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Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration Brussels, Thursday 24th March 2011

European Parliament, rue Belliard, 1040 Bruxelles: 12.30-14.00

MINUTES

Present: Schulze Erika, Wischermann Ralph, Sindelar Martina, Salmon Joëlle, Sabatini Roberto, De Lorenzo Antonino, Nickels Horst, Streul Carola.

Absent (excused): Monika Paulus, Isabelle Mangold-Lecocq, Sergio Giovanni, Aedin O'Byrne, Aingeal O'Donoghue, Francesca Beltrame, Raluca Popa, Holger Plumhoff

Absent: Wouter De Waard, Serge Lebel, Marc Henriques de Granada, Antonio Cenini,

Ms Schulze started the Board meeting at approx. 12:50 pm. There was a considerable delay due to a major strike, European Summit and strict access rules to the Parliament. Some board members could not enter the building.

The following delegations were been sent for this meeting:

- 1. Monika Paulus gave a proxy to Erika Schulze
- 2. Raluca Popa gave a proxy to Erika Schulze
- 3. Isabelle Mangold-Lecocq gave a proxy to Erika Schulze

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Point 1 - Adoption of the Minutes dated 27/1/2011, 3/02/2011 and 9/2/2011

The minutes of the Board meetings of 27/1/2011, 3/02/2011 and 9/2/2011 were adopted and could be published on the APEEE website.

Point 2 - Petition against Budget Cuts

After a brief discussion about the possibility to use a petition from one of the other European Schools or sign the petitions of the other schools it was decided instead create our own on-line petition against budget cuts. The petition should contain a general text stating that the signees are against the budget cuts.

Roberto Sabatini was asked to coordinate with Aedín about setting this up.

Communication to the EEB IV parents would be sent via the class representatives.

Point 3 – Extraordinary GA on Budget Cuts

Within the Board there was agreement that a General Assembly would be adequate to inform the parents about the planned budget cuts and consequences for the school. However, no sufficient details were known about the size of the planned cuts, as to when they would effect EEB IV and what the exact consequences would be. It was agreed that Ms Schulze would talk to Mr Schlabe to find out if he was willing and in a position to give such explanations to the parents. Based on this the organization of a GA should commence.

In relation to this it was agreed that information should be sent to the parents that a demonstration was being organized on April 12, when and where the Board of Governors will meet. More information would be obtained and relayed to the parents.

Point 4 – Comments on the "To Do" list presented by the President (see annexe 2)

Joëlle and Monika sent comments about this list. Joëlle was asked to send them to everybody.

Canteen (Agenda point 5):

- a) Canteen business Ms. Streul suggested organizing a meeting for interested parents to visit the kitchen and canteen and inform them about the working conditions and restrictions. This idea had already been discussed with Pablo (canteen manager) and Christophe (chef) and welcomed by them.
- b) Outsourcing the board confirmed the decision of 2007 that meals should be cooked in the kitchen on site. While outsourcing could be an option it means on the other hand a loss of control on ingredients and quality of the food.



However, if subscriptions to the canteen exceed the capacity of the kitchen, this item should be reviewed during May. See also next point.

- c) Ms Streul would further investigate on options how to prepare meals in case subscriptions to the canteen exceed the capacity of the kitchen. This is a risk for the coming school year 2011/2012.
- d) Ms Salmon joins the Canteen Committee.
- e) Ms Streul will insist that Christophe look for and participate in a course on 'cooking for children'

Decision 20112403-1: The decision of having a real kitchen as stated in the resolution of June 2007 was confirmed.

Ralph Wischerman left the board meeting 13.50.

Website (Agenda point 9.2):

The work is going well and we are expecting commitment from our staff. Manuela has been asked to organize the training.

The question now is do we allow the trained staff to publish information without any control? We need to identify what type of information is published and/or sent to parents per mail via Class Representatives. A list should be drafted and circulated (Action: **Joëlle**)

Joëlle reminded us that staff would to start on-line enrolment for the year 2012/2013. The canteen could be a pilot project for the year as it is the easiest service to launch.

On-line enrolment would be a good solution for extra-curricular activities to avoid all these enrolments followed by cancellations. Roberto should go with Valeria to Uccle to see how the system works.

Decision 20110324-2: We start implementing the system for the cms website; staff must be trained and the canteen committee must discuss with Pablo to check if it is possible to start with his service as a pilot project.

The contract with Point-be; must be signed. **Action Erika + Roberto**.

Educational committee (Agenda point 9.1.):

Erika reminded the four members responsible of educational items in the administrative board: Martina, Isabelle, Raluca and Francesca.

Martina is drafting a paper with all the different groups and who does what.

The sub-point 5 (hosting an Interparents meeting at school) is postponed in April.



Prefabs:

Shall the Parent's association be in favour (YES) or against (NO) the prefabs during the next public consultation? Erika reminded us of the facts since May 2010. After a discussion on security, responsibility, constraints for the services, the <u>NO</u> is adopted unanimously.

The other points on the list: Transport, Extra curricular activities + ONSS, Financial management and control and the follow-up of the Somerfesto were not discussed due to a lack of time.

Decision 20110324-3: APEEE will be against the prefabs at the next public consultation.

Point 5 - Huis clos:

The point and decisions raised in the "huis clos" session were adopted unanimously.

The CA meeting finished at 2.40 pm.