



2012-2013 - EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR NURSERY & PRIMARY 1

Date: 18.10.2012

Time: 16h00

Room: Vaiva's office, J00.038

For Management	Vaiva IVANAUSKEINE, Chair	
For the teachers	Nursery	Levke BONSE
	BG	Natalia STAYKOVA
	DE	Tamara NECKERMANN
	EN	Karen-BURKE LOGUE
	FR	Fabien FUSCIELLO
	IT	Rosa GIULIANO
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For the parents	APEEE	Martina SINDELAR
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- 1. Designation of minute taker**
The teachers (Karen BURKE LOGUE, EN).
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Approval of the agenda**
The agenda is approved.
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the previous ECNP**
The minutes are approved.
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes**

6. Management

Priorities for the school year 2012/13

A major priority for this year is to settle into our new school and focus on child protection and safety. Teachers will attend a first aid course in November as part of their on-going training to ensure the basic first aid needs of the children can be met. Lots of tours of the school took place in September to ensure all children felt integrated into their new learning environment.

High quality of lessons- needs of all children to be met through interesting and interactive teaching, sharing of best practice, team teaching, differentiation etc

Quality of L2 and European Hours

There was a lot of discussion on L2. Mrs Ivanauskiene presented the new L2 curriculum documents to be approved by the Board of Governors in December. This is a harmonised curriculum drawn from the common European framework. She also pointed out that the European schools do not provide bilingual education and referred to the aims of the L2 curriculum.

Ms Kirby spoke about how complicated the L2 classroom is and how to ensure best outcomes for children, teachers base learning on strong assessment, good differentiation and strong progression. The diversity is an opportunity for great learning. The new L2 curriculum is a spiralling curriculum which allows for different points of entry - same themes are revisited every year but at a different level so differentiation easier. We will not stream in the L2 classroom.

European hours benefited from extra training. There is a broad range of options available - orchestra, choir, fashion, cooking, drama, dance etc. - more challenging and interesting for students. Positive feedback received.

An issue was raised about updating the European hours brochure on the website.

Ms Bonse proposed to organise an information meeting for nursery parents in Feb/March to give information on language choice for P1.

Implementation of the new curriculae - Early years Education in nursery, Maths in primary, L2 in primary.

Social, emotional and health education - to foster positive social class climate.

Behaviour Policy - Mr Martini spoke at length about behaviour policy. Started work on it 3 years ago - now translated into various languages. A teacher from each section is represented on the working group.

Big focus on-golden rules, positive class climate, student councils, room where children can meet to discuss conflicts with a mediator as well as more supervisors on duty for each break.

Inauguration

Inauguration will take place on October 24th. Mrs Neckermann gave an outline of the day's proceedings - arrival of royal couple, 300 guests await in Salle Polyvalente, unveiling of plaque and gathering of pupils in yard to sing. King will then visit secondary and queen will go to primary.

As the minister of Education from Bulgaria will also be there, the official opening of the Bulgarian section will also take place.

Parent reps to organise a cake for the inauguration for each class.
Parent reps may be able to attend the inauguration - nominees to be sent as soon as possible.

Playground

A playground working group has been established. Both Ms Bonse and Ms Kirby gave updates on the plans. It was decided that teachers should make up their wish list for the perfect playground and email to Iseult and APPEE would raise funds and try and meet some of the demands bit by bit.

Evaluation

Short presentation by Ms Kirby. Local EEB4 assessment policy - to go up on the website.

Early Years Curriculum

Maternelle teachers do not have a designated day to meet parents. Proposed that maternelle also shut in early November for conferences with parents as primary already do in November. Parents support this idea.

7. Miscellaneous

It was decided to have the Christmas concert by level.

All communication via class reps for the moment as we are experiencing a technical glitch.

Co-operation with APPEE.

Mrs Neckermann talked about the problem with children not being collected at home on time and where they are to wait. It was suggested that APPEE organise a pay system where parents pay when they are late to pick up their child. This need to be done quickly.

Also discussed how better to communicate with APPEE so that there is a more harmonious working relationship with regards to buses, lost and found, canteen etc, (esp. beginning of the school year).

Mr Schlabe asked that the parents talk to their children about not blocking toilets with paper at an enormous cost to the school. Also to not leave school at any time - e.g to buy waffles. Seriousness of this needs to be brought home.

Representative of the Bulgarian spoke about wanting to raise the profile of their section. Also about working on collaborative projects to ensure they are not isolated as the section is so small. Mrs Ivanauskiene and Mrs Staykova explained about the future BG projects.

Date of next meeting: 29.11.2012

