

## September 2023 Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 19h to 22h15

**Location:** Teachers' Canteen Woluwe & Online (ZOOM)

**Present in situ:** Célia ALVES RODRIGUES – Eleonora APPONI-BATTINI – Vincent CATOT – Alexander CORNFORD – Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS – Pim GESQUIERE – Andrea GRGIĆ – Ursula HÖNICH – Maija KNUTTI – Nicolas LACROIX – Wolfgang MÜNCH – Elita PETRAITIENÉ – Albert RÄDLER – Johanna SCHULYOK – Francesca TUDINI – Christian VISANI

**ZOOM:** Catarina DUARTE GOMES – Ulrike STOROST – Monika SZULYOSZKY – Alberto TOSO

**Absent:** Monika BARABASZ LOPES – Peter EDLIND – Bettina SCHMIDBAUER MOGENSEN – David ZELINGER

**Others:** Clémence EUGENE

Maija Knutti Zoom from 19.30 forward

All related documents were sent to the Board members before the meeting.

The Board agrees to move the discussion point “President APEEE” to the top of the agenda.

### Agenda Point.

#### 1. Approval of the agenda

The Board unanimously approves the agenda.

### Discussion Points and votes.

#### 1. President APEEE

W. Münch, the current president, takes the floor to explain that he will be resigning for personal reasons. He asks if members would like to present their candidacy.

A.J. Folkmanis stands for the position of President of the APEEE Board.

**Andrew Janis Folkmanis is elected with a 95% majority.** (15 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 3 votes for abstain.)

W. Munch leaves the meeting.

#### 2. Communication, Welcoming & Community Building

J. Schulyok informs the Board she is resigning as Communication, Welcoming & Community Building coordinator and Board member and suggests M. Szulyovszky to stand in for the position.

J. Schulyok leaves the meeting.

Monika Szulyovszky stands for the position of Communication, Welcoming & Community Building Coordinator.

**Monika Szulyovszky is elected with 100%. (17 votes for yes, 1 vote for abstain).**

### 3. Approval of the May Board meeting report

The Board discusses the document and a member requests to reformulate a paragraph as it appears unclear. The IT coordinator agrees to reformulate for the next Board meeting. The vote is postponed to the next Board meeting scheduled in October.

Members who have not signed the confidentiality agreement document bring up their difficulties accessing documents when shared by the APEEE Office, others inform they have been able to access with no difficulty.

### 4. Approval of the June Board meeting report

The Board votes on the report of the June board meeting.

11 votes for yes (Pim Gesquiere, Alberto Toso, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Christian Visani, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Elita Petraitienė, Ulrike Storost, Vincent Catot, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Maija Knutti, Nicolas Lacroix) = 65% - 6 votes for abstain (Albert Rädler, Francesca Tudini, Ursula Hönich, Andrea Grgić, Alexander Cornford, Catarina Duarte Gomes) = 35%

**Decision: the June Board meeting report is approved.**

### 5. Canteen Working Group Coordinator

The Chair takes the floor to inform about the vacancy of the Canteen Coordinator position. A Member takes the floor to propose that the Working Group is co-ordinated by two co-ordinators, called co-coordinators, in order to reduce the workload. The Board discusses and the outcome of the discussion was that P. Gesquiere stands for the position. P. Gesquiere that in line with previous discussion in the Board, the focus is the future of the canteen in 2028 when the demographic composition of the school has changed. P. Gesquiere stated that it is therefore key that the canteen Working Group broadens its base by inviting volunteers who can bring in time, skills and expertise. P. Gesquiere stated that he also foresees that at times the Working Group will need to conduct meetings without staff.

Pim Gesquiere stands for the position of canteen coordinator.

**Pim Gesquiere is elected with an 80% majority (11 votes for yes, 3 votes for no, 2 votes for abstain)**

### 6. IT Working Group Coordinator

C. Duarte Gomes informs the Board that she has resigned as IT Coordinator and IT working group member effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> September for personal reasons. The Chair suggests a member of the IT working group takes the lead.

A member states a bigger discussion is to be taken regarding the managing of the IT working group, stating the APEEE staff has the responsibility to have a project manager and respond to the budget WG. The board is informed that a company y is helping to solve issues that APEEE staff is facing with the new software. A member states the idea has been reflected in the last AGM regarding the IT project management and level of responsibilities.

