



Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration
Brussels Thursday, 16 May 2013 - 12.30-14.30
J-79 1/098 (Spa Building – APEEE office)

Agenda

1. Adoption of Draft Agenda (5 minutes)
2. Adoption of minutes of meetings : 24/01 and 15/04 (5 minutes)

Points for decision

3. Decision 1: Following the proposal of the Human Resources Strategy Working Group, the CA agrees to provide their staff with so called “cheques repas” (Erika, Joëlle, Marc), (10 minutes)
4. Decision 2: The CA agrees to pay Elke Esders 500,00 Euros for facilitating the evaluation meeting of the CA on 29/06 (Erika, Marc), (10 minutes)
5. Decision 3: Following the proposal of the joint services meeting of 7 May, the CA agrees to table a resolution to the GA to raise the membership fee for the school year 2013/2014 from 50,00 to 55,00 Euros (Erika, Joëlle, Marc), (10 minutes)
6. Decision 4: Following the proposal of the joint services meeting of 7 May, the CA agrees to propose a budget for the school year 2013/2014 to the GA including an increase of 20,00 Euros/year for the canteen abo and a price for a transport abo of 1.550,00 Euros covering the second departure (Joëlle, Marc, Carola/Jacopo, Ralph/Kunka/Anja), (10 minutes)

Points for information/discussion

7. Report from JEC Council (Martina, Nigel), (10 minutes)
8. Discussion of proposal for the implementation of the Community Fund (Steve), (10 minutes)
9. State of play preparation Somerfestto (Steve, Martina, Iseult), (5 minutes)
10. Convention with the school regarding the Brocante of Centre Medori (Nigel), (5 minutes)
11. Update on transport and canteen enrolments (Ralph, Carola/Jacopo) (5 minutes)
12. Presentation of periscolaire programme (Josie), (10 minutes)
13. Follow-up of report from IP meeting in Laeken and lessons to be learnt for the future cooperation with IP:
 - We have to be ready to provide the IP alternate delegate for JTC in 2015 and then the main delegate in 2016 (same person, 2-year commitment): steps to be taken ?
 - Identify our own succession planning solution for EEBIV involvement in IP (2 regular delegates plus alternate/s): steps to be taken?
 - Regular feedback to/polling of parents via website and/or email letter: how?(Martina, Nigel, Carola, Sarah) (10 minutes)
14. Liaise with IP counterparts in other APEEEs to find common solutions (for ex in relation to the UK statement) Interest already from Ixelles and Woluwe (Martina, Nigel, Carola, Sarah, Iseult), (5 minutes)
15. Report of Eric on services. Q+A (5 minutes)
16. AoB (5 minutes)

Meeting minutes (approved by written procedure on Monday 3 June 2013)

Present: Erika Schulze, Joëlle Salmon, Martina Sindelar, Ralph Wischermann, Sarah Conyers Barber, Nigel Freake, Iseult Lennon Hudson, Kunka Ilieva, Christian Drantmann, Anja Mangels, Daniella Terruso, Benoît Vandergeeten, Carola Streul and Eric Piettre, Director of the APEEE.

Excused: Josephine Usher (proxy to Erika), Marc Henriques de Granada (proxy to Joëlle), Jacopo Lombardi, Steve O'Byrne (proxy to Sarah), Monika Paulus (proxy to Erika), Pascal Manzano (proxy to Nigel), Serge Lebel, Max Strotmann.

Some Board members only attend part of the meeting. The sequence of points minuted is not necessarily as discussed.

Erika Schulze chairs the meeting.

Before adopting the agenda, Erika reports on the meeting she had with Steve regarding the Presidency of APEEE. Steve agrees to take the post. This transfer of power will take place during our last meeting in June. After that Erika will stay available for the transition until the GA.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Decision Nr 1 must be deleted as the proposal of offering "cheques repas" is not possible this year, following the decision of the Belgium government not to increase the salary in 2013 whatever the way it is proposed to do it.

Point 8 "Community Fund" postponed due to the absence of Steve

Point 11 becomes point 7.

Point 12 "periscolaire programme" postponed on Josie's request.

A new point on the "Groupe de suivi" is added.

