



Board Meeting/Reunion du Conseil d'Administration
Brussels Tuesday 2 December 2008
SPA 3 1/1
12.30-14.00 (CET)

MINUTES

1 – Proposals of additions to and subtractions from the agenda.

Additions to point 8:

- a) Proposal of increasing the budget for extracurricular activities;
- b) Draft financial report.

2 – Adoption of last meeting's minutes.

Mrs Crowder asks to rephrase the following sentence at point 5: "Mrs Crowder also remarks that the absence of parents is a problem" into: "Mrs Crowder remarks that the non admission of parents to this event poses a problem"

3 – Approval of a document to send to the school on the consequences of the school timetable 2009-10 and what the school expects from APEEE.

Everybody agrees that it is important to highlight everybody's tasks and the boundaries of everybody's responsibilities. It is then important to highlight that the School cannot decide on things that are APEEE's duties and responsibilities.

The President refers to have spoken with Mr Demeyer who has confirmed that the school lesson timetable is a duty and responsibility of the School but services (canteen, transport, EC activities) are duties and responsibilities of the APEEE. As far as monitoring of children during lunch is concerned this is a responsibility of the School that can ask to the BoG any necessary subsidy to fulfill this duty.

Mrs Crowder states that with regard to Wednesdays and Fridays on the school's point of view that are two issues: the first is that more surveillance would be needed because there would be two sittings like in the other days; secondly for the same reason there may be an impact on extra salary for nursery teachers who have to supervise children during meals. But from the APEEE's and more in general from the parents' point of view, it is to highlight that it is the school's duty to monitor children during lunch and it is not conceivable, even from a pedagogical and healthy point of view, that children not allowed to eat at the canteen should wait more than one hour for the bus



leaving plus the time required to get home with bus without eating! Given these two instances: the care of the children plus how the transport service operates the most logical thing to do is to present this situation to the Direction of the school together with a written concise document plus the document of the BoG stating that the responsibility of surveillance during lunch belongs to the School.

It is then unanimously decided that the President will ask for a rdv with Mrs Burstoff for next week in order to present the APEEE's position. Delegates to this meeting are Mr Ricci and Mrs Wikstedt Gaudina.

4 – Modification of statutes and Rules of the Administrative Board.

Mrs Crowder clarifies that the need to revise the present Statutes emerges from the evident discrepancies that characterize them. The main issues in the proposed revision draft supervised by a lawyer (Mrs De Lorenzo, a parent from the EN section) are: 1) all the "members adherents" should pay the membership fee; 2) all the sections and the Swals should be represented in the Board; 3) how the Board is elected. Concerning this latter point each European School in Brussels has adopted a different method. In Mrs Crowder's opinion if we want to have the possibility that class reps may supply a resigning Board member then there should be a mechanism like the one adopted at Ixelles, that is one part of the Board is elected by class reps and only ratified by the GA and another part is directly elected by the GA. Mr Ricci expresses his view that each section should be equally represented in the Board is not the most correct because this may create an imbalance between more populated sections and less populated ones.

Mr Zunker says that in his opinion the approach to represent each section should be kept but it should also be flexible to allow the election of other people if there are not enough candidates for each section.

Mr Torre suggests that the best thing would be to convene on an unique proposal of amendment to be brought for ratification to the GA.

5 – Report on Interparents group.

POSTPONED

6 – Information about the meeting with other APEEEs of December 1st.

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7 – Next meeting proposal 11 December, SPA 3 1/1

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8 - Any other business.

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a) Proposal of increasing the budget for extracurricular activities;

Mr Ricci informs the Board that the enrolment rate of EC activities requires more expenses for the related transport, therefore he proposes to replace the budget item "Wednesday bus 3500" with "transport related to EC activities 5000 Euro"

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b) Draft financial report.

The Treasurer hands to the members of the Board a copy of the draft financial report to bring at the next GA and asks the member to read it carefully and express their opinion by December 8 at the latest.