



Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration

Brussels Thursday, 20 June 2013

12.30-14.30

Room: EESC, rue Belliard, JDE 3252, 3rd floor

Present: Erika Schulze, Martina Sindelar, Joëlle Salmon, Sarah Conyers Barber, Nigel Freake, Kunka Ilieva, Steve O'Byrne, Carola Streul, Benoît Vandergeeten, Serge Lebel, Daniella Terruso, Ralph Wischermann (later proxy to Monika), Jacopo Lombardi, Anja Mangels, Monika Paulus, Pascal Manzano, Max Strotmann and Eric Piettre, Director of the APEEE.

Excused: Josephine Usher, Iseult Lennon Hudson (both proxy to Sarah), Marc Henriques de Granada (proxy to Joëlle), Christian Drantmann (proxy to Erika).

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

Joelle Salmon chairs the meeting, before handing over to Erika Schulze, Steve O'Brien chairs after his election as new President.

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of Draft Agenda

Adopted, after adding point on school evaluation report.

2. Adoption of minutes of meetings : 24/01 and 28/05

Adopted - with big thanks to Joëlle and apologies from max.

Points for decision

3. Election of new APEEE President

There is one candidate: Steve O'Byrne. Erika praises Steve, his support and involvement so far, with the CA but in particular also with the office, much appreciated and necessary. Steve explains his motivation - received with much applause by the board.

Decision 2013-06-20_1: Steve is elected president with 19 votes and 2 abstentions.

Much applause for Erika, for taking the APEEE on a steady course in difficult times ... with speeches foreseen for the seminar on the 29th :-).

Points for information/discussion

4. Review of Somerfest

Steve reports. Not all invoices are yet available but the team expects around EUR 10 000 profit. Big congratulations from the CA for great preparations and a fun and successful party. Big thanks to all involved, esp Steve as chief Somerfester!

5. Discussion of proposal for the implementation of the Community Fund

Steve reports and expresses thanks to great support from a small number of very active parents. He stresses the need for presence / input from the school, teachers.

6. Gift for Jo Goodburn

Nigel expresses his great appreciation, very much shared by the CA. Any gift from the CA will always be on behalf of all parents. Nigel will collect pledges from members and then propose options.

7. Report from last ACI meeting - situation after 1st enrolment phase

Monika reports. Some 1865 kids enrolled at the moment. Will bring supplementary DE Mat and FR classes at Laeken. Parents will be formally informed shortly, to accept or not the offered place. At next ACI meeting 11 July lists will be close to final. So far numbers for Laeken are within expected margins, with 12 Mat classes, the school is "full".

Many thanks to Monika for unfatigable number crunching and heroic defence of Laeken interests!

Sarah reports about her discussion with school whether information is collected about reasons for school leavers - eg failure rates, special needs, etc. Should APEEE be involved in finding out more? Many members support, considering, possibly, anonymous polling or a comment function on website. Sarah and Nigel volunteer to send around a draft for a possible post – big thanks! Communication with school should be ensured.

8. Report from School Advisory Council

Sarah and Nigel report. Particular points mentioned: behavioural rules to be common (and jointly enforced) for school and APEEE services; communication hiccups on working group planning; playground; school trips; secondary reform; new self-evaluation group; new policy on anti-bullying entering into force and to be evaluated over next year by WG.; school plan includes S2 6-week science programme to address failure rates in

this subject; Playground needs carefully targeted fund-raising (total amounts needed are huge); School has been selected to receive installation of solar-panels (roof of canteen); School still following up issue of traffic speed outside school; Derogation requests are in line with rules, mainly affecting small classes for DE, IT and possibly EN options.

9. Report on the meeting on Working Groups

Martina reports, happy that school agreed to parent representation in the three working groups for behaviour, anti-bullying and sexual education. There was a promising return on her call for expression of interest, with around 10 parents now closely interested - and hopefully involved for longer. The CA is represented by Erika, Martina and Nigel. Some discussion gets going on how to attract parents and encourage them to stay involved. Great initiative, thanks to Martina – and all involved.

10. Brocante of Centre Medori: up-date

Erika and Nigel report, things look fine. Steve will be present during the brocante and try to make contact with Medori.

11. Update on enrolments

Eric reports. All enrolments going strong and quite as planned. Few bugs and parent requests.

Ralph reports on transport, proceeding as planned with decision on and naming of stops and line numbering. For 5 July AM lines will be ready, then PM lines. Second PM lines planning can start now, all depending on capacity of the transport office. P eriscolaire needs are not yet fully known; PM transport will always depend on capacity available on Secondary buses. Bus lines for p eriscolaire needs alone cannot be offered, because of financial constraints.

Numbers of S3 and 4 kids still unclear from school, with contradictory signals. Friday lunch transport for M and P still on the table as well. A PM line to central Brussels is a possibility but was in the past considered problematic for security reasons (what happens if kids not picked up?). Ralph also stresses the risk for transport planning of high numbers of still outstanding enrolments.

Some members voice understanding for transport planning constraints but equally call for as joined up planning as possible across services / needs to be able to give kids a maximum of opportunities. Much agreement to improve planning preparations every year. School and services are still not yet fully up to speed, need for patience and for CA to explain to parents – unfortunately; will be explained better on website. Nigel will post infos to parents on basis of a draft from the p eriscolaire team.

Ralph indicates that he wanted to end his mandate after this planning phase, latest for next GA. This is not met with enthusiasm ... - But a big applause to Ralph for his work, and of course to transport team and office members!

Decision 2013-06-20_2: The CA unanimously decides on exploring feasibility of a Friday lunchtime busline for M-P2 to the EU quarter, (as test case for a possible later general service to the EU quarter) with reporting back to the CA expected before start of the new school term.

12. Vending machines – outline of current position

Nigel and Sarah report on their enquiries with the school: machines will remain for another three years, they generate quite some financial return to the school, used according to Mr Schlabe for worthy purposes that could not otherwise be funded. Mr Schlabe insisted that similar vending points exist in all ES. He invited parents to express views on spending priorities and could influence the choice of products ("white" or "black" lists ...).

Carola adds the views of canteen committee, worried about a possible mix-up with the cafeteria discussion and unwilling to enter into a discussion on selecting products that do not really offer valid (healthy) alternatives.

Sarah adds that Mr Schlabe was very actively defending the machines, referring to the importance of additional revenues.

No clear decision on approach is taken but Nigel will circulate the list of goodies on sale.

13. Utilisation of Cloud Drive of one.com

Point not taken for lack of time.

14. Communication Working Group – progress

Point not taken for lack of time.

15. Report of Eric on services.

Done in writing – many thanks to Eric and the whole team!

16. No AoB :-)

Note taking by max.