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Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration

Brussels Thursday 3rd December 2009/Jeudi 3 décembre 2009

Taxud, J-79 2/03: 12.30-14.00

MINUTES

Presents: Ms Schulze Erika, Mr Bouter Arjen, Ms Paulus Monika, Ms Popa Adela Raluca, Ms Salmon Joëlle, Mr Sabatini Roberto, Mr Fabbri Fabrizio, Mr Sergio Giovanni, Mr Frenzel Thomas.

Absents (apologies): Mrs Aedin O' Byrne, Mr Cenini Antonio, Mr Nemitz Paul, Mr Di Fonzo Luciano, Mr Zunker Hugo.

Observers: Ms Widemann Véronique, class rep MAT NL.

Ms Schulze chairs the board meeting at 12.45.

Point 1 For decision: adoption of the agenda.

The agenda is ADOPTED with the following additions:

Point 4. Canteen situation.

Point 5. Publication (Moniteur Belge) of the composition of the board (appointments and resignations of the administrators).

Point 6. For discussion: Apeee database and website.

Ms Schulze informs the board that there will be an ACI meeting on 8th December and the Annual General Meeting of the APEEE Bruxelles III today 3rd December.

Point 2 For decision: adoption of the last minutes (dated 19th November 2009)

ADOPTED as amended

Point 3. For discussion and decision: reaction on the answer of Mr Kallas and the start of the works on the Laeken site on 23 November 2009.

The President explains that there are different positions: some parents that live near Laeken are in favour of the future move and other parents that live near Berkendael would like to keep their children's school near to their home. The planning of a new European school is a long process and it is not clear if, at the moment when the European School of Brussels IV will be transferred to Laeken, the decision on the fifth European school will have already been taken as Belgium wants to amend the convention on the seat state before.

Mr Bouter adds that, generally speaking, it is in the interest off all parents that the whole school is transferred to Laeken and to be able to offer the children a broad curriculum and efficient services.

Mr Fabbri explains that parents were aware of the future transfer to Laeken and they also knew that the opening of the new school in 2009 was unrealistic given that in 2007 the works had not begun.

At 13.05 Ms Popa enters.

Ms Schulze underlines that the Berkendael site as of today is too small to host a fully fledged European School. However, according to a letter of the Belgian government, the Commission will be able to dispose of the site as long as they want.

Some examples were presented that show that overcrowding in the other schools, mainly in Woluwe, is a disaster, for example there is no place for children to eat packet-lunches.

The only proposal from the Belgian State is to create prefabricated structures in order to host pupils but the President adds that due the lack of space it's impossible for the APEEE to provide services. Mr Frenzel explains that we have to fight to have the best for pupils.

Several Board members are in favour of the board not taking a position on the Berkendael/Laeken issue because parents have different views and also board members have different interests.

Point 4. Canteen situation.

Mr Frenzel informs the board that the school has decided that there will be another cleaning company from 1st January 2010: LAURENTY. He suggests to have a separate contract from the school and to maintain Misanet service, the experience with them has been positive in these years.

Mr Frenzel and Mr Prando have the mandate from the board to explore other possibilities; calls for tender from Misanet, Laurenty and another company are requested.

Point 5. Publication (Moniteur Belge) of the composition of the board (appointments and resignations of the administrators).

It's emerged the importance to collect all information in order to publish all changes.

Point 6. For discussion: Apeee database and website.

Mr Sabatini speaks about the Apeee website and database and presents orally different options.

One possibility would be to have a dynamic website, where the registration forms are on line and the management of the system is assigned externally (see Woluwe school) which is very expensive and security sensitive. In this case it emerges a problem of security and ownership of data. He underlines also that our e-mail addresses are not safe. On the other hand, the APEEE lacks experienced staff that could offer support on a 7/7 basis.

At 14.00 Ms Widemann leaves.

Ms Schulze informs that for transport service the need to have a database is really urgent, and that ACCESS will be used temporarily by the transport service. She is in favour of the proposal that the system management is transferred externally.

At 14.05 Ms Popa and Mr Frenzel leave, Mr Sergio enters.

She asks to Mr Sabatini to prepare for the second half of January a prospect with the indication of the different options with advantages, disadvantages and costs.

At 14.15 Ms Pamio leaves.

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