35 pm

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