

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 17th February 2022

The meeting was held as an online conference via MS Teams from 19:00 pm until 21.12 pm.

Attendees

PA Board members: Antje Stoller, Katia Sittler (chair), Julien Jacoby, Sofia Macieira, Maciej Madaliński, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Magda Vecchi, Désirée Kandolo, Xenia Tene, Elise Chapoy, Anne Ridings, Esteban Hernández Castello, Stefan Unterstrasser, Flavio Carsughi, Catherine Jenewein, Mihail Tzekov, Sten Harck

Absent PA Board Members: Fabrizio Marrone, Roberto Trimarchi, Vannessa Doublier Pritchard

1. Approval of the agenda

The chairwoman opened the meeting at 19:05 pm. Three points were added to the agenda (see 6. Any other business). The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting of 25th January 2022

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 25th January were approved.

3. Chairwoman's report

Katia Sittler reported on the topics discussed with the EPO and ESM representatives on 08.02. The main points on the agenda were the admission policy of Cat. II and Cat. III families and the SWALS teaching hours.

- **Admission policy:**
Cat. II families: Katia Sittler said that many companies contacted ESM expressing interest in a possible contract. The applications are evaluated by the EPO which didn't seem opposed. ESM mentioned that Airbus was one of the companies interested in a contract for their employees.
Cat. III families: The EPO representatives said that they were still working on the potential impact of the "new normal" on the evolution of the number of Cat. I pupils at ESM. They mentioned that the admission policy of Cat. III pupils could evolve and be more open. The new policy should apply for the start of the 2023 school year.
- **SWALS:** ESM and EPO representatives announced that they would organise combined classes at secondary. Sofia Macieira answered that it was already the case and create important disadvantage for L1 SWALS pupils. She explained that pupils have to follow the same syllabus and pass the same final BAC exam, whether they are SWALS or Language Section pupils. The problem is on the one hand that L1 SWALS pupils have less L1 teaching time than those in the language section and on the other hand are not entitled to support. Sten Harck added that the question of the reduction of teaching hours for SWALS has been raised during an Interparents meeting. It seemed that the newly elected Deputy Secretary-General of the European Schools, Mr Bordoy, was not aware of the significant hourly reduction for L1 SWALS pupils and keen to address the issue.
Daniel Pinilla Ariza concluded that Sofia Macieira should always be invited to meetings because he and Katia Sittler have insufficient knowledge of SWALS topics.

- **Corona situation:** In answer to a question raised by Roberto Trimarchi, Katia Sittler said that she would ask the school direction whether the pupils would have to test themselves 3 or 5 times a week from March 2022. She would also ask how the ESM handles self-tests in secondary when a teacher is absent in the first hour.
Mihail Tzekov mentioned that Kindergarten pupils in Bayern have access to "Lolli-tests" and that parents sometimes have to contribute financially to the monthly costs of "Lolli-tests". Katia Sittler replied that she would also ask if this funding option was considered at ESM Kindergarten.

4. Services update

RUF: Désirée Kandolo said that a survey on after-school care has been sent to parents of the primary and that it was too early to provide members with an analysis of the answers or even with data. In any case more flexibility and more feedback are required from service providers by parents.

Désirée Kandolo and Katia Sittler already had a meeting with RUF. The discussion was constructive and RUF would provide the PA with a proposal for the next school year.

Désirée Kandolo mentioned that RUF would offer holidays activities during the autumn, winter and Easter holidays not only to families who already had a contract with RUF for day-care but also to all the families involved at ESM.

Anne Ridings asked why the PA has 2 suppliers for after-care activities, RUF and Pauker. Katia Sittler explained that it was necessary when the demand was higher but a reflection to go back to 1 supplier exists.

NSA: Antje Stoller said the NSA employees have started invoicing with the new system and that activities would resume at the Kindergarten from March 7.

Canteen: Katia Sittler recalled that the first meeting involving students, teachers and Il Cielo would take place on March 15. They would start the discussion about canteen and quality of the food.

5. IT update

Flavio Carsughi reported that the third contract with Com21 just finished. He said that the PA should now complete further specifications and that Com21 didn't send the quote.

He mentioned that the assignment of administrative rights on our system should be clarified. At this point most of the members have administrative rights and Flavio suggested that a "read/see only role" may be added. Catherine Jenewein and Antje Stoller confirmed that a "read-only view" may be sufficient but that it is important that board members access all data in read-only mode.

Flavio Carsughi concluded that he would create a new ticket list for remaining bugs and keep the contact persons informed.

Antje added that PA Board members should sign the data protection documents.

6. Any other business

- Sofia Macieira explained that EC representatives were currently fulfilling a questionnaire in view of the Whole School Inspection (WSI) that would take place at ESM in November 2022 (more information about WSI: <https://www.eursec.eu/BasicTexts/2019-09-D-24-en-5.pdf>). She asked whether the PA has been involved or not and if some Board members should also fulfil the questionnaire. Daniel Pinilla mentioned that the school management has probably chosen the EC representatives because the questionnaire was intended to assess the quality of teaching and learning and in that aspect EC representatives were more concerned than the PA.

Katia Sittler concluded that EC and PA representatives would continue to communicate on that topic and would share the results of the evaluation.

Anne Ridings said that the ESM management should also assess the satisfaction of parents by carrying out their own survey.

- Xenia Tene pointed out the difficulties encountered by Cat. II and III families when they wanted to book activities for children during the holidays. She suggested that the PA offers the same types of activities as the EPO Amicale, so that all families may have the possibility to book them and not only Cat.I families.

Antje Stoller said that the PA should organise after-school activities only during the school time. Anne Ridings stressed that the problem mainly arose for the winter holidays because the ESM didn't follow the same school calendar as Bavaria. She added that some private companies were aware of the situation and offered for example skiing weeks to ESM families. She suggested that the PA established a list of companies that may offer activities during ESM school holidays. Katia Sittler agreed and added that RUF would also offer holiday childcare to all families in the future.

- Magda Vecchi explained that the Italian section has a new project with the aim of raising money for a charity. Katia Sittler said that she should present it during the next Board meeting.

7. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will take place on 22th March at 19:00 pm via MS Teams

The meeting ended at 21.12 pm.

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