

December 2023 - Extraordinary Board Meeting

Date: Friday 15th December 2023 from 17h30 to 18h20

Location: Online (ZOOM)

Present online: Célia ALVES RODRIGUES – Eleonora APPONI-BATTINI – Vincent CATOT – Catarina DUARTE GOMES – Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS – Pim GESQUIERE – Andrea GRGIĆ – Maija KNUTTI – Elita PETRAITIENĖ – Albert RÄDLER – Ulrike STOROST – Monika SZULYOSZKY – Francesca TUDINI – Christian VISANI

Absent: Alexander CORNFORD – Peter EDLIND – Ursula HÖNICH – Nicolas LACROIX – Bettina SCHMIDBAUER-MOGENSEN – Alberto TOSO – David ZELINGER

Others: Anja GALLE – Julien DANAN – Clémence EUGENE

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

Agenda Points

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Approval of the Board meeting report of the 13/11/2023

The minutes are discussed, and both statements are to stay in the minutes of the November Board report. The members proceed to a vote.

6 votes for yes (Célia Alves Rodrigues, Elita Petraitienė, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Maija Knutti, Andrea Grgić, Pim Gesquiere) = 60%, 4 votes for no (Catarina Duarte Gomes, Francesca Tudini, Albert Rädler, Eleonora Apponi-Battini) = 40% and 4 votes for abstain (Monika Szulyovszky, Christian Visani, Ulrike Storost, Vincent Catot).

Decision: The Board meeting report of 13/11/2023 is approved.

3. Approval of the Board meeting report of the 11/12/2023

9 votes for yes (Célia Alves Rodrigues, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Albert Rädler, Maija Knutti, Andrea Grgić, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Monika Szulyovszky) = 90%, 1 vote for no (Catarina Duarte Gomes) = 10% and 4 votes for abstain (Christian Visani, Francesca Tudini, Elita Petraitienė, Vincent Catot).

Decision: The Board meeting report of 11/12/2023 is approved.

Discussion Points & Votes

1. Annual General Meeting

a. Approval of the report of the Commissioner to be presented to the AGM with accordingly updated financial report 2022-2023

The Board proceeds to a vote on the approval of the report of the Commissioner and the according Financial report V6 2022-2023 to be presented to the AGM.

11 votes for yes (Catarina Duarte Gomes, Francesca Tudini, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Albert Rädler, Maija Knutti, Andrea Grgić, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Christian Visani, Monika Szulyovszky) = 100% and 3 votes for abstain (Vincent Catot, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Elita Petraitienė).

Decision: the Board approves the report of the Commissioner and the Financial report 2022-2023 to be presented to the AGM.

b. Approval of the allocation of the reserves' resolution including the closing sentence

A. Rädler, as Treasurer, takes the floor, stating there was a discussion around a sentence stating "*This allocation of funds will be applied to the preceding and following years.*" In the end, this sentence was dropped and is no longer mentioned in the AGM invitation. However, following investigation, the Financial & Administrative Managers of the APEEE found out that this sentence approved by the previous AGM had not been followed up yet.

It is therefore suggested to reintroduce this sentence into the resolutions and follow up in the bookkeeping.

The Board proceeds to a vote on the approval of reinstating the last sentence to the resolution.

13 votes for yes (Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Albert Rädler, Maija Knutti, Andrea Grgić, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Monika Szulyovszky, Catarina Duarte Gomes, Christian Visani, Francesca Tudini, Elita Petraitienė, Vincent Catot) = 100% and 1 vote for abstain (Célia Alves Rodrigues).

Decision: The Board approves the reinstatement of the statement and the follow-up.

c. Approval of the Electoral Office of the AGM

The Board proceeds to a vote on the Electoral Office for the AGM.

13 votes for yes (Célia Alves Rodrigues, Elita Petraitienė, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Andrea Grgić, Pim Gesquiere, Monika Szulyovszky, Francesca Tudini, Albert Rädler, Maija Knutti, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Christian Visani, Vincent Catot) = 93% and 1 vote for no (Catarina Duarte Gomes) = 7%.

Decision: the Board approves the Electoral Office.

a. Membership – Right to Vote & Stand for the Board

Following the proposal of one member to send out the invitation to stand as Board member at the AGM excluding the parents whose youngest child is already 18 (*All parents who have paid their membership fees and whose youngest child is younger than 18 years old are entitled to put their names for election to the Board*) based on art 37 of the General Rules of the European school, Microsoft Word - 2014-03-D-14-en-13.docx (eursc.eu), F. Tudini opposed (via mail) that the full enforcement of the General Rules would lead to the follows:

- When his/her younger child becomes adult, the parent loses membership in the APEEE,
- The parent who is a class representative or an APEEE Board member will have to be dismissed,
- The child is excluded from the services (transport, périscolaire, canteen) which are reserved for members of the APEEE.

