



## **EEB4 APEEE Kick-off Meeting 06/02/2021**

Presentation from Kristin

Well-being: Lack of policies to support the students (lack of child protection policy) in some EEs. At EEB4 many of these policies do exist, but some may need re-evaluation. It has been decided with the school management to discuss the EEB4 Child Protection Policy leading up to the spring 2021 SAC.

The APEEE has a well-being WG.

Community Building WG could liaise with the well-being WG.

All 4 Brussels schools are conducting a school capacity audit, which is being organized by the OSGES. EEB4 had our kick-off meeting last week. The call for tender was not provided in the documents and the scope of the study is unclear. Parent reps (HN, NL & IV) concerned that there is currently no plan for a site visit in the audit. To be followed up, also with the other Brussels APEEEs.

Canteen: no opposition from school management to cold lunch boxes.

Renan and Eric adapted the proposal and a new discussion will take place sometime next week. If an agreement is made, the lunchboxes will be available in the week after the Carnival holiday.

The distribution of the lunch boxes is still in negotiation.

The cafeteria will still stay closed.

Renan is working on further calculations to determine the financial viability of the project.

If there are no hot meals, an "opt-out" possibility needs to be given to families.

Ped WG

Current issues:

- B-tests
- Distance Learning
- Risk of failure rates is higher than other years
- Subjects not covered in class, lack of harmonization
- Teacher absences
- Some teachers are relying on passive methods in DL

Well-being of students and teachers should be a key point.

See the letter sent from the Directors to the Secondary teachers.

In discussion with school management, it was pointed out that only inspectors have any influence on curriculum changes (even temporary due to Covid, which is being discussed in various Member States). As such, KD proposes raising the point at next week's Interparents meeting to prepare the Joint Teaching Committee.

#### Communication

Minutes from Education Councils are only approved at the next Education Council, which is three months later.

Parent Reps took Minutes in the Education Council and that could be sent out to all the parent reps.

K2 states that nothing is preventing us from publishing our own Minutes.

We could do a summary of the Admin Board. Everything could be archived.

Minutes of the Covid WG & Ped WG could be published on the APEEE website as well.

#### Upcoming projects / priorities for the coming year

Internal procedures & potential impact on Statutes. This could – at least partially – be a project across the 4 EEB APEEE. KD has confirmed with other EEB APEEE Presidents that they are all in the same position and would like to work on this topic.

GDPR / data flows should be reviewed.

Any changes in our statutes will require an extraordinary GA.

Proposal to set up an internal WG, HN will take the lead.

Framework Agreement – original draft presented to all ES APEEEs in 2019. 4 EEB APEEEs are working together and will have meetings with 4 EEB Directors and OSG safety officer to discuss.

Green initiatives (transport, canteen, etc) are coming up more and more. The school has a Green School initiative. 4 APEEE transport managers are in discussions about electric and CNG buses. There has been mention of banning single use plastics. We should consider having an APEEE WG or liaison, and at the very least the services need to be aware of all green initiatives in order to consider their impact.

#### Overcrowding / 5th school / language section

The temporary site in Evere will have the same language sections as in Woluwe (EEB2).

The smaller language sections which exist in more than one school (IT, DE, NL) might be affected.

New business model to be developed for services - future of canteen & periscolaire

Actual business model if very rigid: payment every three months.

Option is for parents to fill an account / pay as you go, which will allow more flexibility.

#### Recruitment for new APEEE Director

To be put on the agenda for the next Bureau. A Section Rep with experience has offered support.

Proposal to have 2 AGMs / year  
One to focus on the budget (in June).  
One on the election of the Board and other businesses

Town Hall in spring: informational meeting for parents with the school  
Might not be necessary this year... but parents enjoy this meeting.  
Would be useful for new parents. They would have access to the directors and to CA/Section Reps in order to ask questions & make proposals.

