

March 2025 Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 20 March 2025 from 19h to 23h30

Location: Teachers' Canteen Woluwe & Online (ZOOM)

Present in situ: Célia ALVES RODRIGUES - Sofia AMOR - Vanessa BATISTA - Pim GESQUIERE - Joana GIL - Sanjee GOONETILAKE - Andrea GRGIĆ - Ute HAMMESFAHR - Bruno LARANJEIRA - Elita PETRAITIENĖ - Jan VON PFALER

Present online: Pierre DEBAR - Sabrina FASOLI - Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS - Alessia GHEZZI - Andrea HUTTERER (until 22h20) – Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON - Myriam PINI (until 20h30) - David ZELINGER (until 22.35)

Others: Anja GALLE Emmanuel Bellis

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

Agenda Points

1. Approval of the agenda.

The point LRT support is moved as point 3 on the agenda. The point on Catalan language is added to the agenda.

Agenda approved by acclamation.

Decision: the Board approves the agenda unanimously.

2. Approval of the 18/02/2025 Board report.

The report approved by acclamation.

Decision: the Board approves the 18/02/2025 report unanimously.

3. Board meeting dates for 2025

The calendar of future Board meetings dates for 2025 is presented by chair. Members agree on the dates by acclamation.

Decision: the Board approves Board meeting dates for 2025.

Items for decision

1. Finance staff situation – FTE internalization

APEEE Interim financial manager E. Bellis (recruited as of 03/03/2025) presents himself and updates the Board on APEEE financial situation, which includes current situation, risks, procedures, invoicing, IT needs, staff situation, etc. E. Bellis answers Board members' questions on the topic and gives

clarification as much as possible given his short presence at the APEEE as interim financial manager. As the Board agreed in previous meeting, the Board will be briefed about the planning and progress monthly.

As proposed by E. Bellis, the Board discusses on how to proceed with invoices for services to parents. It is important to consider the workload of the APEEE staff issuing invoices and answering parents' questions and complaints.

The Board votes on the proposal of interim financial manager to invoice parents with separate invoices for each APEEE service (canteen, transport, extracurricular activities).

The decision was taken by 14 votes for yes (Célia ALVES RODRIGUES - Vanessa BATISTA - Pierre DEBAR Sabrina FASOLI - Pim GESQUIERE - Alessia GHEZZI - Sanjee GOONETILAKE - Andrea GRGIĆ - Ute HAMMESFAHR - Andrea HUTTERER - Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON - Elita PETRAITIENĖ - Jan VON PFALER - David ZELINGER) and 4 votes for abstain (Sofia AMOR - Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS - Joana GIL - Bruno LARANJEIRA).

Decision: The Board agrees to move forward with the invoicing as proposed by interim financial manager (separate invoices for each APEEE service to parents).

Interim financial manager continues the presentation on staff situation in the closed Board meeting. Anja Galle left the meeting. Recording is stopped.

The Board votes on proposal to mandate interim financial manager to take necessary steps for 1 FTE (full time equivalent) internationalisation. The decision is taken with a 82% majority (14 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, and 2 votes for abstain).

Decision: The Board mandates interim financial manager to take necessary steps for 1 FTE internationalisation.

2. Business continuity in Woluwe canteen after 01/04/2025

The APEEE director informs the Board that Woluwe canteen manager is absent and possibly is not back by 01/04/2025 and proposes to hire an interim canteen manager. The Board discusses the topic and states that the APEEE Director within her mandate of day-to-day management is able to find solutions after 01/04/25. However, the Board states that the interim solution should not be the involvement of service providers who have a commercial interest in the canteen.

3. Support to volunteers during Biodiversity week activities

As discussed in the Budget working group, the treasurer proposes to the Board to vote on support of max 1000 EUR from the APEEE Social fund in the form of meals and refreshments provided by the canteen for the benefit of volunteers participating in the organization of the Biodiversity week at school (7-9 April, 2025).

The decision was taken by 12 votes for yes (Célia ALVES RODRIGUES - Vanessa BATISTA - Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS - Pim GESQUIERE - Alessia GHEZZI – Joana GIL - Sanjee GOONETILAKE - Andrea GRGIĆ -

Bruno LARANJEIRA - Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON - Elita PETRAITIENĖ - Jan VON PFALER), 1 vote for abstain (Sofia AMOR).

Decision: The Board supports a contribution from the APEEE Social Fund for Biodiversity Week, proposed for a maximum of 1000 EUR, in the form of meals and refreshments provided by the canteen for the benefit of volunteers participating in the organization.

4. Communication of Belgian authorities on the Plan d'Aménagement Directeur Défense

A. Grgic presents the topic. In the context of restructuring the EEB2 between Evere site and Woluwe site, in December 2024 the Board of Governors of the European schools decided to move all nursery and primary pupils to Evere in 2026, under the condition that Belgian authorities submit, by the end of February 2025, a written confirmation of their intention to make a permanent nursery/primary site available with a capacity for at least 1500 pupils, with the Evere site as the preferred option or an alternative site within close proximity, and to carry out the adaptation works at the Woluwe site as soon as the consolidation of the Nursery/Primary cycle has been completed. In February 2025 Belgian ambassador de Kerkhove made a statement on the basis of which the BoG decided to re-affirm its decision in the written procedure. The Overcrowding working group would like to propose an analysis of legal feasibility of the statements made by the Belgian ambassador de Kerkhove in his letter of 12 February 2025.

The Board votes to seek for legal opinion on legal outcomes of BE authority position regarding Evere school.

The decision was taken by 10 votes for yes (Célia ALVES RODRIGUES - Vanessa BATISTA - Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS - Pim GESQUIERE - Alessia GHEZZI - Sanjee GOONETILAKE - Andrea GRGIĆ - Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON - Elita PETRAITIENĖ - Jan VON PFALER) and 3 votes for abstain (Sofia AMOR - Joana GIL - Bruno LARANJEIRA).

Decision: The Board approves to seek for legal opinion on legal outcomes of BE authority position regarding Evere school.

5. Working groups mandates

The mandates of the Transport, Communication, Canteen, Health, Safety and Security (HSS), After school activities, School Community Building and Well-being working groups were presented to the Board in advance and all the members had the opportunity to review the documents before the meeting. The Board approves all mandates by acclamation. Mandates will be published on the APEEE website.

Decision: the Board approves the mandates of Transport, Communication, Canteen, Health, Safety and Security (HSS), After school activities, School Community Building and Well-being working groups unanimously.

Discussion Points

1. Live streaming – request of AGM and communication to the parents
2. GALA concert and participation

3. Q&A during conference 18-03-2025 – further steps

4. Updates from working groups/task forces

Not discussed due to lack of time.

The meeting ended at 23h30.

Next Board meeting date is scheduled on 10th April 2025.