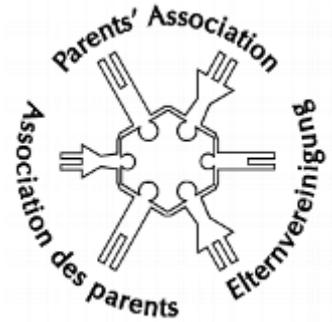


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 24.02.2015

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:30 – 20:30

Minute writer: Dimitrios Varelas

Board Members present (12): Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Conor O'Sullivan, François Girardin, Gerry Van Woensel, Flavio Carsughi, Stefano Zanaboni, Edoardo Pastore, Enrico Ulivieri, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Dimitrios Varelas

Board Members absent: Rafael Baltanás, Maria Laiou, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Elena Rojo Romeo, Manolis Papastefanou.

Observing members of the Educational Council: Uwe Bolte (DE-HS), Daniel Pinilla-Ariza (ES)

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.30.
2. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Georg Weber and Edoardo Pastore reported on the February Administrative Board of the school. Two main issues were discussed: The school calendar 2015-2016 and the school budget. Concerning the school calendar the main constraint from Brussels is the start and end day of the school year since all contracts begin on September 1st (see also point 3 of the minutes of the meeting of 20.01.2015). As far as the end day is concerned the 8th of July is too late for bac pupils who must meet the deadline of July 12th in order to apply for a German University. The Board of Governors has decided in its last meeting to end the school year on July 1st and that the 9th of May is a holiday. After it has been made clear to all involved parties that this decision creates a tremendous amount of problems for an agreement on a school calendar, it is expected that the Board of Governors will revoke it in the March meeting. However, the PA cannot assume the responsibility of communicating a provisional calendar to the parents, since the matter is still pending and depends on the decision of the Board of Governors. Regarding the school budget, the positive news is that all the teaching posts which were requested by the school were approved. On the less positive side Brussels

has denied all requested new non-teaching posts. The final outcome is regarded as a success taking into account the severe financial cuts which are being imposed in the last years in all European schools. The very good collaboration on this matter between the representatives of the school, the EPO and the parents during the meeting is believed to have played a crucial role for the successful budgetary outcome for our school, as it was underlined by both Georg and Edoardo.

4. Edoardo Pastore reported on the last Interparents meeting held in Brussels. The reform group continued the discussions on the known issue of Mathematics in the last two high school years and no decision has been made yet (see also point 9 of the minutes of the meeting of 20.01.2015). The next Interparents meeting will be held in April in Munich.
5. Jean-Luc Dupuis announced that in the next board meeting he will present the mid-term financial report. Jean-Luc furthermore reported that the new email system of the office has been successfully introduced and is working properly (see point 6 of the minutes of the meeting of 20.01.2015).
6. A discussion took place regarding Flavio Carsughi's proposal on the sponsoring application form. Arguments were presented by various board members in favour of and against public vs. internal use of the form. By public use it is understood that the form would be distributed to the teachers so that it could be used by them. By internal use it is understood that the form would be used as a tool exclusively by the board members. It was decided to introduce the form as an internal document for board members use, to adapt it according to the needs that may arise and to re-discuss the matter during the next school year in order to decide whether it would be preferable to use it in a public mode. A template of the form, as submitted by Flavio is attached to these minutes.
7. The European Schools Science Symposium which will be held on March 15-18 in the ESM was discussed (see also point 4 of the minutes of the meeting of 20.01.2015). Regarding the jury members it was communicated by Georg Weber that ESO and Max Planck institute have agreed to send one jury member each. It is highly probable that the EPO won't allow patent examiners to act as jury members in the symposium and for this reason the board members were urged to suggest potential jury members from their social environment in order to occupy the eight jury posts which remain vacant.
8. Oral feedback by the present language sections representatives was given to Flavio Carsughi regarding the various procedures followed in the language sections for collecting money in order to finance a variety of pupils' activities. This was done in the framework of collecting information on hidden costs / hidden fees related to school activities.
9. Next meeting will take place on 22.04.2015.

The meeting ended at 20:30.