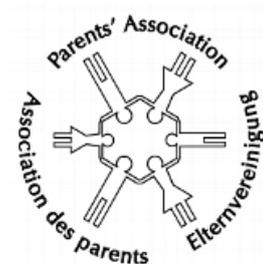


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



4. Newsletter – School year 2016-2017

Dear parents,

please find attached a newsletter from the Parents Association having as content:

- Administrative Board of the European School on 19.01.2017
- Lack of teachers & loss of teaching hours
- Canteen

Administrative Board of the European School

The Administrative Board of the school in January is traditionally dedicated to budget issues. At the ESM, different to other European Schools, the European Patent Office (EPO) is the main contributor to the school budget. The total budget for running the school amounts to 26,45 million Euro (compared to 25,55 million for the current year). The management of the school has provided a very reasonable budget request, which will allow the school, in terms of finances, to fulfil its obligation in terms of quality of teaching. The representatives of the EPO (the share of the EPO amounts to no less than 22,68 million) gave their full support and defended the budget request from the school, including the proposal to allocate specific funds for safety & security measures.

In addition to that the burning issues of lack of teachers and loss of teaching hours was raised by the EPO with a clear statement that an essential element of quality of teaching starts with providing lessons and not losing teaching hours.

The parents association very much appreciates this full support for the benefit of our children at the ESM. We take the opportunity to thank the EPO and the other institutions contributing positively to the school budget for their ongoing support.

Lack of teachers & loss of teaching hours

Lack of teachers & loss of teaching hours, in particular in the secondary school, turned into a further important subject of the administrative board. The management of the school had, after discussions in the Educational Councils, with the parents association and after having received a high number of complaints from class representatives and parents, provided a logic and feasible plan of how to improve the situation. The EPO was positive about it, but the General Secretary of the European Schools expressed doubts about the compliance with specific instructions existing on the central level of the system of European Schools.

Further discussions and additional legal advice received after the administrative board has now paved the way for a solution according to the concept suggested by the management of our school.

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The school will inform the parents via a separate communication

Canteen

After a rather positive opening of the provisory canteen early January with some “expected and normal difficulties” our caterer was able to produce again up to 1400 meals per day.

That all by having a space of about one third of the original kitchen for preparing the meals. The move in was slightly delayed and some kitchen equipment was lacking. Associated with a tremendous effort from the school, the caterer and, in particular, our board member responsible for the canteen, it was possible to come to a state which is meant to be “normal”. Having achieved that the present low temperatures hit us. For several days the water supply did not work and we had to return to expensive plastic dishes and a reordering of food externally prepared. Now the situation seems to be under control and we hope that with raising temperatures at least no further dramatic issue will occur.

Yours
Georg Weber
1st Chairman EV-ESM