Homeschooling for SEN kids? Where's the support for these children when they are in DL?  
In the IT section, the assistant is helping out, as well as in EN section, where kids meet online.  
Selon Isabelle Verwilghen, le soutien continue comme prévu.  
L2 and L3 issues: because of the extreme range of levels, from absolute beginners to intermediate and bilingual children in the same classes, all students are frustrated. The schools claim that the pedagogical project is that of differentiation in the class, but it seems that in the context of the ES this is not working. Some schools have had successful experience with setting and streaming, though in most cases this has now been stopped. There are good examples of differentiation, but these need to be harmonized.  
This issue will be brought up in the Education Councils and discussed at Interparents as it is a concern in other schools as well.

## Working Groups / Portfolios

InterParents: Stephanie and Kristin

“ES for Dummies”: for years we’ve had various initiatives to make a simple introduction document to the ES since it is so vast and complex. Maria is volunteering to be a “dummy”. Stephanie will be contacting her and Kirsten who was working on the project when she was a Section Rep. Also proposed to contact Celia Pessaud, who has made wonderful visual representations of our General Assemblies for the past 2 years.

Educational support: Nadia is interested – KD will put her in touch with Angela Muraca who has chaired the group for the past few years to discuss.

Health & Security: Iulian, Dan and Horst

Pedagogical WG: Chaired by Karim. Any member of the Board is welcome.

Community Fund: Mariana G

Social Fund: Karim, Marianna C

Well-being (Community building?): Dana and Stephanie meet regularly with psychologists. Proposal for a survey to know where the priorities are. The school is in agreement with this. Interventions will be put in place on depression/anxiety, etc.

The EEB4 CdE & CoSup are very active on the subject: this is a main priority for them this year and they submitted a very interesting document to the School Admin Board arguing for increased support.

Dana is proposing a Gender WG. This should be linked with the school’s Anti-discrimination WG (Karim is parent rep).

Maybe a Tolerance WG could summarize all WG already in place (Anti-discrimination, Gender, Well-being and Uplift).

ACI/CEA: Karim Kettani

Pénélope and Marianna C are interested as back-up

Digital competencies: Tzvetomir Penev (Dana Puia Morel & Maria Koidu backup)

Green initiatives: sustainability?: Section Reps to be asked

Discussion on services WGs. KD has the impression that they are no longer active. Others express that the Bureau/Exec Com has replaced them.

Suggestion to change the name to “consultative group” instead of “working group”. They are not decision-making bodies.

These should be open to anyone who is interested and any suggestion should be reported back to the CA/Bureau in order to make the final decision.

## Election of posts

Secretary: Diane Werhert

Treasurer: Alexandre Grigorescu-Negri - Backups: Maria Koidu and Luigi Sciusco

Vice President Administrative Affairs: Horst Nickels - Backup: Dan Nicolae

Vice President Pedagogical Affairs: Karim Kettani

Transport: Victoria - Backup: Dan Nicolae

Canteen: Sophie Jeannon - Backup: Tobias Stricker and Vladas Kukulskis

Extra-curricular activities: Pénélope Vlandas

Cerasela Botoroaga: Community Fund / member SEN WG

Stephanie Buus: Interparents / Well-being WG

Marianna Cosco: backup ACI/CEA, Social Fund

Kristin Dijkstra: President, Interparents

Mariana Ghitoi: Community Fund Chair

Alexandre Grigorescu-Negri: Treasurer

Sophie Jeannon: Canteen

Karim Kettani: Vice President, Pedagogical Affairs, ACI/CEA, Social Fund, Anti-discrimination WG

Nadia Kichaout: (Learning Support WG) - TBC

Vladas Kukulskis: Canteen consultative group

Maria Koidu: Treasurer backup, Digital Competencies WG

Horst Nickels: Vice President, Administrative Affairs / Capacity Audit / Internal Procedures

Dan Nicolae: HSWG member / backup VP Admin & Transport

Tzvetomir Penev: Digital Competencies WG

Victoria Petrova: Transport

Dana Puia Morel: Well-being WG / Gender WG / Digital Competencies

Luigi Sciusco: back-up Treasurer

Tobias Stricker: back-up Canteen

Iulian Vasile: Health & Security / Capacity Audit

Pénélope Vlandas: Extracurricular Activities / backup ACI/CEA

Diane Werhert: Board Secretary