



Minutes of COVID WG - February 23, 2021

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Update on COVID cases

Until the beginning of the holiday, no cases in school but 5 positive cases during the holiday week: four positive cases in Secondary including one with the new strain (British variant) and one in Primary.

No impact on those who were in contact with the student as it happened during the end of the holiday.

MB is asking EP to contact the parents.

General information

MB is asking IV and MMG to tell the group who the week started.

MMG all pupils and teachers seemed rested and are currently still respecting the sanitary measures. No concerns to report at this time.



DD: nursery pupils would like to keep eating in their classrooms and not go to the canteen.

IV: S1-S3 in situ plus S7. The pupils seem to be pleased.

Head advisor, Mr Moreau, is absent for three more weeks and workload is shared between Mrs. Mutes and IV.

Discipline council which led to the exclusion of a S7 pupil because of absence without justification. He had already failed S7 at Mol. Sad decision to take.

All other topics will be dealt with during the CES. Please send points before 4PM.

Comité de concertation this Friday: probably measures will be relaxed a bit. It seems that the ban on travel could be revised so school needs to plan ahead for the Easter holidays.

The four directors of EEB4 have a meeting at 2PM. And at 3PM, a meeting with all directors of the system.

If changes happen, a letter will be sent to all the parents.

Still looking at possible changes in the canteen. This is a topic that is quite complicated and not so obvious. School would like to regain a bit of normality as it is stressful for the parents to prepare all the meals and for the children to eat cold meals.

The school has to be cautious because doesn't want such changes to have impact on transmission.

MB has added Plexiglas in level 2 of the canteen.

No common rule in the other schools. Some nursery children receive their meals as normal (one school). Other schools, rest of pupils receive lunch boxes with cold items like sandwiches and fruit.

One school is going to try to introduce a warm meal this week.

This week, school could also explore this option for our parents at EEB4. Will have more elements on Friday with regards to the possibilities in the canteen.

Most important: distribution in order not to make a lot of concentration of pupils = safe operation for all.

Mrs. Hulsen has worked out a plan that still needs to be discussed.

Mr Segers together with the canteen staff will try to have an arrangement for next week. Issue has been discussed with KD over the phone.



JE: feedback from DE section: pupils would like to eat outside. Could more tables be installed?

Thermos option is good to keep meals warm.

MB will see what can be done about that. Some tables are already set outside under the préau. Also, but if the APEEE starts with distribution of lunch boxes the tables would be needed for the distribution itself.

KD: APEEE looking at the launch of a lunch-box service. Distribution points could be Snack shack, canteen and cafeteria.

Warm lunch boxes to be started as a project in one EEB this week, together with pizza take-away; compliance with health regulations is of the essence.

KD will contact school management after today's APEEE bureau meeting.

Timetable to move Wednesday meeting to have a "canteen meeting". ???

Laure can organize a meeting.

K2: current Belgian rules when it comes to the canteen are clear that nursery and primary can be opened, and lunchboxes for Secondary. Circulaire 79-55 du 9 février: Utilisation de la cantine normale pour les maternelles et primaires.

MB doesn't think it's correct. His reading of the circulaire is that only nursery can have warm lunch, but primary and secondary receive lunchboxes.

Mme Hulsen n'est pas d'accord avec cette interprétation car il est précisé que les primaires et les secondaires doivent recevoir des lunchboxes.

K2 confirme cette lecture.



Connectivity issues in Secondary. Impact on S4 b-tests starting next week

KD: severe connectivity issues yesterday.

Some concern from students who have to prepare their B-tests for next week.

IV states that the school had issues yesterday, even the administration.

She wasn't contacted by any teachers though. Only read the email from Kristin yesterday evening.

Weeks following Easter holiday

Parents are already asking about the week after the Easter holidays.

MB: waiting for the decisions of Belgium.

Currently, travel ban until the 1st of April... so quarantine after anyone who travels.

AOB

DD: in RO section, the degree of tension and worry is rising.

Give some flexibility about the canteen so that pupils could eat outside as some students and their families are at risk.

In primary the number of children wearing masks is increasing (in some classes up to 80%), which is positive and shows that the awareness among parents is growing.

MB: school states they are trying to find a balance between the wishes of all parents.

IV: canteen is safer thanks to the Plexi, it's like a little transparent "cage" where the students can feel safe.

MMG: L2 lessons - vast majority are wearing masks during these lessons. It is not an obligation but a strong recommendation. In Primary, during those mixed lessons, most of the pupils are wearing masks.

KD: gym classes are mainly outside and changing rooms are not being used, thus low physical activity is required. Use sports classes to allow the students burn off some energy so that S1-S2 fights would less occur on the playground.

PE coordinator will have a meeting with IV today.

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MB tells of an anti-plagiarism app, Urkund, being installed in Teams, which will help pupils to identify their sources and treat them properly

Question from FR parent : une réflexion est engagée comme en Wallonie BXL pour raccourcir les vacances d'été et rallonger celles de Toussaint et Carnaval?

IV: important question for the school because BAC would be even later.

First reaction from EE schools, no way for us... and also Belgian schools had breaks in their learning system, and we didn't thanks to DL.

Still to be discussed among all the European Schools.

IV adds IV adds that this move is also a reflection of Belgian desire to mirror the French holidays.

Next meeting

Meeting to be held on Monday 1st of March, 2021 at 9:00.