

## **Minutes of the Board Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The meeting was held on site at the ESM Neuperlach from 18:55 pm until 20.40 pm.

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### **Attendees**

**PA Board members:** Roberto Trimarchi, Katia Sittler (chair), Julien Jacoby, Maciej Madaliński, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Magda Vecchi, Xenia Tene, Vannessa Doublier Pritchard, Konstantin Poullos, Flavio Carsughi, Anne Ridings, Esteban Hernández Castello, Elise Chapoy, Karsten Röski, Désirée Kandolo, Sofia Macieira

**Absent PA Board members:** Catherine Jenewein, Antje Stoller, Mike Marqués, Fabrizio Marrone

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### **1. Approval of the agenda**

The chairwoman opened the meeting at 18:55 pm. The agenda was approved

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting of 24th January 2023**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **3. Chairwoman's report**

Katia Sittler introduced the new PA representative of the French language section, Muriel Lepage. She was elected by parents of the FR section on 25.01.2023.

The job offer for NSA has been published on the EV-ESM website and has been sent out to the parents. Antje Stoller would select candidates and run the interviews with Katia Sittler from 28/02/2023.

Katia Sittler said that the direction of ESM would organise in the future 2 types of Jour fix meetings, one regarding services with the Parents Association (3 times a year), and one with the Educational Council dedicated to pedagogical topics.

Katia Sittler mentioned that Alexia Giannakopoulou, PS Director, would leave ESM at the end of this school year.

The stakeholders of ESM would gather at the end of the month to discuss the future of ESM in the context of a downward trend in the numbers of pupils. PA members would be invited to participate in working groups thereafter.

Ukrainian pupils already enrolled at ESM would be able to continue their education there and EPO would cover their tuition fees regardless of the family situation.

Katia Sittler made a report of the Jour Fix that took place on 26.01.23. Martin Duggen said that ESM didn't have written rules on the financing of pedagogical project within language sections and that they would work on that with teachers. He added that a project would have first to be accepted by

ESM before applying for PA funding.

Katia said that the ceiling amount for school trips at PS has been increased due to inflation and that the same approach would apply soon at HS. A ceiling amount of 750 € has been mentioned during the meeting. She added that ESM would have now to use the services of a travel agency to organise school trips and that ESM staff weren't convinced by this new rule. She also informed the participants that ESM like all the other European schools would launch a working group on the prevention of addictions.

Martin Duggen replied to the question of the organisation of elections of class representatives at ESM as follows: the school required teachers at PS to organise an election during the first meeting of the year with the parents; ESM also asked the class teachers to organise an election at HS but there is no statutory obligation.

Julien Jacoby said that he was working together with a teacher on a possible book exchange at HS. Practicalities and planning are still to be defined.

Katia Sittler said that she would have a meeting on 27.02.23 with 2 educational advisors to organise the next pupils' exchanges within European schools. The main topics would be the accommodation of pupils and the communication with the potential host families.

Flavio Carsughi suggested that pupils' exchanges be organised in the first and second semesters, instead of only the first semester, so that the pupil of the host family and the pupil currently in exchange could attend school together. He added that it would be better for pupils in exchange not to be hosted by a family while the child of the same age would be absent. Vanessa Doublier-Pritchard agreed with the point but replied that the issue would be beyond the power of the PA or the ESM and should be addressed at the InterParent level.

#### **4. InterParent (IP)**

Vanessa Doublier Pritchard reported on the last IP meeting in the context of the February Joint-Teaching Committee.

As the new rules of European schools could cause major liability problems to the Parents Associations who organised activities within ES premises, 8 Parents Associations, including Munich, appealed to obtain the withdrawal of the measure.

Vanessa said that there was a small discrepancy between the positive results of the Whole School Inspection (WSI) and the actual comments made by the parents. That point was raised at JTC to make the schools' directions aware of some difficulties reported by parents.

Vanessa Doublier-Pritchard mentioned that PRE-BAC papers/grades would now be automatically sent to the pupils. Pre-Bac examination papers are harmonised at a school level and translations problems may happen every year. She said that a working group has been launched to find new solutions regarding PRE-BAC and BAC marking criteria and that IP would review the report. She pointed out that 50% of a BAC final grade relied on marks awarded by S6 and S7 teachers of a pupil. The working group would have to work on proposals such as a potential decrease of that 50% percentage or the introduction of a double marking.

Vanessa Doublier Pritchard concluded that IP would soon launch the support and ticketing system for pupils or parents that would need to appeal during or after the BAC examinations with the help of specialists in the different BAC fields.

#### **5. IT Update**

Flavio Carsughi said that Com21 hired a senior programmer who would be in charge of the PA booking system. He added that Antje Stoller and him already had a meeting with the project manager recently hired and that several meetings with the different services managers have been planned. Flavio Carsughi also mentioned that he contacted all section representatives in order to update the PA website.

#### **6. Services updates**

**Transport:** Maciej Madaliński said that the PA couldn't find the names of the children potentially involved in the damages of a school bus but meanwhile, the bus company solved the problem.

## **7. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 19:00 pm on MS Teams.  
Katia Sittler mentioned that the April Board meeting would be face-to-face and may be a joint meeting with the Educational Council representatives.

The meeting ended at 20.40 pm.

Minute writer

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