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Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration

Brussels Thursday 15th October 2009/Jeu di 15 octobre 2009

SPA 3 1/1-12.30-14.00

MINUTES

Presents: Mrs Schulze Erika, Mrs Joëlle Salmon, Mrs Popa Adela Raluca, Mrs Paulus Monika, Mr Bouter Arjen, Mrs Aedin O' Byrne, Mr Frenzel Thomas.

Absents excused: Mr Zunker Hugo

Absents: Mr Cenini Antonio, Mr Nemitz Paul,.

Mrs Schulze chairs the meeting at 12.50.

1) For decision: adoption of the agenda.

The board decides to discuss points 6, 8 and 7 of the agenda at the beginning. The thus amended agenda is ADOPTED.

2) For decision: adoption of last meeting's minutes (dated 8th October 2009)

The minutes are adopted with out amendments.

6) For decision: Preparation of the General Assembly (all): Preparation of Announcement (Erika, Monika, Aedin) and discussion of reelection of board members.

At the next meeting, Mr Bouter will present the draft budget. All services are asked to deliver as soon as possible their draft budgets for 2009/2010 if not already done. Besides, all services should have their reports ready to be sent with the draft agenda of the GA.

Ms Schulze will draft invitation letters to Ms Bustorff, Ms Ivanauskiene, Ms Christmann and the other APEEEs. Ms O' Byrne will prepare the announcement of the AG according to the statues in place and publish it before 2 December on the website. The announcement will also be sent to the class reps.

All present board members who need to be reelected as their two years term will end are encouraged to do so and to present their application as soon as possible.

8) For discussion (if applicable also for decision) : Future of the Homepage (Monika, Aedin).

Mrs O' Byrne has analyzed the website of the other three APEEEs and she proposes to design a new website with her husband that is easier to manage than the present one (for example the introduction of data) and with a specific section for every service.

She underlines that the website should be at least in the three communication languages of the school: English, French and German. She announces that a test homepage will be available the following week.

Ms Paulus and Ms Schulze report about difficulties that they have encountered or heard of concerning the homepages of other APEEEs. Therefore, there is not really an example that the APEEE of EEB IV could follow when designing a new website.

At 13.15 Ms Popa enters.

7) For decision : Canteen Convention (Thomas, Pablo).

Mr Frenzel has noted that the last version of the Canteen Convention was sent without indicating the amendments made. The discussion of the Canteen Convention is, therefore, postponed to 5th November 2009. Ms Salmon will send a draft of the Convention dated 15/10/09 indicating the tracks changed and removed during the board meeting on 6th October.

5) For information and decision: Preparation of the Central Enrolement Authority meeting on 16 October.

Ms Schulze had a meeting with Ms Bustorff to find a common approach of EEB IV in the CEA for 2010/2011. On the backdrop that the other EEBs suffer from overcrowding, it is very likely that the number of pupils in Berkendael will rise considerably next school year. Ms Paulus says that it has to be ensured that there

are enough pupils for a good secondary education of all sections next years. Ms O'Byrne is of the opinion that the enrolment policy should be based on geographical criteria while Mr Bouter recalls the decision of the BoG that all pupils of EEB IV will move to Laeken once it will be ready while Berkendael could be available for a fifth European School.

At 13.45 Ms O' Byrne and Mr Frenzel leave.

4) For information: State of Play of Subsidy Request for Transport 2009-2010.

The request for the subsidy has been sent to the school to be included into the school budget. The CA of the school will have to decide on this and ask the BoG for a supplementary budget. The BoG will take its decision probably in March.

Ms Schulze affirms that it is not sure if the APEEE will receive the subsidy again. But Mr Bouter has, in cooperation with Ms Schulze and Ms Paulus, drafted a statement explaining that the subsidy is needed to ensure equal treatment of all paying parents of the Brussels' schools. Therefore, there is reason for some optimism.

Ms Paulus affirms that the cost of transport should be published on the website as she receives a lot of mails asking this type of information.

3) For information: Educational Council (Raluca, Erika) and Interparents Meeting.

Ms Popa speaks positively about the Educational Council.

Besides, she informs that Interparents meets six times a year and discusses all kinds of issues. She invites the board members to send any comments for the budget committee dated 22 -23 October.

She also informs that there are presently 14 parents participating in the pedagogical committee. Ms Schulze suggests that in the pedagogical committee there should be someone specializing in SEN problems.

With reference to SWALS, Ms Popa informs that the numbers of SWALS is growing in the other European schools but the problem that emerges in the English sections is that native speaker teachers are preferred to teachers no mother tongue.

9) For discussion: Future of the Somerfest, Christmas concert in STR week.

The school has confirmed that the next Somerfest should take place on 12th June. Ms Salmon will send e-mails to Marucia and Isabelle to inform if that suits them.

After request of the APEEE, the Christmas concert was postponed from Thursday, 17 December (when parents working in the EP are in STR), to Friday, 18 December, for the maternelle children, and to Monday, 21 December, for the primary children.

Instead of the Christmas market, children will sell hand crafted Christmas cards and invitation cards for the concert.

10) AoB

Ms Popa underlines that she receives a lot of questions concerning "class de neige" "swimming courses" that require financial explanations.

Privacy rules

There is no objection to sending the mailing lists of class representatives for the school year 2009-2010 to the school but it should be sent other class reps only after prior authorization of all class representatives.

Manuela will send an email to all class reps asking them for their authorization. In the future, this authorization should be included in the personalized form after the election.

Besides, Manuela will investigate about the privacy rules that the APEEE has to apply.

The next meeting will be on 5 November 2009

The meeting ends at 14.20.