Suggestion that an IT working group member drafts a suggestion on how the group should be organised.

The Chair takes the floor and says he knows a parent who is a professional IT project manager who

could be invited to look and give his opinion on the current state of play.

The Board agrees with the need to organise an IT working group meeting to identify what is necessary, sort through the needs and invite the IT Project manager - parent volunteer. Suggestion to ask amongst the parent community for volunteers in IT project management. C. Duarte Gomes underlines that the profile needed is the one of web developer.

In conclusion, the IT working group is still running, and a meeting will be scheduled with the Chair, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the APEEE staff and the remaining members of the IT working group to assess the situation. The external project IT manager will be invited to assess and help.

**Action Point:** Organise an IT working group.

C. Duarte Gomes leaves the meeting.

## 7. Procedures for pick-up – OIB Evere

Parents of the Evere site have informed the APEEE and school that there has been an ongoing issue regarding the waiting time for the Afterschool Childcare Services pick-up. A member wishes to call for a meeting with the school, Afterschool Childcare Services, AdP and APEEE.

The Board discusses in which forum the process for pick-up could be raised. Two members of the Evere site and one member of the Woluwe site agree to produce a document on the state-of-play of the issue in both sites, to be sent to the Board, and in the next meeting approve the document and related follow-up.

**Action Point:** U. Storost, V. Catot & A. Cornford to draft the document.

## 8. Recast the vote on the name change of the APEEE

During the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 Board meeting, P. Gesquiere, as coordinator of the Statutes WG, explained the context of the name change requirement. The chair at the time proposed that if members felt a new vote should be cast to discuss it in the September Board meeting.

As the name change is part of the Statutes, the Chair takes the floor to state the Statutes need to be approved and finalised on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023, as all relevant documents are to be shared 1 month before the EGM (scheduled on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023). The Chair suggests an extraordinary Board meeting takes place only to schedule the vote, the discussions need to be presented and take place before and during an online meeting. Other members consider that votes during the earlier meetings and discussions might be feasible.

The Board agrees to set two dates for Extraordinary Board meetings to discuss the changes to the Statutes.

**Action Point:** P. Gesquiere to propose dates to the Board for the extra meetings to go over the Statutes changes.

P. Gesquiere takes the floor to recap the APEEE name change. The Board agrees to vote between two propositions 1. « Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles II Evere – Woluwe » and 2. « Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles II Woluwe – Evere ».

11 votes for proposal n°1 (Pim Gesquiere, Alberto Toso, Maija Knutti, Ulrike Storost, Ursula Hönich, Elita Petraitienė, Andrea Grgić, Célia Rodrigues, Vincent Catot, Nicolas Lacroix, Alexander Cornford) = 70% - 4 votes for proposal n°2 (Christian Visani, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Albert Rädler) = 25% and 1 vote for abstain (Francesca Tudini) = 5%.

**Decision:** The « Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles II Evere – Woluwe » is approved with a 75% majority.

## **AOB.**

### **Overcrowding Task Force Coordinator**

The chair informs that he will be stepping down as the Overcrowding task force coordinator and suggests V. Catot takes over the task force.

Vincent Catot stands for the position of Coordinator of the Taskforce: Overcrowding.

**Vincent Catot is elected unanimously. (15 votes for yes)**

### **Overcrowding Townhall**

The Chair takes the floor and states that, currently, only the room (Salle Polyvalent) has been booked. The Vice President informs that the Administrative Board of the school will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the situation could be mentioned. The Board discusses the speakers, the necessity of a townhall and the date/timing.

The Chair decides to reflect on the organisation of the townhall and will come back to the members, mentioning a decision needs to be taken before the school Administrative Board.

### **Accounts 2022-2023**

The Treasurer informs the Board that the first draft of the accounts of 2022-2023 has been issued but still needs to be audited. More will be discussed during the next Budget working group meeting.

### **Leak in Maternelle Class in Woluwe over the summer**

A member states a leak in a Maternelle class in Woluwe has been reported. Water has been leaking in the class, which is not related to the works currently in place. The Vice President states the issue was not mentioned in the SAC meeting which took place today.

### **Bullying in Primary**

A member informs the Board she was informed that children in Primary were insulting their peers with racial slurs. Members agree the issue needs to be raised in the next CEP&M.

Meeting ended at 22h15.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.