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Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration
Brussels Thursday 30th September/ Jeudi 30 septembre 2010

CSM 1, rue Père de Deken 23 (4/123) 1040 Bruxelles : 12.30-14.30

MINUTES

Present: Schulze Erika, Bouter Arjen, Mangold Lecocq Isabelle, Paulus Monika, Plumhoff Holger, Popa Adela Raluca, Sabatini Roberto, Salmon Joëlle, Scazzola Roberto, Streul Carola.

Absent (excused): Francesca Beltrame, Cenini Antonio, Aedin O'Byrne, Fabrizio Fabbri, Sergio Giovanni, Hugo Zunker.

Point 1 Adoption of agenda

Point 8 Preparation of CA meeting of EEBIV on 1st October 2010

The CA agrees that the main points to be discussed at that meeting will be included in other points of the agenda and that this item can therefore be deleted from the agenda.

The board decided to further discuss the following points in a different order after point 4: point 6 (Report from CEA meeting of 21/09), point 4 (Discussion of deficit of canteen and extra-curricular activities during the last school year), point 5 (Budgetary issues), point 9 (IT website –State of play-point), point 7 (Preparation of GA on 26 January 2011 with statute amendments).

The agenda is ADOPTED as amended.

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Point 2 Adoption of minutes of 2 September.

The Minutes dated 2nd September 2010 are considered adopted including any corrections that

Ms Salmon will receive by 4th October 2010.

Point 3 Report on meetings with EE, Rdb and SG.

Ms Schulze reports the meeting held with the Régie des Bâtiments (RdB), the School Management and the Secretary General Office of the European Schools (represented by Mr Kivinen), on Friday, 24th September 2010.

On 28 June 2010, the RdB has filed a building permit with the "délégué" of the Brussels Region to put prefabs on the parking of the Berkendael parking, following the request of the SG of the EE to the Belgian Government to cover the expected surplus of 300 pupils in the EEs in Brussels for the school year 2011/2012. The RdB, finally, presented the plans distributed at the Groupe de Suivi meeting of 9 July and the logic behind the plans proposed. The discussion focused on the feasibility of these plans and the consequences for the security of the children. During this discussion Ms Schulze made clear that the APEEE takes the view that the plans presented revealed that the Berkendael site was not suitable to receive the surplus of children in 2010. She underlined that the parents of the 4th school suffered already considerably from the postponed opening of the site in Laeken: a school community installed at a temporary site very far away from its final destination, a very large catchment area as a result of the enrolment policy resulting in very long daily journeys for the children, a very small and under-equipped kitchen that the RdB is not ready to upgrade, a very difficult access for school buses and a too small number of pupils to allow the APEEE services to be cost effective. She underlined that in her view the alternatives for the prefabs in Berkendael were not sufficiently explored and underlined that the APEEE Brussels IV is refusing the prefabs as they would further aggravate the situation, disable the transport service and put into risk the security of the children.

Mr Schlabe explained that he had explored the space available next year at the Berkendael site and said that 8 additional classes added to previous simulations would be possible in the existing buildings. He asked therefore, if it would be possible to have smaller prefabs than the projected ones. Consequently, the RdB proposed to come up with an alternative plan for smaller prefabs with only 4 classrooms and one large common room at the next Groupe de Suivi meeting on 11th October 2010.

With reference to the move to Laeken, Ms Streul underlined the importance of receiving the plans for the future canteen in Laeken and thanked Mr Schlabe for having provided them.

The President of the APEEE invited Ms Streul and Ms Paulus to update the information on the APEEE website on prefabs.



Point 4 Règlement interne.

Ms Salmon presented “the employment regulations” (Règlement interne) for the office of the APEEE that she had prepared on the basis of information received by the social secretary office based on the regulations of the other APEEEs. The suggestions for modifications of the draft circulated earlier were incorporated.

Decision 100930-1, The règlement interne

is APPROVED;

Ms Salmon presented it to the staff members for consultation. The consultation period is 2 weeks according to Belgian law.

Ms Schulze thanked Ms Salmon for her work.

Point 5 Report from CEA meeting of 21/09.

Ms Schulze informed the board that the meeting was dedicated to the evaluation of the enrolment policy of the school year 2020/2011. There were fewer enrolments than expected for this school year.

The criteria of the new policy for 2011/2012 will be laid down as from the next meeting on 11 October.

Ms Schulze reported further that her proposals to exclude enrolments of MAT I children for this one school year was not received positively. However, the Board agreed that this could be a good alternative to the prefabs to meet the overcrowding of the European schools in Brussels. Besides, it seems excluded that there will be again a compulsory enrolment for all levels and all 5 sections of Brussels IV. Nevertheless, the SG proposed having compulsory inscription for P5 and S1 again joined by the S2. Ms Schulze had also proposed the establishment of a pool of pupils looking for a place in another school (transfer) but without success so far.

The Board invited Ms Schulze to continue to strive for these objectives together with the other APEEEs in Brussels.



Point 6 Discussion of deficit of canteen and extra-curricular activities during the last school year.

After the last Bureau meeting, Mr Bouter had asked each service manager to provide explanations for the deficits and differences with the planned budget. The President noted that every service had a different approach to the budget and its presentation.

Mr Scazzola explained the canteen deficit for 2009-2010 school year. He reiterated the conclusion that it was due to the lower number of enrolments than expected, and to the recurrence of incidents that have led to a greater use of Misanet staff.

Ms Streul pointed out that there must be coherence between the approved budget during the General Assembly and the one that was implemented. Different Board members took the floor and underlined their disagreement with an adoption of the price to cover the deficit in the future. They requested an in depth analysis of the deficits and agreed with the President that necessary steps should be taken to avoid a repetition.

The treasurer is asked to develop a control system that will allow regular checks of budget implementation.

Board Members also wanted an explanation of the relation between the use of more raw material for a lower number of pupils compared to the planned budget.

Roberto Scazzola will discuss with Pablo and inform the Board at the next meeting on 28 October.

Point 7 Budgetary issues.

For the present school year, the Treasurer announced that all services: transport, canteen and extra-curricular activities, will present a draft budget by the end of October.

It is essential, he affirmed, to perform regular checks on the budget and provide for the incidents: budgets should be made more accurately.

Mr Bouter explained that there is no problem of cash flow and the prices' decisions were dictated by political reasons rather than budgetary issues. Ms Schulze welcomed the positive information about the liquidity of the association. As far as the canteen prices were concerned she underlined, however, that any restaurant has to adapt to the usual price levels.

With reference to the extra-curricular activities, Mr Plumhoff informed the board that the first phase of registration was ending and the second phase of registration would start. He reiterated that it is intended to cover the deficit of the last school year with the revenue of this school year as decided by the board in June.

The Board welcomed the proposal of Ms Streul to analyze who does what in the canteen in particular and in the office in general.



The Board decided that Ms Lecocq and Ms Streul should interview the staff to explore if the task descriptions of their contracts were still adequate or if things had changed.

Point 9 IT –Website State of play.

Ms Schulze hopes to receive an answer about the state of play from the APEEE Brussels 1 as soon as possible.

Point 10 –Preparation of GA on 26 January 2011 with statute amendment.

Ms Streul presents her proposal that was circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting for a statute amendment that will repair the mistake in the statutes referring to a non-existent article. She says that for this amendment, the notary would not have to be present.

The Board agrees with the proposal of Ms Streul for the necessary amendment to Article 12 of the Statutes.

The proposal for the vote on the Board Members is postponed to the next meeting.

At 2.30 pm Manuela leaves, the board meeting will discuss staff issues in “huis clos”.