

## Extra-Ordinary Board Meeting

**Date:** 15/03/2021 from 19h to 22h20

**Location:** ZOOM (online)

**Present:** Vanessa Aulehla – Bengt Davidsson – Catarina Duarte Gomes – Pim Gesquiere – Andrea Grgić – Sebastian Guerrero – Giles Houghton-Clarke – Raquel Jimenez Lopez – Szilvia Kalman – Natalia Karpenko – Ona Kostinaitė-Grinkevičienė – Roberta Maggio – Minna Melleri – Christine Pyka – Johanna Schulyok – Kevin Smith – Michael Teutsch – Marjo Toivo – Anna Yavorska – David Zelinger

**Other:** Anja Galle – Ferhan Pelister – Clémence Eugene

**Absent:** Tatiana Almeida - Anna Grömer

### Introduction

An extraordinary board meeting to present and vote on the priorities of the working groups. An update is asked on the steering committee that happened last week, that will be discussed in the AOB.

*Approval of the agenda:* the agenda is approved by the entire board present.

*Approval of the minutes* (15/02) is postponed to the next board meeting in order to incorporate further comments.

**Action Point:** A. Galle to send to updated Board report to board members.

#### 1. Priorities 2021.

##### a. Active School Community

Priorities 2021 are postponed to next meeting

##### b. Budget Working Group

Priorities 2021 are postponed to next meeting

##### c. Communication & Welcome Working Group

Priorities were mailed to the Board upfront the meeting. Special additions on well-being, on digital privacy in the newsletter. To have a spot on the website dedicated to awareness. Welcome pack dedicated to the new parents/students who will attend the Evere site (to have a general welcome regarding the European Schools, what is to be expected, etc.)

**Decision:** Priorities 2021 are approved by the board.

##### d. Compliance & Risk assessment

Priorities were mailed to the Board upfront the meeting.

**Decision:** Priorities 2021 are approved by the board.

##### e. Education Support Working Group

Priorities were mailed to the Board upfront the meeting.

**Decision:** Priorities 2021 are approved by the board.

f. [Health, Safety & Security Working Group](#)

Priorities were mailed to the Board upfront the meeting.

**Decision:** Priorities 2021 are approved by the board.

g. [Interparents Working Group](#)

Priorities were mailed to the Board upfront the meeting. The proposal is made to appoint two additional substitutes, Vice President of pedagogical affairs and the CEES coordinator.

Question raised regarding the feedback procedure given to board members. The documents are shared within the groups and can be raised in other working groups which treat the matter (CEES, etc). It is to be noted that the documents are confidential and must be treated as such. The documents and reports can be shared with the entire board if the request is made.

**Decision:** Priorities 2021 are approved by the board.

**Vote is taken** on the two additional substitutes for Interparents. Three candidates are standing for the 2 positions:

Szilvia Kalman: 15 yes (75%) 2 no (10%) 3 abstain (15%)

Michael Teutsch: 15 yes (75%) 3 no (15%) 2 abstain (10%)

Anna Yavorska: 6 yes (30%) 14 no (70%) 0 abstain (0%)

**Decision: Szilvia Kalman and Michael Teutsch are elected as additional substitutes.**

h. [Task force: Digital Privacy Awareness](#)

Priorities 2021 are postponed to next meeting.

## 2. [AOB.](#)

*Steering committee Brussels (formally known as the Group de Suivi):*

information is given on the Steering committee meeting.

the new rules restrict the 4 Brussels APEEEs to only sending two Presidents to represent all 4 schools. This is problematic because capacity issues are very school specific and no APEEE President can represent another school. The position the APEEE Presidents have agreed therefore is that all 4 need to be present, otherwise they will participate only in the Plenary meetings, where all 4 can attend.

Secretary General asks for feedback on proposal for 5<sup>th</sup> school to be Secondary only. Rationale is that there is an overwhelming need for Secondary rather than Primary school places at present. Conclusion is that more information is needed in order to support such a decision, including how multischool sections would be impacted and whether the Evere temporary school would be granted as a permanent school and if so, whether it would be the dedicated primary feeder for the 5<sup>th</sup> school.

*Final permit for Evere:* should arrive this week, the buildings are arriving end of March. Still 3 weeks behind, but Régie des bâtiments believe they will be able to catch up.

Historically, 40% of the people who have the right to access European schools in Brussels take up the opportunity. This has risen to 55% at present. The explanation for this increase given by the representative of the Belgian government present is after a 2011 regulatory change, parents were no longer able to choose the secondary school their child(ren) could go to. Many therefore took the option of the European schools instead.

*Terrorism trial:* all measures will be taken to protect the school site, no details at the moment. RDB are in touch with Police, in June, high security test at the site, and invited Commission Security Director to attend and review these measures.

*Secondary infrastructure:* The taskforce which comprises representatives of the Belgian government and the European schools system has acknowledged the potential need for expanding secondary capacity at existing schools. They are waiting to receive the long term planning from the OSGES before concluding on the topic.

*Contingency planning:* did not discuss as Mr Marcheggiano said there will be a special meeting, as the task force wishes to discuss the contingency planning in April.

In the administrative boards, all the schools have said the RDB have not fulfilled their obligations. The RDB has said they will be reviewing the works and will start in 2022. Meaning, the RDB will not assess the primary overheating issue before the summer.

*PwC capacity:* 25<sup>th</sup> march interim meeting and will be completed in time by the BOG meeting.

**Action Point:** letter to be sent out by the President on overheating issue in the Primary building.

- *Sending of CEP&M report via class reps or not:* question is asked whether the report can be mailed to the class reps of each section via the APEEE secretariat or whether each Board members sends the document to his own section. Info is given that some Board members like to add something to the message to the class reps explaining about the report. Therefore it might be better that each Board member shares it with the class reps of his/her section.

**Action point:** N. Karpenko to send a copy of the NL introduction of the report on the CEPM to board members as an example.

*November 2020 Board report:* Request was made at the meeting of 4 March to remove Board meeting report of 4 November from the public domain, by a Board member named in the report. APEEE President and Vice Presidents support this request. The Board member concerned withdraws the request however.

- *Covid testing through saliva tests :* Discussion on the testing through saliva tests which is now being implemented in the schools of the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.

**Action:** issue to be raised with School director at next meeting with President and Vice Presidents