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Board Meeting/Reunion du Conseil d'Administration Brussels Thursday 2 October 2008 SPA 3 1/1 12.30-14.00 (CET)

MINUTES

The Meeting opens with the welcome to the three new members of the Board: Mrs Monika Paulus (appointed by the German section), Mrs Erika Schulze (appointed by the Dutch section) and Mrs Agnes Trarieux (appointed by the French section).

- 1 Proposals of additions to and subtractions from the agenda. The following points are added to be discussed after the others:
- tasks of some Board members;
- Vote for the position of the Board concerning a point in discussion at the CEA concerning whether children of European Schools teachers should be exempted from the effects of the enrolment policy;
- Request for employee in charge of extracurricular activities;
- Proposal of dates for the GA;
- Pedagogical proposals for the school;

The point 5 is subtracted from the agenda and postponed to next Meeting.

2 – Adoption of last meeting's minutes.

Mrs Crowder asks to substitute the word "insists" with "said".

3 – Overview on transport situation.

The President informs the Board that at the moment approximately 230 pupils are making use of the Transport service of which 130 are full subscribers paid by Institutions, 78 are full subscribers paid by parents, 10 are garderie-only subscribers paid by Institutions and 23 are garderie-only subscribers paid by parents. With this situation the cost foreseen will be around 2200 Euro per child. If the ceiling of 1000 EUR per year for full subscribers paid by parents is maintained, the deficit before BoG subsidy will more than double that of last year. In this forecast there is a permanent post of transport manager. The.

Mrs Gaudina and Mr Cenini leave the meeting because of work commitments.

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The President refers of some cases when the parents have been late in picking up children from bus stops this causing further delays of the lines, in particular in one case the bus has been waiting a child's father for one hour. For this reason the President proposes that a the Regulation on transport be amended and to the effect that, in case of violations, the costs to be invoiced can be no less than a flat 50 Euros, or 100 EUR if the functioning of the bus service has been affected. On suggestion of Mrs Paulus it is agreed to postpone this decision while she finds out the practice of other APEEE on this point.

4 - Presentation of the status of financial matters by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Mr Torre, distributes to the participants a copy of the comparison of the financial situation of APEEE: operational accounts 2007-2008 compared with operational Budget "F" (approved by the General Assembly last December He draw attention to the fact that the operational accounts are different from the official ones kept in compliance with the Belgian accounting requirement for a "tres petite asbl".

This is because the transactions that do not belong to the official accounts 2007-2008 as they have occurred after the 31/8/2008, are instead considered in the operational accounts 2007-2008 if they refer to that period.

To be noted that the official accounting are cash-basis and will be verified by the external auditors for certification.

Mr Torre states that the APEEE has become an AISBL since 10 December 2007 and since then it is subject to Rules of the Kingdom of Belgium for AISBL.

There are no definite information about extracurricular activities but according to the statute it is not possible to transfer positive balances from a chapter to another without the approval of the General Assembly and thus the profit of extra cv activity can not be used to off-set part of the deficit of the other activities (transport, canteen, general affairs). It is envisaged for the next year that a BoG subsidy will be requested.

Mrs Schulze asks how ever it will be possible to have a budget excess in order to repay the loans, the Treasurer answer that there are different possibilities like to increase a little bit the prices of the canteen and extracurricular activities so that, after having reached the break-even point, it will be even possible to create reserves to repay the loans used to cover the losses of the previous years. He reminds that this path (loss making>break-even>reserve making) takes years, especially in a new School like Brussels IV and thus the loan agreement was designed with a progressive timing for the reimbursement.

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(For the records the official accounts will be presented to the GA after verification by external.)

Mrs Paulus and Mrs Schulze leave the Meeting for work commitments.

5 – Presentation of the draft program for extracurricular activities and approval.

POSTPONED after a message from Mrs Simona MARI indicating that the program is not yet ready, mainly because it is not clear anymore if the small gym hall can be safely used and the Nursery teacher have opposed the midday "language clubs" previously proposed by the school.

- 6 Welcome of Mrs Agnes Trarieux, Monika PAulus and Erika Schulze as new board members according to Art. 12 par. 4a of the Statute. DONE
- 7 Transport strike on October 6th.

Having as a priority children's security it is decided that the transport service will be suspended on Monday 6th mainly because of the absence of supervisors on buses.

- 8 Next meeting proposal 9 October, SPA 3 1/1 **APPROVED**
- 9 Any other business.
- a) distribution of tasks of the Board members

Mrs Crowder is appointed as representative of the Board for the group Interparents

Mrs Trarieux is appointed as a member of the Canteen Committee to work with Mr Frenzel, Mrs Bambagini Oliva and Mrs Gaudina Wikstedt. Mrs Paulus and Mrs Schulze are appointed as members of the Transport Committee.

- b) Vote for the position of the Board concerning a point in discussion at the CEA concerning whether children of European Schools teachers should be exempted from the effects of the enrolment policy
- The Board's unanimous opinion is that there should be no exceptions.
- c) Request for employee in charge of extracurricular activities

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POSTPONED

d) Proposal of dates for the GA As there is no time to discuss it is agreed that members of the Board send their proposal to the President by e-mail.

e) Pedagogical proposals for the school POSTPONED (to be done by email)