

EBrussels IV Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes

Meeting with Mrs Bustorff

Meeting Date: Friday, March 9 2007
Venue: Woluwe School Canteen
Start Time: 1230PM
End Time: 1430PM

Participants: Michael Stenger (MS), Cynthia Simpson (CS), Jean-Paul Soyer (JPS), U. Bolduan (UB), Irina Sels (IS), Erwin Van Dijck (EVD), Philippe Navarre (PN), Jean-Marie Cauwelier (JMC), Jean-Luc Langrand (JLL), Vincent Daniel (VD), Dimitri Sfingopoulos, Berta Bustorff (BB), Joëlle Salmon (JS), Agnès Lahaye (AL), Gilbert Luciani (GL).

Excused: Andre Meyer (AM), Reinhard Becker (RB)

Agenda:

- Presentation of new Directrice
- Tour de Table and presentation of the different members
- Explain how we should work together – Q&A format discussion

MS: Welcome address.

BB: Thanks everybody and a few words on her start in Brussels and is looking forward to Monday to start with the “real” work. Never initiated a new school, worked in Culham, and is looking forward to this project.

Welcomes the help of the whole education system and parent committees. Feels that there is a real cooperation/team spirit – feeling that it will work.

“We have issues” as said in Culham, and is convinced that together we will be able to solve them. Speaks different languages, understands DE. Would like to have picture of each of us – CS/JPS to coordinate.

ALL: Tour de table, who is who.

1. Enrollement – Web Site:

MS: Asks about the results of inspections. Regarding enrolment, last Friday, nearly +/- 300 new students. 56 students are enrolled, 2 asked for Laeken = 58 in total.

BB: No new information. This morning meeting, note from Ryan asking for info. Believes that the enrollement will be a little “atypique” – people would need additional info before enrolling.

JPS: Offers to publish any information on the APEEE website while the school’s website is being constructed.

BB: Informs that pictures of Berkendael will be sent.

MS: The BXL4 site should be up and running in 3 weeks.

BB: Already done in 2 languages, asked help for DE; requested link to APEEE website.

2. Canteen:

MS: Informs that the CA was more of a financial one; no budget for Canteen. What is BB view on food/catering?

BB: 1. Comes from a country where Food is important.

2. In Lisbon the Canteen had dedicated staff; the Canteen staff discussed with her the menus. Like in every country, children prefer the cafeteria – however they created a “attractive” menu for students.

3. In UK the food culture is different: “lunchbox” culture – e.g. with chocolate, etc.... No food culture, she believes that this is needed.

She has seen that in Brussels it’s different – when you walk into a Canteen the smell is welcoming. Food has a role in our life.

JLL: As BXL4 will include mainly small children, it will be easier to manage as small children will eat almost anything as long as it tastes good. Smaller children are easier to manage.

In the event that there would be no kitchen, they have thought of the possibility of catering the food. Either by bringing food to warm or by cooking the food the day before in one of the existing schools and bringing it over at 4 degrees and warm it.

GL: How about an outside catering service?

BB: Was waiting for today, to see our needs.

JLL: If the food comes from one of the schools or from a catering = the problem is the same.

VD: Service a table: like in the current schools? Or use of the warm trolleys and the staff could walk thru the alleys and serve – which could implicate less staff. This system could be reused in Laeken.

3. Site Visit:

JPS: Could we see the plans of the school?

BB: As asked the Regie to visit the site. Waiting for response, hope that Monday be able to recall.

MS: March 17 – blocked for visit not confirmed.

BB: Will inform asap.

UB: Are parking reserved for teachers, and staff?

BB: First task is to get to know the site – has only seen plans. Planning a detailed visit of the site.

4. Transport:

MS: Discussion on complication for transport. We should be receiving the addresses of parents in the form of street names and postal codes – so we can not see the names of the people for confidentiality reasons - should receive this by Monday.

JPS: Regarding transport must we take contacts with Police-Commune : we need to discuss possible parking interdictions in the street to allow for bus manoeuvring.

MS: Arriving of buses will generate problems. Can only access via Brugmann, they must make U-Turn; need to drive on Tram lines => need to meet the Commune, Police officially. Directrice needs to contact and organise meeting with MS.

GL: Police/Commune Uccle can help as they are in close contact with the Uccle mayor.

JMC: Transport problem is the territory to be covered – as we have no list yet it is complicated to set up. Ixelles has set up a checklist, police has been highlighted.

MS: Transport can start thinking about the space management for the parking and the busses. We need from Ixelles as soon as possible technical details.

AL: Preoccupied by the transport financial issue – EEC children pay the cost, if the territory is larger, the cost will be higher => would like that the cost not be higher than other schools.

JPS: A possibility would be to ask Commission to invest for 2 years to the transport committee instead of allocating more money to parents.

5. Crèche/Garderie and Périscolaire:

AL: Crèche/Garderie; if BXL4 has a low number of students – do we have a garderie? Do you ask to have “pluriannuel” – longterm relationship with adapted rooms?

BB: Spaces have been allocated for Périscolaire and garderie. Garderie is a new knowledge for her. Would like to receive info on how it works, would like to visit one. AL to organise a visit with the Gestionnaire of the Garderie - Mr Bodart.

GL: Will coordinate a visit with the Périscolaire between 12 and 2PM.

BB: Would like to see how it works here, already has experience from Culham.

A suggestion was made to possibly organise a “Goûter-Etude”.

6. General Structure-School/Parent working Relation:

MS: Received an analyses from IS on how/when/where the school and APEEE work together. IS to send us the document - could be an excellent document for a basis of good cooperation.

BB: How are we going to create a framework for working together with the parents? Would like to start with the actual structure in the other schools in BE.

MS: First official meeting would be in October during the first BXL4 CE meeting. The first BXL4 AG will be set up slightly differently; we hope that BB will be present.

BB: Worried about the 7 June as she might not have enough to answer all questions that parents could have.

MS: Our idea is that we go to the AG with ideas for the new parents.

Actions:

1. BB to confirm on Monday the visit of March 17.
2. CS/JPS to copy pictures of Advisory Board to the list of names.
3. GL: To organise Périscolaire visit.
4. AL to organise meeting with Garderie Gestionnaire