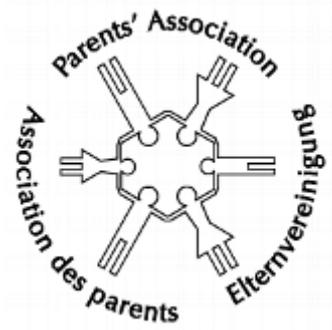


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 15.02.2017

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:45 – 21:15.

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (13): Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Carolyn Casall-Bain, Sebastian Petit, Rafael Baltanás, Marina Conte, Dimitrios Varelas, Stefano Zanaboni, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Irene Rosin, Enrico Ulivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Jean-Luc Dupuis, George Lazaridis, Gerry Van Woensel, Antje Stoller, Kerstin Arenz, Günther Körbler

Observing members of the Educational Council: Mark Robinson (EN - GS), Marcela Frank (SWALS – HS), Koen Leuridan (FR – HS).

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18.45.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda were unanimously approved.
3. Financial Issues: the chairman reported that, according to the current financial situation of the Association, a further reduction of the financial reserves of the Association was to be expected for the current fiscal year. This was partly due to the diminished income from the extra-curricular activities (NSA) since the Association has been renting space outside the school for some of them. Although there were sufficient reserves, as discussed during the previous meeting, the intention was that the Association should be in a position to cover its costs. A possible increase of the membership fee should be seriously contemplated. It was also reminded that any decision regarding the membership fee must be taken by the General Assembly, so any proposal had to be ready by the time the next General Assembly would be called.

The Board approved a request by the EN representatives to support financially the trip of an advisor to come to the school to inform and advise pupils about applying to UK Universities, like it was done in the past.

3. Chairman's report: The chairman commented the very positive attitude of the EPO representatives during the last meeting of the Administrative Board of the School. The plan of the school to tackle the problem of the missing replacements of absent teachers has been finally approved by Brussels, despite the initial reaction of the Secretary General during the meeting of the Administrative Board. The school will publish this plan soon, most probably after the winter holidays. The idea would be to recruit a number of teachers to be on call to replace absent teachers. More details to follow in the school's publication. The Association will continue to monitor the situation regarding lost teaching hours.
4. The EN representatives expressed concern of the parents in the EN section, especially those who are UK citizens, with regards to Brexit. With the declaration of the UK that no more teachers will be seconded to the European Schools as of September 2017 and the uncertainty regarding teachers that are at the school at the moment, it is feared that the EN section will be left without enough teachers. The school has apparently started to look for alternatives like recruiting native - speaking teachers from other EN speaking countries, like Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia, but it is feared that this would be insufficient. The question of whether the local contracts offered by the school were competitive enough to be attractive was briefly discussed, although it was agreed that this was a matter of the school. Another question that was discussed was whether the EPO should be informed or involved. It was agreed in the end that, before the Board makes any move, an informal enquiry will be done by the EN representatives to estimate how many teachers and how many families would be affected.
5. The next meeting will take place on 14.03.2017.

The chairman ended the meeting at 21:15.