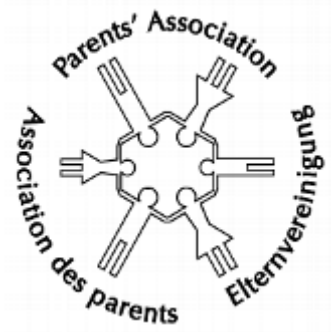


Parents' Association of the European School Munich



Minutes of the Board Meeting of 05.09.2017

The meeting was held in the premises of the EPO, Bayerstr. 34, Room 3468, from 18:30 to 21:10

Minute writer: Manolis Papastefanou

Board Members present (17): Georg Weber, Rupert Plenk, Carolyn Casall-Bain, Sebastian Petit, Rafael Baltanás, George Lazaridis, Marina Conte, Dimitrios Varelas, Antje Stoller, Stefano Zanaboni, Kerstin Arenz, Maria Pia Ayala – Periello, Günther Körbler, Anna Cattani-Scholz, Irene Rosin, Enrico Ulivieri, Manolis Papastefanou.

Board Members absent: Jean-Luc Dupuis, Gerry Van Woensel

Observing members of the Educational Council: Mark Robinson (EN-GS), Elisa Stussi (DE-HS), Valentina Fazio (IT-HS), Marcela Frank (SWALS-HS), Koen Leuridan (FR-HS), Daniel Pinilla (ES)

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 18:30.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda were unanimously approved.
3. The chairman reported that the refurbishment of the canteen was completed in time and the catering service had started normally. There were, however, some formal issues related to the handover, mainly related to questions about liabilities regarding damages, and the Association has not signed it yet. The chairman repeated that there was an agreement with the school for the Association to continue providing catering under the current conditions in the school until the new site is ready. There is also the expressed intention by the school to give the Association the whole responsibility for catering in the school premises after the new site will be in operation.
4. The Board agreed unanimously to approve the financial support requested by Mr. Auerhammer for the project "Blume-Festival", with a maximum of 1500 Euro.

5. Elisa Stussi raised the issue of the absences and replacements of teachers in the secondary. Despite the extensive discussions during the last school year, the situation does not look very optimistic for the current school year. The Board will be monitoring the issue closely.
6. Regarding the upcoming General Assembly, the chairman pointed to the Board positions that will be open for election and urged the members to look actively for candidates. A request to raise the membership fee to 50 Euro will be brought to the Assembly by the Board. It was also reminded that the language sections and other groups have to elect any representatives before the General Assembly. The date of the Assembly was set for the 19th of October.
7. The issue of the SWALS distribution in the S1 of the DE section was discussed. For the first time, the school placed all the pupils coming from the GR and ES sections of the primary together in one class of the DE section, without any other pupils. The ES and GR representatives voiced the concerns of the parents about possible negative consequences, both pedagogical and social as well as their frustration of not having been informed in advance. The members of the Educational Council present stressed the fact that the issue was never discussed in the Educational Council and that consultation of the Educational Council in such educational matters is obligatory. Moreover there has been no explanation by the school why the long-standing practice of distributing the SWALS in all the classes of the DE section had been abandoned. In an exchange of emails with the director of the Secondary school there was mention of improved efficiency in the time table, but no details were given. The general opinion was that financial concerns should not be put above pedagogical or educational ones. In the meantime, there had also been a modification in the time table according to which the ES and GR students will be alone for Mathematics and Human Sciences (SCH), which will be taught in German, and will be mixed with the other pupils of the DE sections for all other subjects, including Integrated Sciences (SCI). The chairman also explained that the Secondary director had agreed to come to the information evening to discuss with the parents.

The parents' representatives in the Educational Council will send a letter to the school management protesting for not being consulted and requesting an extraordinary meeting of the Educational Council to discuss its role and purpose.

8. Manolis Papastefanou will replace G. Weber in the upcoming meeting of the Administrative Council of the school, to take place on 19.09.2017.
9. Next Board meeting will be held on 10.10.2017.

The meeting ended at 21:10.