Association des parents d'élèves de l'école européenne de Bruxelles IV

Parents Association of the European School, Brussels IV Elternvereinigung der Europäischen Schule Brüssel IV Associazione dei genitori della Scuola Europea di Bruxelles Oudervereniging van de Europese School Brussel IV



Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration Brussels Thursday 22 January 2009 SPA 3 1/1 12.30-14.00 (CET)

MINUTES

- 1 Proposals of additions to and subtractions from the agenda.
- a) Report of the President about Brussels II GA;
- b) Information about the BoG
- c) Reserve fund;
- d) Issues from Interparents;
- e) Draft letter to Ms Christmann about CEA policy.

1a/c. The President reports that at the GA of Brussels II the Treasurer of APEEE BXL II has talked in favour of the situation of APEEE BXL IV and pointed out that their Association has legal obligation towards ours. In particular he has appreciated that we want to create a reserve fund and that at the same time it would be illogical to have already some money in it otherwise it would be illogical to ask for the balance of the loan.

1b. It is pointed out that the German representative at the BoG (who is a new person and knows nothing about the actual situation of our school and Apeee) has opposed the grant notwithstanding the positive attitude of the Secretary General. The objection made is that we keep too high administrative costs yet, actually it's the social costs within them that are too high. A decision has not yet been taken and there will be a written procedure. In any case the situation will be monitored and a lobbying action operated if necessary.

2 – Adoption of last meeting's minutes. APPROVED

3 – Distribution of tasks within the Board, first exchange of ideas. The President announces that for the moment he will keep his role. The Treasurer announces that he will resign from his role in favour of Mr Bouter who has offered his candidature to become Treasurer. This passage will be set up in the smoothest way. Also for this reason it is suggested that

Association des parents d'élèves de l'école européenne de Bruxelles IV

Parents Association of the European School, Brussels IV Elternvereinigung der Europäischen Schule Brüssel IV Associazione dei genitori della Scuola Europea di Bruxelles Oudervereniging van de Europese School Brussel IV



the President keeps his role for it would not be possible for technical reasons (e.g. change of signatures at the bank etc.) to change at the same time President and Treasurer.

The Secretary expresses her wish to deal rather with Pedagogical Affairs and leave the role of Secretary to somebody else.

Ms Crowder and Mr Ricci say that to their knowledge Ms Popa would like to continue to deal with Pedagogical Affairs.

The VP for Pedagogical Affairs says that he is ready to pass on his role to somebody else. He also adds that from now on it would be better to have always the same people following the Pedagogical Affairs, 5 class reps each from one linguistic section and 2 people from the Board.

The President wishes that somebody offers to become VP for Administrative Affairs, this person should manage the staff, organise the office, beware of law compliances.

The Transport Committee is still formed by Ms Paulus and Ms Schulze.

The Canteen Committee is still formed by Mr Frenzel and Ms Trarieux (plus the external aid of Ms Nathalie Erpelding). It is not clear whether Ms Wikstedt and Ms Bambagini will stay in the Committee (as they are absent today). Ms Salmon offers to take on the EC activities.

Mr Ricci will deal with issues concerning the CEA policy and Mr Nemitz wishes to deal with this too and/or the "Laeken dossier".

4 – Follow up of the GA.

It is APPROVED that according to the Statute there will be a second convocation of the GA in the first week of March, the date to be established according to a room availability. Ms Salmon offers to check if it is possible to reserve a room at CSM2.

5 – Administrative Council of the School 06.02.09.

The Treasurer says that at this CA the School will approve the budget for 2009/10. the point to observe for APEEE is the budget that the school reserves for EC activities. Mrs Crowder suggests that maybe it would be better to ask the School to transfer that money to APEEE so that we can directly buy and label things.

It is also suggested to prepare a list of things that the School may buy. Another point to be discussed will be the timetables for next school year. It is agreed that the APEEE will re-state clearly its position listing all the problems that this timetable causes in terms of economic (different and difficult organisation of services) and human (the wish of the School that only children going to garderies are allowed to have warm meals on short days results in neglecting the care of the child) costs.

Association des parents d'élèves de l'école européenne de Bruxelles IV

Parents Association of the European School, Brussels IV Elternvereinigung der Europäischen Schule Brüssel IV Associazione dei genitori della Scuola Europea di Bruxelles Oudervereniging van de Europese School Brussel IV



6 – Issues from the Transport Committee.

Mrs Paulus and Mrs Schulze ask the Board a mandate to revise the Transport Rules. The document will then be presented to the Board for approval. APPROVED

7 – Other.

d) Issues from Interparents.

Mrs Crowder handles to the Board a letter from Mr Wilkinson and explains that as the Interparents group is more and more active in many issues of common interest for all the European Schools they are asking to each APEEE to contribute with more money and more people.

It is decided that 5 Euros from each membership paid will go to Interparents and also that Mrs Crowder, in her role of delegate of the Board APEEE BXL IV for Interparents, may avail herself of the help of other parents of the School and these will work under her responsibility.

e) Mr Nemitz wishes to discuss about a draft letter to Mrs Christmann he has prepared concerning the CEA policy and in particular the highly reduced possibility to ask for transfers, the development of the "Laeken issue" and what will become of Berkendael after 2012.

Some members of the Board say that there is no urgency to discuss about this matter because the CEA policy is made once a year and for next year it's already done. The issue is reported.