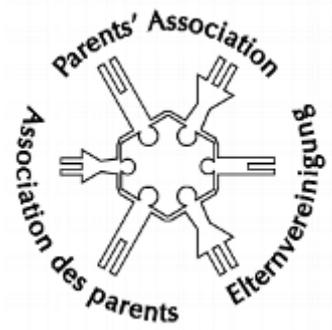


## Parents' Association of the European School Munich



### Minutes of the Board Meeting of 14.03.2017

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:35 – 20:35.

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**Board Members present (14):** Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Carolyn Casall-Bain, Rafael Baltanás, George Lazaridis, Gerry Van Woensel, Dimitrios Varelas, Antje Stoller, Kerstin Arenz, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Irene Rosin, Enrico Ulivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

**Board Members absent:** Sebastian Petit, Marina Conte, Stefano Zanaboni, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Günther Körbler,

Observing members of the Educational Council: Mark Robinson (EN - GS), Elisa Stussi (DE - HS).

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1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.35.
2. The agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. The chairman reported on the issue of replacements of missing teachers in the secondary and explained that the requested resources were made available to the school with the agreement of the EPO. The school undertook the responsibility to improve the current situation as soon possible. In view of that, the Board expressed its disappointment regarding the recently published schedule for the last two weeks of the school year, according to which several days of lessons will be lost (again).
3. The topping - out ceremony ("Richtfest") for the new school building took place. Construction seems to be on schedule and the Board's suggestions regarding the kitchen and the canteen are being taken into account. It was reminded that the school, which occupies an area of 36000 m<sup>2</sup>, will be able to accommodate 1500 pupils in the

primary and 100 in the Nursery (Kindergarten). Its delivery is expected for the school year 2019-2020.

4. A first meeting took place with the school regarding the future of the canteen. It was reminded that all contracts between the school, the association and Il Cielo had been terminated in view of the refurbishment of the kitchen and canteen. The intention is to sign new contracts with the school and Il Cielo for the catering at the current site of the school and organise a tender for catering services when the new school site will be ready. Regarding the tendering procedure and in view of the previous experience it was suggested that preparations had to start sufficiently in advance.
5. A request by the Pupils' Committee to support financially the organisation of a party for pupils of the German European Schools was discussed. It was asserted that such a party does not fall under the events the Association is meant to support under its statute and the request was unanimously rejected.
6. The request for Enrico Ulivieri to accompany Anna Cattani-Scholz to the upcoming meeting of Interparents was approved unanimously.
7. Anna Cattani Scholz reported on several issues that were under discussion in Brussels:
  - The final proposal for the new marking system was to be discussed and decided upon in the next meeting of the Board of Governors. According to this proposal, the new marking system will be introduced in S1 – S5 in the school year 2017- 2018, in S6 in 2018 – 2019 and in S7 in 2019 – 2020. The first Baccalaureat (Bac) with the new marking will thus be in 2020. It was agreed that an information note will be prepared by A. Cattani-Scholz and will be distributed to the parents once the decision is taken by the Board of Governors.
  - There was a new correction procedure regarding the Bac, which would be used this year for the first time. The examination papers will be scanned and the correctors will use electronic copies for correction. There are widespread worries about the reliability of the system. Feedback has been requested by Interparents.
  - A questionnaire by Interparents regarding educational support is also being distributed, asking for feedback. It was agreed that it will be put on the Association's website and the link will be sent to the parents with the request for those concerned to give feedback.
  - Interparents wrote also a letter to the General Secretary of the European schools expressing worries about the consequences of BREXIT and asking for concrete information about the situation and how the European schools were planning to face these consequences.
8. A discussion ensued regarding BREXIT and its possible consequences to our school. The EN representatives reported that the informal enquiry (see point 4 of minutes of previous meeting) did not yield the expected results as many teachers and parents wait to see what will actually happen and cannot give a definite answer as to their intentions at the moment. The school seems to be holding the same attitude, as well. It was

decided that – with the initiative of the EN representatives – the Association will organise a meeting at the school regarding BREXIT and its possible consequences, not only for UK citizens (teachers, parents and pupils), but also for all those who have EN as L1, L2 or L3. The main aim of the meeting would to raise awareness among all those concerned and the school (teachers and management) will also be invited.

9. Next meeting will take place on 25.04.2017.

The chairman ended the meeting at 20:35.