The agenda is adopted.

2. Adoption of minutes of 15/04: The minutes are adopted with deletion of reference to points 12 and 13 as these points were not discussed.

3. Points for decision

Decision 1: This decision is cancelled following the Belgium government decision not to allow any form of increase of salary in 2013.

Decision 2: Erika introduces the point after having received the agreement of Marc to offer 500,00 € to the coach. Although this point was discussed during the meeting in April, a long discussion takes place first on the budget and obligation APEEE has to train its staff and on the objectives of the second session. What will be the added value of an external coach? The purpose is to have a look on the "to do list" and to assess which actions have been done and what is not done and why. Were we too ambitious, was it mis-estimation of the work to do, etc... Erika thinks an external facilitator will help to analyse the situation. She reminds the questionnaire requested by Elke.

It is suggested to have a planning for CA training in the budget for the future and not to discuss case by case.

Following decision is adapted with 15 votes for and 3 abstentions.

Decision 2013-05-16_1: The CA agrees to pay Elke Esders 500,00 Euros for facilitating the evaluation meeting of the CA on 29/06.

Decision 3: The proposal to increase the price of the membership fee will be discussed during the next general assembly. No decision is taken. Anyway after discussion it appears that the CA should clearly explain the use of money collected for the fee, e.g. to cover a part of the secretariat cost (phone calls, computer, phones, general correspondence, mail to class rep for WG organised by the school, Interparents membership fee, etc.....) An exhaustive list should be prepared.

Decision 4: Erika reports on the WG services meeting held on 7 May where the budget for the canteen and transport were discussed. Regarding the price for transport, Ralph indicates this price doesn't take into account the potential second line on Friday lunchtime. There is a long discussion on this point but in the past the price announced was always indicative as some additional lines could be added during the school year. At the end of the school year, the balance is calculated and the price can be higher but can also be lowest. The proposed decision is not blocking the future decision on the additional line on Friday.

The following decision is approved by unanimity.

Decision 2013-05-16_2: Following the proposal of the joint services meeting of 7 May, the CA agrees to propose a budget for the school year 2013/2014 to the GA including an increase of +/- 20,00 Euros/year for the canteen and an indicative price for a transport of 1.550,00 Euros covering the second departure.

Points for information/discussion

4. Update of enrolments. A big applause for Ralph and his team for the work done on the enrolment system.

The benefits of this application are immediately perceptible not only on the APEEE bank account (membership fee for 2013-2014) but also for following the number of enrolments (+/- 600) and the request of new stops. So far only few requests of new stops were asked. It is reminded that after 31 May, this kind of request will not be taken.

After the holiday a reminder will be sent and Nigel is requested to check with school the possibility to put a flashy attractive info on the web school for the new parents.

There is a discussion on the fact that some parents could wait the enrolment on periscolaire before enrolling their kids in the bus. We should try in the future to launch all enrolments at the same time although it is less urgent in canteen or periscolaire.

Carola introduces the evening presentation of canteen service which will take place on 30 May. Enrolment will start end of May as Nigel needs few days to organise the link between the two systems. The précised date will be decided between them.

5. Groupe de suivi:

Erika reports on the Groupe de suivi meeting where APEEE was represented by Monika.

The Belgium Government (Ministry Council) requested -as reported- a new working group to be created for the 5e school to review the need of a new school, the location, number of pupils etc Until now this group met 2 times and will meet a third time for the conclusions to be taken and to be given to the politicians.

Main conclusions of the 15.05.2013:

Mr. Kivinen explained and showed the demanded comparison Belgium school - EE school ... not a real difference in space etc. Especially as Belgium schools do have special schools for "SEN" - Type 1-8 and therefore we could request more space. The only point will stay the parking ...

Mr Kivinen underlined all the time that the biggest problem of overpopulation for the upcoming years would be solved if the "Conseil des Ministres" would agree to use BKD after 2015 - after half of the meeting, RdB intervened by telling that this was never a discussion and that the EE can of course use BKD after that deadline ...

