

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 14th December 2022

The meeting was held as an online conference via MS Teams from 19:00 pm until 21:32 pm.

Attendees

PA Board members: Antje Stoller, Roberto Trimarchi, Katia Sittler (chair), Julien Jacoby, Sofia Macieira, Maciej Madaliński, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Magda Vecchi, Désirée Kandolo, Xenia Tene, Elise Chapoy, Vanessa Doublier Pritchard, Karsten Röski, Konstantin Poullos

Absent PA Board members: Flavio Carsughi, Anne Ridings, Fabrizio Marrone, Mike Marqués, Esteban Hernández Castello, Catherine Jenewein

1. Approval of the agenda

The chairwoman opened the meeting at 19:00 pm. The agenda was approved with one addition for AOB section regarding a potential raise of the maximum price of residential trips at GS.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting of 22th November 2022

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 22th November were approved.

4. Chairwoman's report

Katia Sittler said that the PA sent an invitation to the parents for the "Ski bazar", which took place on Saturday December 10. Roberto Trimarchi added that there were fewer participants than in the years before the corona crisis.

A HS teacher approached Katia Sittler and suggested that the PA organise a book exchange at the end of the school year. Some participants indicated that obtaining book lists early enough, especially in a large section such as the German one, could be difficult. Julien Jacoby volunteered to work with the teacher on the preparation of a book exchange.

Katia Sittler added that ESM would like to plan 2 meetings with the PA, one in view of the preparation of the students exchange for next school year, and one "Jour fixe" in January.

5. Employee Salaries (**Not for publication**)

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6. Services update

Transport: Maciej Madaliński said that everything was going according to plan.

RUF: Désirée Kandolo mentioned that she was working on a new contract between PA and RUF.

NSA: Antje Stoller said that NSA were experiencing some rooms problems because ESM decided to use rooms already reserved for NSA courses.

Canteen: Katia Sittler explained that Fabrizio Marrone would report at the next meeting and present the new caterer (Il Cielo is now part of a bigger company).

6. Security topics

Katia Sittler said that Catherine Jenewein and her had a meeting with Andreas Kistner at the beginning of the month. The following topics were discussed: preventative measures, staff training, organisation of tests and alarms. M. Kistner added that the Brussel office checked the security measures in Munich and that he is satisfied with the measures put in place and followed by the PA. Maciej Madaliński said that security rules that applied at ESM are stricter than those in Bavaria and the PA should ask if the HHG was adapting to the requirements of European schools. Katia Sittler took note of the request for the next meeting.

Katia Sittler said that she was informed of a case of mobbing at GS and that ESM was dealing quickly and seriously.

7. InterParents

Katia Sittler announced that Vanessa Doublier Pritchard was running for the InterParents position replacing Sten Harck.

Vanessa Doublier Pritchard was elected with 12 votes in favour and no abstention. One person would soon take over her position as French section representative.

Sofia Macieira reported on the InterParents meeting of December 1 and 2. The main issue was the preparation of the next board of governors.

The "general rules" of European schools that have recently been approved and more specifically the insurance policy were discussed. Activities that are not organised by the European schools are no longer covered by the insurance of ES. InterParents wanted this point removed from the general rules because it would create important problems for NSA. Sofia pointed out that it would also create difficulties in Munich where the ESM shared buildings with the HHG.

Sofia Macieira also said that an update of the language policy should be released soon and that the paper on SWALS L1 was presented for this purpose in November.

Other topics such as the improvement of pupil exchange programs, the potential move of the practicum from S5 to S6 to comply with some countries labour laws and a Cat.III report transmitted to the European Parliament were also raised. Vanessa Doublier Pritchard mentioned that M. Hrovath said that the opening of a Spanish section at HS should help increase the number of Cat.III pupils in Munich. Daniel Pinilla Ariza outlined the results of a survey showing that Spanish families were against a Spanish section at HS.

After Sofia Macieira mentioned that some PA organised the elections of class representatives in some ES, Daniel Ariza and Vanessa Doublier Pritchard pointed out that, up to S4, teachers have to organise the election of a representative in every class and that it was a rule of the European schools and not an option. Antje Stoller said that the PA should push to get the names and addresses of class representatives early in the school year. Katia Sittler concluded that she would raise the question at the next jour fixe.

8. Services fees for Ukranian families

Katia Sittler explained that the PA received several requests from Ukrainian families or their German representatives asking if they have to pay the PA membership and services fees. Ukrainian families didn't have to pay for anything in 2021-2022. Julien Jacoby said that the PA has to take a decision for about 20 families. Katia Sittler added that the PA should ask first a list of the families to ESM. Maciej Madaliński explained that he worked and shared information directly with ESM for the transport issue. The City of Munich won't charge the PA for the Ukrainian families and transport cards would also be free of charge for S6 and S7 Ukrainian pupils. He added that Ukrainian families didn't have to pay the 15 € for transport services to the PA.

Desiree Kandolo said that RUF charged the Ukrainian families but that EPO paid for them.

Katia Sittler concluded that the PA won't charge membership fees to Ukrainian families but that NSA have to be charged. A majority approved the proposal. Julien Jacoby said that the 2022-2023 membership fees have already been charged and the PA would reimburse the Ukrainian families.

9. Pedagogical projects

Greek section: Xenia Tene presented the second project of the Greek language section for the schoolyear 2022-2023 "Opera, music and theatre, or in other words the world through the eyes of the soul". Mr. Sirlantzis would give 5 workshops in January 2023 and organise 2 guided tours (25 children pro tour) at the "Gärtnerplatztheater" of Munich in which Mr. Sirlantzis works as a soloist. The project should cost 1700 euros and Xenia asked for financial support from the PA in the amount of 800€. Board members unanimously approved the project.

Italian section: Magda Vecchi submitted the projects of the Italian language section for the schoolyear 2022-2023 at GS and HS to the board members. The project "Let's sing together!" at GS would include singing lessons and rehearsals with the soprano Maria Anelli and a final concert for a total amount of 1340€. 4 conferences at HS in the fields of science or antiquity held by researchers and professors should cost around 1000€.

Magda Vecchi added that she would first obtain the amount of funding from ESM and that the vote should be postponed till January.

10. Presentation of the "Förderverein"

Julien Jacoby shared the presentation "Outreach Programm" from Frau Podkowa with the participants and reviewed the missions of the charity at ESM.

Julien Jacoby proposed that the PA made a donation of 4 Mac minis to the Förderverein in view of an auction. Board members approved the proposal (11 votes in favour).

11. Any other business

Karsten Röski said that the PS class representatives were informed that ESM would request an adjustment of the maximum price for residential trips in P4 and P5. They would like to raise the maximum amount to 430 Euros (instead of 320 Euros). The proposal would have to be approved at the next Educational Council.

Katia Sittler said that a "Sozial Fond" exists for families that may have difficulties. She added that the PA would understand that the limit has to be reviewed but won't be able to determine an amount. She would ask the ESM to keep a reasonable price and offer financial support to families.

Julien Jacoby said that the PA received a better offer for the configuration of the new laptops and that the computers should be available by the end of the next week.

12. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will take place on 24th January 2023 at 18:30 pm (face-to-face, ESM Neuperlach).

The meeting ended at 21:32 pm.

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