

## Minutes of the Board Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

The meeting was held as online conference via Skype software from 6:35 pm until 9:00 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, Kerstin Arenz, Katia Sittler, Caroline Müller, Flavio Carsughi, Irene Rosin, Julien Jacoby, Sofia Macieira, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Giorgios Lazaridis, Adriana Vera-Merz

**Observing participant:** Maciej Madaliński

**Guest:** Enrico Fedrigo

**Absent PA Board Members:** Gerry van Woensel

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### 1. Approval of the agenda

The chairman opened the meeting at 6:35 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> March 2020 were approved.

### 3. Chairman's report

- News from BoG; → BAC 2020

Due to the COVID-19 crises the BAC examinations will not take place in June year. The BAC mark will be calculated based on the results of the B marks of the first semester and the A marks of both semesters. The relative weight of these marks in the final results has not been decided yet.

Anna Cattani mentions that the position of Interparents is that the marks of the subjects which the pupils had chosen for the BAC examinations should have more weight than the other subjects. If this year's results don't match statistically with the historical results, there could be mitigation measures.

The S7 pupils will be given the choice to repeat the school year and to take the BAC examinations in autumn. They will have to decide if they take one of these options before they know their final results.

The calculation of the marks of the S6 is also in discussion because the admissions in some universities abroad are based on those.

In the primary school all children will be promoted to the next grade.

- Update school closure/reopening; E-learning programs

The school will not open before 3<sup>rd</sup> May. When it does, not for all children. Perhaps only for specific lessons in the secondary, with groups being split. There must be a strict hygiene concept in place

and this makes it impossible to have all the children at school at once. No decision has been taken yet. Besides the European School guidelines, Bavarian regulations must be followed. Bavaria wants to reopen schools on 11<sup>th</sup> May. To extend lessons beyond the established calendar into the summer break is not an option.

If the school opens, the bus service will be offered keeping the distance rules. Parents must pay the MVG fee in full (20% of the costs if the place of residence is out of Munich). In the event that the MVG reduces the price due to the closure of the school, this will be passed on to the parents. The Shuttle Bus service will be invoiced until March. The board agreed to send an information mail to the parents.

Pauker & RUF will debit money from the parents' accounts. They have costs to cover. Both requested "Kurzarbeit". When they get it, they will reimburse the parents some of the money. RUF is offering a service twice a week sending activities to be done at home. They have shown good will and would cooperate with the school if the primary opens. If they get the rooms, they can organize the childcare in small groups.

The teachers of the extracurricular activities will contact the parents. If they agree, they will offer the courses online. There have been good experiences on sport and science courses being thought online. It should be possible to keep some of the courses going on online.

The board agreed to allow Mrs. Stegemann to offer online music courses. This was approved with 18 votes in favour and one abstention. The courses should restart as soon as possible.

Antje Stoller plans to offer the extracurricular activities next school year starting in September instead of mid-October, increasing the number of lessons per course from 25 to 30. The board members agreed to this, regardless of the situation with the pandemia. If adjustments are needed afterwards, they will be made.

A second change in the overall planning is that the courses starting at the lunch time begin later, allowing the children to eat before the course. This had been discussed and agreed with IL Cielo. Due to COVID-19, the canteen will have to run under certain rules. It cannot be confirmed at this time, if the children attending the extracurricular activities can eat earlier in the canteen. Germana confirms that RUF would manage with the early schedule, but they need confirmation if this is happening. The board agrees to go on with the change of the starting time of the activities.

IL Cielo is working on a concept that meets the Bavarian hygiene provisions in case that the school reopens with canteen services. Caroline Müller informs that Ms. Carola Petrone would like to charge a small amount to the parents, even if the service is not being provided. The board does not agree with this wish.

In case of a reopening, the school has to provide a hygiene plan. In Bavaria it will be allowed to have 15 children in one classroom. If it is mandatory to wear a nose-mouth protection, it has to be clarified if the school is providing it.

- Other topics

Category III admissions policy: This topic was not in the agenda of the BoG April Meeting. The Secretary General's view, is that the exceptional admissions policy for Munich is not at place anymore. It expired automatically with the opening of the Fasangarten. Herr Rovath is ready to admit Cat III pupils for school year 21/22 to open classes of more than 9 pupils.

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#### **4. Cat.III Simulation results (Enrico Fedrigo)**

Enrico Fedrigo, EPO employee and fellow parent, presents the preliminary results of the simulation he has programmed to see the effect of admitting category III pupils on the number of teaching periods necessary to serve the students.

The simulation is based on the school composition of the school year 18/19 and was done for the secondary only. The combination of subjects is a result of a statistical model. The school didn't provide information about the number of siblings. Therefore, reasonable assumptions were made to simulate the results of the siblings' fee discount.

The preliminary result is that Cat III reduce the overall costs and their financial contribution to the school leaves even an extra margin. The costs for special needs for Cat III are not part of the simulation, but these might be covered by the resultant margin. The school has not provided information about the cost and participation of Cat III pupils in the special needs program.

The EV will receive a document describing the simulation and summarizing the results. Based on this the EV will produce a document arguing in favor of Cat III. These admissions are crucial for keeping the small language sections in the primary school.

The board members thank Enrico for his work. He offers to provide the code of the simulation, if necessary.

#### **5. Positions of board members about to expire (2 years mandate)**

The board members whose mandates terminate this school year will inform the chairman, if they candidate for the elections for school year 20/21.

#### **6. Financial issues (not for publication )**

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#### **7. Any other business**

- Parents have paid the school for several trips which should have taken place in school year 19/20. The school/organizing teachers will seek solutions and inform the parents accordingly.
- The board has agreed to finance some projects that might have been cancelled or interrupted due to the COVID-19 crisis. The board agrees to pay for the costs already incurred. The requester should provide a status report and follow-on plan.
- Flavio Carsughi received a final document from the website designers, including all attachments and pictures. He will send the particular board members the information for approval. He asks for quick feedback to speed up the process.  
All the modules will be developed by mid-July. The deliveries will occur per module to be able to test them as soon as possible. He suggests that the families of the board and educational council members test the modules as they are delivered to get to the final software on time. Afterwards, a bigger test with simulations for, for example, NSA & Transport can be carried out. Alexandra Vašínová and Flavio would receive all comments of the tests and submit them to the Company. Flavio will share the time plan as soon as possible.
- The German version of the Website will be put on line when it is available.
- The board agrees to advertise open positions for extracurricular activities on the website.

#### **8. Next board meeting**

The next ordinary board meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm

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