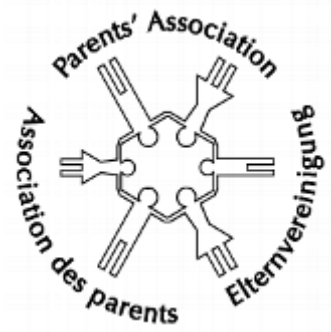


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 13.12.2016

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:40 to 21:20.

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (13): Georg Weber, Jean-Luc Dupuis, Sebastian Petit, Rafael Baltanás, Marina Conte, Gerry Van Woensel, Dimitrios Varelas, Antje Stoller, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler, Irene Rosin, Enrico Ulivieri and Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Rupert Plenk, Carolyn Casall-Bain, George Lazarides, Stefano Zanaboni, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Anna Cattani-Scholz.

Observing members of the Educational Council: Mark Robinson (EN – GS).

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.40.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda were approved unanimously.
3. The chairman reported about an informal meeting with the school that was held in November (see also minutes of previous meeting, point 4). The meeting took place in an open and cooperative atmosphere and touched a series of issues:
 - Regarding teachers coming from UK and the lack thereof (see also point 8 of the minutes of the previous meeting), it appears that the school had received some applications and the situation presented itself rather optimistically.
 - Regarding the admission criteria for Category III (see also point 9 of the minutes of the previous meeting), the school remains with the status quo for the moment. A discussion will have to take place once the new building is ready but it seems that both the EPO and the Federal Government of Germany (who finances the new building) are keen on maintaining the current, restrictive admission criteria for Cat. III pupils.

- Regarding the canteen, a container has been installed next to the eating area and it is expected that right after the Christmas holidays, Il Cielo will be able to cook and serve food there. Il Cielo has already informed the parents that the old Abo contracts would be re-activated as of 09.01.2017. The school food policy (see also point 6 of the minutes of the previous meeting) is ready but not yet published by the school. There has been no discussion for any future contracts with the Association or Il Cielo but it is expected that it will start in the beginning of the new year.
- There is another meeting with the school planned for 19.12.2016 in order to prepare the meeting of the Administrative Board, which will take place in January.

4. The chairman reported also about a meeting with the EPO (see also point 4 of the minutes of the previous meeting). The meeting was informal and it was held in a friendly, open and constructive atmosphere. The EPO confirmed its support to the good functioning of the school.

5. There was also a meeting of the Charity Association (Förderkreis) of the school. The chairman explained that the role of this Charity Association is to consult the school in activities related to charity that are proposed, organised and run by it or in its name. It functions well and it has the additional advantage that it can provide follow-up, i.e. it can control how any collected money was spent and whether a project fulfilled its purpose.

6. An issue was raised about the lost course hours at the secondary. The school has difficulties in finding/providing replacements for teachers that are absent with the result that many teaching hours are simply lost. The problem is acute in the DE section this year, but all those present confirmed that it was an issue that was touching most if not all sections. The matter has been discussed repeatedly in the educational council and now it will be brought to the Administrative Board. The chairman requested statistical data from several sections in order to be able to present the case in the next meeting of the Administrative Board.

7. Financial matters

- A request by the school for the Association to finance the purchase of a piano was discussed. It was explained that the piano would be used for the music lessons and it was not the request of a specific teacher or for a specific project. The proposal was to buy a used piano for about 2500 €. The Board decided unanimously to provide the school with this amount, making clear at the same time that the piano will be property of the school and not of the Association.
- Marina Conte presented a request by the IT section regarding a theatrical event. The IT section wished to invite an ensemble to perform two plays addressed to HS IT pupils. Part of the costs would be covered by the school, the parents and the IT section and an additional contribution by the Association was requested. It was explained that the Association did not normally contribute for projects that concern only one section. The rather small contribution of the school – ca. 10% of the total cost – was also commented. It was decided that the Board would approve an

exceptional increase of 500 € to the money given to the IT section for this year and that it was ready to increase this amount should the school increase its contribution as well.

8. Next meeting will take place on 17.01.2017.

The meeting ended at 21.20.