In her opinion, who made the original proposal has not been able to provide clarifications on the time at which a member has no more right to stand. She requests that before depriving a member of their

right to vote, an interpretation must be requested to an external lawyer.

The Board proceed to a vote, on either proposal 1: *With reference: "All parents who have paid their membership fees and whose youngest child is younger than 18 years old, are entitled to put their names for election to the Board"*, proposal 2 *"No reference "All parents who have paid their membership fees are entitled to put their names for election to the Board"* or abstain.

7 votes for proposal 1 (Célia Alves Rodrigues, Elita Petraitienė, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Andrea Grgić, Pim Gesquiere, Monika Szulyovszky) = 58%, 5 votes for proposal 2 (Catarina Duarte Gomes, Francesca Tudini, Albert Rädler, Maija Knutti, Eleonora Apponi-Battini) = 42% and 2 votes for abstain (Christian Visani, Vincent Catot)

Decision: the Board approves proposal 1.

A. Rädler leaves the Board meeting. The Board thanks Albert Rädler for his great work as a Treasurer.

2. Approval of the modification to the Evere submittal

A member has modified the text to be submitted in the context of Evere public consultation as approved in the 11th December 2023 board meeting.

The Board proceeds to vote on the approval of the modification of the Evere submission.

12 votes for yes (Vincent Catot, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Catarina Duarte Gomes, Francesca Tudini, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Albert Rädler, Andrea Grgić, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Christian Visani, Monika Szulyovszky) = 100% and 2 votes for abstain (Maija Knutti, Elita Petraitienė)

Decision: The Board approves the modification of the Evere submission.

3. Agreement on the Roles and Responsibilities in Safety and Security

P. Gesquiere takes the floor following his attendance at the 15th November 2023 meeting on the agreement on the roles and responsibilities in safety and security between the APEEEs and the four Brussels European Schools. This document articulates the specific responsibilities of both parties regarding the canteen, transportation, périscolaire, and access policy in clear legal terms. Furthermore, the document highlights the creation of a consultative committee tasked with deliberating on the services related to the school in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. It outlines a set of documents to be exchanged between the APEEE and the school, along with specifying the frequency of renewing these documents.

The Director takes the floor and adds the document clearly indicates that the children registered to APEEE extracurricular activities will be insured by the school. Currently, the APEEE provides insurance coverage for pupils under their care.

The Board proceeds to a vote mandating the APEEE President, A. J. Folkmanis to sign the agreement.

13 votes for yes (Vincent Catot, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Catarina Duarte Gomes, Francesca Tudini, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Albert Rädler, Andrea Grgić, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Christian Visani, Monika Szulyovszky, Maija Knutti, Elita Petraitienė) = 100% and 1 vote for abstain (Ulrike Storost).

Decision: the Board approves to mandate the President to sign the agreement.

4. **Proposal from the Statutes WG: Personal Data Protection Policy**

P. Gesquiere, Coordinator of the Statutes WG takes the floor and presents the document on the personal data protection policy. During the May Board meeting, the Board approved revising and splitting the current confidentiality agreement into two: 1) Confidentiality and 2) Data Protection Policy and Storage of Data.

The first version of the new two-part confidentiality undertaking was discussed in the Working Group Statutes Update in May. However, the priority at that time was the revision of the Statutes. During the last couple of weeks, the Working Group managed to revise the data protection part (old part 2).

Therefore, the WG only submits to the Board the data protection part. Should the Board approve it, the original document will be split as specified above and the new version on data protection will replace the previous one. It is agreed that the finalisation of the revision of the confidentiality part (old part 1), will be for the 2023-2024 Board.

P. Gesquiere mentions that the current part on data protection is largely based on the current part on GDPR. However, the legal language is clearer.

The Board votes on the data protection policy document and for the second part of the confidentiality undertaking to be worked on by the Board 2023-2024.

11 votes for yes (Vincent Catot, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Elita Petraitienė, Francesca Tudini, Ulrike Storost, Andrew Janis Folkmanis, Andrea Grgic, Maija Knutti, Eleonora Apponi-Battini, Pim Gesquiere, Monika Szulyovszky)= 92%, 1 vote for no (Catarina Duarte Gomes)= 8%, and 1 vote for abstain (Christian Visani).

Decision: the Board approves the data protection policy.

Information is given that the 15/12/2023 extraordinary Board meeting report will be voted on at the Board gathering on Tuesday 19/12/2023.

Meeting ended at 18h20.

The Board approves, on Tuesday 19th December 2023, the 15th December 2023 Board meeting report.