

The Minutes of The Board Meeting of 19th November, 2024

The meeting was held on site at the ESM in Neuperlach from 18:30 pm until 21:30 pm.

Attendees:

Parents' Association (PA) Board Members: Sevil Tomur (Secretary and Minutes Writer), Karsten Röski, Michael Boelter, Vannessa Doublier Pritchard, Flavio Carsughi, Maciej Madaliński, Mihai Luca Bogdan, Katia Sittler (Chair), Antje Stoller, Magda Vecchi, Désirée Kandolo, Volker M. Berger (left at 19:30), Panagiota Lazarou, Paula Galiana, Maria Mangeli, Inês Lampreia, Fabrizio Marrone, Themis Toumpoulidis

Absent PA Board Members: Narjess Kraiem, Esteban Hernández Castello, Susanne Herrnberger, Evert Küppers

Guests: Oliver Tonet, Amal Benzina

- Some exemplary food by one of the caterer options were presented before the meeting.
- The Chair opened the meeting at 19:00 pm.
- There was the introduction of the possible new caterer firm's personnel

1. Approval of The Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of The Minutes of The Board Meeting of 22nd October 2024

The Minutes of the Board meeting held on October 22nd were approved.

3. The Report of The Chair

Katia announced that she is going to make a presentation about the ESM Parents' Association at the ESM, Fasangarten venue on 4th December, 2024 to the parents of possible Cat I and Cat II students to inform them about the tasks of the Association. The Board Members who want to join this event are welcome.

4. Services

After-School Care (Désirée)

Désirée briefly explained how after-school care facilities have been going: The parents' information evening for kindergarten and school took place on 23rd October 2024. On this evening the management of RUF informed us that Mrs. Manuela Franke and Mrs. Cilly Kalmanowicz are withdrawing from the day-to-day business of the afternoon care at the ESM and that Mrs. Anna Franke and Mrs. Lucia Franke will take over the operational business as the main contact persons in the future.

Question:

Panagiota mentioned that 4 years ago there was supervision for children organised directly by PA (Mittagsbetreuung), and she asked why there has not been afterwards.

Because of both financial issues and liability and insurance concerns, the PA cannot provide supervision anymore. Now, there is only R.U.F. (All Around The Family) taking care of this, which is the provider of afternoon care in cooperation with the Parents' Association of the ESM.

Fabrizio (Canteen)

In order to change the current caterer, Fabrizio has been searching for school caterers in the Munich area. A school served by a first caterer has been visited by 4 Board Members (Fabrizio, Katia, Inês and Esteban), and the feedback was very positive. Fabrizio and Inês visited another small caterer company, and reported positive feedback too. A last caterer provided all the Board Members with some exemplary food during the Board meeting. Thus, at the moment, there are 3 alternatives in total. One caterer for both the Primary School and the Secondary School or separate ones for each school are among the options. Katia suggested Fabrizio to present the Members of the Board brief information about these 3 caterers at the next meeting to come to a decision, which will take into account both the price and the components of the lunch. Mihai suggested to make a survey to all the parents to get their expectations but, after a discussion, it was agreed that the Board Members are elected in order to make such a decision. Flavio added that even if we choose full direct democracy, there will always be unhappy parents. It was suggested to get feedback about the 3 alternative caterers from the parent associations of the school served by these caterers. Fabrizio will try to contact them.

Extracurricular Activities (Antje)

Antje reported that there have been meetings with the music teachers and the music coordinator Katerina Stegemann to accompany the change made in summer. Right now, the one-to-one lessons cost more work than the 70 € commission fee we are asking. We will have to evaluate further and

adapt the commission. Reducing the number of one-to-one classes taught in school might be a solution.

For January 2025, there is another meeting planned with Ms Stegemann.

With more children in the school more rooms for after-school care are needed. This could lead to a reduction of extracurricular activities offer.

Antje also reported a case of in the Secondary School, ceramic works of after-school care students were destroyed. Additionally, the school is reforming the room, but the after-school team and the concerned teacher were not informed. Katia would ask for better cooperation and information.

Transportation (Maciej)

Maciej gave the recent updates about the transportation service:

As of today, we have at most 5 reservations for the shuttles. Shuttles' working for only 5 children is economically illogical as it is not enough to run a bus. That is why, even if it is not decided yet, Maciej has started talking to the taxi companies. The availability of the big taxis is checked.

After the Autumn holidays, we are adjusting the timetables of the school buses.

There are some complaints about children's behaviours in the school buses. Cleanliness and the smell in the taxis is another problem, but if these are gone, we will have no other taxis left. The P5 students must give up their places to children from P1 to P5 students, about which there are also complaints. It was suggested the parents to send a direct complaint to the City of Munich if they are not happy with the removal of P5 students from the school bus lists.

How much we must charge to parents to cover the costs of the shuttles; the employers and the Office's costs will be clear after we learn the prices of the taxis.

From now on, there is a possibility for booking the morning shuttle by the parents to the school Fasangarten from the EPO and from the High School ESM Perlach.

As regards the issue with the afternoon shuttles, the price could be adjusted according to the users, but the number of the children remains low and dynamic. So, shuttles might be stopped depending on the change in the interest.

5. "Datenschutzaktualisierung" (Antje)

Antje informed the Board Members about the current position of the Parents' Association in terms of the privacy policies, and how it needs to be updated on all levels such as the services with providers, with the extracurricular activities' teachers and with the Office. She stated that we have to update the contracts, all the written work. Our documents are outdated. An attorney was hired to prepare the samples. Those samples need to be adapted to each situation, which causes a lot of work. Panagiota volunteered to help, and Maciej, Désirée and Fabrizio will check for the necessary papers in their services.

Booking System:

For legal reasons, we need certain automatic e-mails to be programmed. It was decided to use the hours of the maintenance contract with C21 for this. Estimation is 1,5 days.

6. Preparation Meetings in November 2024 for The BoG Meetings in December 2024 (Vannessa)

Vannessa explained the Board Members about the preparation meetings, where Interparents' Representatives are going to take part in, before the BoG (Board of Governors) meetings. Preparation meetings are going to take place in both the Fasangarten and Neuperlach campuses on the 28th and 29th of November, 2024, and the general meetings are going to be on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December, 2024 in Brussels, and in the next April in Cyprus. Vannessa will send the timetables of the November meetings in short, and the Representatives will later share the decisions of the BoG meetings.

7. Any Other Business

- Magda:

Magda talked about a project called ODISSEO, which is proposed by the Italian Section, and this project costs 500 Euros. At the end of their work, they are going to write a book.

Vote:

The vote is in favour of supporting the project.

- The nomination of Sevil as the Observer for Interparents:

Vannessa, with the approval of Themis, has nominated Sevil to be the second Observer for Interparents.

Question:

Flavio questioned whether there is a need for the second Observer.

Vannessa reminded of the report of the last inspection which says that there are a lot of Working Groups which should be reactivated. Apart from this, there are many documents to be reviewed, messages to be read, meetings to be joined, and actions to be taken, and there are also some issues with the Sections and the IT, all of which need some help.

Vote:

The vote is in favour of Sevil as an Observer for Interparents with one absentee.

With the result of the election, there are going to be 2 Representatives of Interparents, Vannessa and Themis, and 2 Observers, Amal and Sevil.

- Amal:

Amal suggested to discuss about the absentees of the teachers, which Katia responded that this discussion should be postponed because it is rather a pedagogical point.

8. The Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place on the 11th of December, 2024 at 18:30 pm (face-to-face, Neuperlach).

- The meeting ended at 21:00 pm.

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