The APEEE's on the other hand proofed that already now the nursery and primary are completely FULL. The proposal of Mr Kivinen to use secondary classes for mat and prim was abolished by the COM (remark: all classes are FULL!). Mr Kivinen reminded that it is difficult to ask for a new school if there is still place in an existing school. I could at that point name different Belgium schools that opened just last and this year in Brussels and which are only 1/3 full - and that there is a big lack of places all around in Brussels. So therefore the Belgium Government knows clearly that a new school is not full from the very first moment.

As BKD will stay for EE from 2014 on, the Director of BXL I made clear that these children will not belong to BXL I as the new renovated building will only fixed place.

Concerning Mr Kivinen there are 2 possibilities how "to solve" the problem of overcrowding (see attached) but the APEEE's asked AGAIN for a study of another solution - as several times proposed: secondary "compound" from 6-7 or 5-7. This was promised at the end.

At the end of the meeting, the Director of Bxl II explained the drastic situation of the Woluwe school... the prefabs are completely illegal - to many children on the floor for the fire brigades - water problems etc...

The RdB is aware and there are measures taken for some of the problems but not for all. Mr Pynaerts was invited to the CA of the school by the COM to explain the situation.

6. Report from JEC Council:

Martina reports. There will be a meeting on 28 May for parents who have expressed interest in joining the various pedagogical working groups. One member of the Pedagogical Groups will become contact point for each sub-group (Nursery, Primary and secondary).

It was decided to use the expertise of parents as done for the other WG.

7. State of play preparation Somerfest

Steve apologised for not attending the CA as he had to focusing on many outstanding Somerfest matters.

8. Convention with the school regarding the Brocante of Centre Medori. Nigel spoke with Mr Schlabe. What we have to do it just publicity but the convention (between school and Centre Medori) must be signed before doing something.

The brocante will take place at the same time of our teambuilding.

9. Follow-up of report from IP meeting in Laeken and lessons to be learnt for the future cooperation with IP:

Sarah reports (with input from Iseult):

(A) New BoG WG meeting on secondary studies. Our input is fed through the 'Interparents' delegate to this meeting. Three main points being considered:

- Religion lessons - what to do with very small classes? Combined religion and ethics class? Political 'hot potato' and decision will likely ultimately be driven by budget constraints.

- Slovak parents' request to follow vehicular language in Secondary as L1 not L2

Have discussed this internally at EEBIV and concluded we can make no useful contribution to this debate as we lack SWAL experience up to BAC level. May become part of general debate on reform of schools and cost-sharing

- Reorganisation of Secondary Cycle - revisiting proposals contained in infamous (and previously rejected) document 27 (see link on our APEEE website to PowerPoint presentation

from meeting on this hosted by Woluwe school). Same arguments reiterated through Interparents.

(B) Securing Sustainable Funding for Teaching in European Schools – on-going campaign:

Sarah answers questions on her/Iseult's report (by email to CA) on activities at school and Interparent levels designed to resolve this issue:

- **Interparents letter to the Ministers of Education and Board of Governors** (entitled "European Schools in Crisis") letter available on our website

- **dialogue with Mr Schlabe** continuing and forms the basis for...

- A letter to the UK Department of Education written by Bru4 IP group n follow-up to meeting for parents on April 26th. Focuses on some practical proposals by which the UK could support 'local recruitment'. Approved with minor edits for sending.

Attachment:

- Issue raised at a COREPER meeting - as a prelude to...
- Education Council of Ministers - have managed to get issue raised under AOB to encourage action and overcoming impasse at BoG level.
- Lobbying actions (in the run-up to the Education Council meeting) have been undertaken by other EEBs, notably Woluwe and Ixelles. Exploring what might be done at EEB4, especially for RO and BG (not covered by other schools)
- Legal avenues that might force the UK to reverse or postpone its action on not seconding more teachers and further exacerbating imbalance in ratios (such action unlikely to yield

10. AoB:

There is a new request from Jo G. for using the Community Fund's money on the organisation of an evening for the SELFE-team WG on "safe internet". Sarah will reply that money is available at the moment.

After a discussion on the costs covered by the general affairs budget line, Marc is requested to establish a list of costs covered and Marc and Steve should establish rules on how to spend the money of the Community Fund.

Note taken by Joëlle