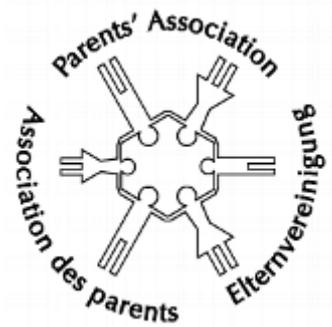


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 14.10.2015

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:35 – 20:40.

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (13): Georg Weber, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Conor O’Sullivan, François Girardin, Gerry Van Woensel, Dimitrios Varelas, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Stefano Zanaboni, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Enrico Ulivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Rupert Plenk, Maria Laiou, Flavio Carsughi, Edoardo Pastore, Rafael Baltanás.

Observing members of the Educational Council: Irene Rosin (IT - GS), Enrico Fedrigo (IT – GS – Deuty), Elisa Stussi (DE - HS - elect)

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.35.
2. The agenda of the meeting was approved unanimously.
3. The chairman announced that Mr Stefan Walz, DE inspector of the secondary and head of the DE delegation in the Board of Governors, would come for an informal discussion after the meeting to discuss and invited those interested to stay after end of the Board meeting.
4. Conor O’Sullivan making reference to an email by Flavio Carsughi, where they both offered free translation service to the Parents’ Association office, raised the issue of the languages of the communications sent by the Association. A brief discussion ensued; the issue had already been discussed extensively in the past. In essence, there will never be a 100% satisfaction. The issue is on the agenda for the AGM and it will be discussed there.

5. The chairman made an overview of the situation and the activities of the Association as well as the challenges faced, in preparation for the AGM on the following day. He stressed that the issues concerning the refurbishment of the canteen will be the biggest challenges for the coming year. A brief overview of the financial situation was also given by Jean-Luc Dupuis.
6. The Board approved unanimously to continue the practice of making 2000 Euros available for every language section, including Kindergarten, to be spent as they see fit, albeit within a pedagogical/education context.
7. It was also decided that the project of promoting reading, that the school wishes to organise in spring will be supported. Before a specific amount is reserved, however, the school will be contacted to clarify which part of the expenses will/can take over.
8. Anna Cattani-Scholz raised the issue of pupil exchanges between European schools. There appears to be a lack of information in general. She noted that there is a document available and offered to distribute to the Board members. It was decided to put the item in the agenda of the next meeting so that a more informed discussion can take place.
9. Maria Pia Ayala-Periello reported about an unusual situation in the Kindergarten. Since the beginning of the school year, the Italian children, who are normally, integrated in one of the DE groups, have been separated and taken in charge by an assistant. The parents were neither asked nor informed about this; the school and the Kindergarten in particular have been reluctant to provide any information about the ground for such a move. Questions about the legality of such a move and its impact to the children have been raised. There are also questions about other aspects such as the language the children are being taught at or the condition of the room they are sitting in. Irene Rosin reported that she had spoken with the GS director on the matter and she got the affirmation that the situation will be monitored. Although the prevailing opinion in the Board was that this was an issue for the educational council, it was agreed that more information about the grounds of this decision as well as the opinion of the parents concerned will be sought before the Association takes any action.
10. The meeting ended at 20:40.