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Admin Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration Brussels Thursday, 4 December 2014 Spa Building, rue de la Loi, 80, 1040 Brussels, room 2-03, from 12:30-14:30

Present: Kristin Dijkstra, Christian Drantmann, Marc Henriques de Granada, Iseult Lennon Hudson, Horst Nickels, Eric Piettre, Carla Sabeva, Joëlle Salmon, Tobias Stricker, Josephine Usher, Natalia Vandenberghe, Ralph Wischermann

Excused: Salima Atiaoui (proxy to Kristin), Martina Sindelar, Patrick Ten Brink (Proxi to Sarah).

Minutes

1 Bus payments for divorced parents

- Joëlle & Josie have just come from a meeting with the PMO and the staff local and central committees, to discuss bus payments for divorced parents. Earlier in the year, parents may have received an email claiming that the APEEE was discriminating against divorced parents. This claim has been explored with the legal service of DG HR Commission, who have determined that there has been no discrimination from the APEEE and that any enquiries about reimbursement of travel costs for children should be aimed at the Institutions depending on their DGEs.
- The problem of for non-divorced parents using a part-time garderie has been raised and the PMO will send a confirmation of its position after consultation of the DG HR legal service. The APEEE has followed the DGE rules. The staff regulation defines transport but a specific guideline should be written. So far, all Institutions besides the EESC and the Committee of the Regions have agreed to retroactively reimburse payments.

2 Approval of minutes

• Approved.

3 Strikes on December 8 & 15

- Proposal to cancel all services on both days, which is in keeping with what the other EEBs are doing.
- Discussion of whether to close the canteen on December 8. There is no chance that the canteen can be opened on December 15. In theory the canteen could be open on

December 8 but it will be difficult to predict how many children will attend school, how many surveillance and cleaning staff will come to work. Given the possibility that EuroClean may join the strike, there may be insufficient cleaning staff for the canteen.

- No reimbursements will be made because the strike is beyond the control of the APEEE.
- VOTE:

Decision 2014-12-04_1: The board took the following decisions:

- ° Vote to cancel all transport on both December 8 & 15: unanimous YES
- ° Vote to cancel all extra-curricular activities on both days: 1 abstention, 10 YES
- ° Vote to close canteen on December 15: unanimous YES
- Vote to close canteen on December 8: 8 YES, 3 NO
- Essential to communicate this to the parents by the end of the day. The message should assure parents that the school will stay open, but that no services can be offered due to the strike.

4 Feedback on November 21 meeting between Joëlle, Eric and Mr Schlabe

- The APEEE offices will move next year into the S building, sharing with the OIB. In January, work could start to wire the building for telephone and Internet. APEEE must identify its needs.
- Student Cards (Secondary): Mr Schlabe would like there to be a single card for canteen, lockers and ID and would like the school and the APEEE to share the costs for these cards. First, it will be necessary to check compatibility with the current system. From a legal perspective, it would be preferable if the school were responsible for gathering all the data and producing the cards.
- Playground: the school has acquired a portable football pitch, which will arrive at the beginning of 2015.
- Litter in the school: Mr Schlabe was dismayed to hear that a delegation of visitors to the school found the locker area in a disgraceful state, with litter covering the tables and floors. A new plan will now be implemented:
 - ^o Each Secondary class will be responsible for picking up litter around the school during 1 week each year. If this is not sufficient to solve the problem, the vending machines will be removed. If the problem persists, all class outings will be cancelled. Mr Schlabe will contact the teachers and will meet with the students to explain the new rules.
- Vending machines: There is a motion going before the APEEE General Assembly to remove the vending machines in the Secondary locker area. Some parents are strongly against the idea of unhealthy food being made available to students in this way.
 - [°] The student representatives stated that if these machines are removed, it will be necessary to provide an alternative. Some students are coming to school without having eaten breakfast and with no food to eat during the day. For them, the vending machines are their only source of food while at school.

5 **Point of information**

• The APEEE has received a complaint. The discussions of this complaint are *huis clos*.

6 General Assembly

- 3 or 4 Parents needed for the welcome desk. Tobias and Ralph volunteer.
- Parents needed to escort Mr Schlabe and be on the electoral board. Almost all the parents who did these tasks last year are no longer class reps. Volunteers will be asked on the evening.

- Kristin will take minutes.
- 1 hour will be reserved for the 3 directors and for Q&A with parents.
- Ralph and Carla will be moderators.
- Motions: the SEN motion is too vague to vote on, the board is afraid parents will reject it because they don't understand it. The parent who has put forward the motion will be contacted and asked to make a more specific motion that clearly states what is being asked of the APEEE.
- For the election of board members, if the vote takes place by show of hands, permission must be asked of the General Assembly. This must be reflected in the minutes.