

## Minutes of the Board Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The meeting was held as an online conference via MS Teams from 19:00 pm until 21.25 pm.

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### Attendees

**PA Board members:** Antje Stoller, Roberto Trimarchi, Katia Sittler (chair), Julien Jacoby, Sofia Macieira, Maciej Madaliński, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Magda Vecchi, Désirée Kandolo, Sten Harck, Xenia Tene, Elise Chapoy, Anne Ridings, Esteban Hernández Castello, Mihail Tzekov, Vannessa Doublier Pritchard, Fabrizio Marrone, Catherine Jenewein, Stefan Unterstrasser, Flavio Carsughi

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### 1. Approval of the agenda

The chairwoman opened the meeting at 19:00 pm. The agenda was approved with one addition (see 4. Chairwoman's report – organisation of the PA office).

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of 19th October 2021

The minutes of the General Assemble held on 19<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

### 3. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting of 28th October 2021

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

### 4. Chairwoman's report

- Corona situation: Katia Sittler reported on her last meeting with Anton Hrovath, director of the ESM. He said that the situation was quite under control. At this time there were more Covid cases in high school than in primary, but since many S5 - S7 pupils are vaccinated, they were widely allowed to go to school and had to be tested daily in the event of a positive case in the class.  
A new regulation (3G+) entered into force on 24/11/2021 meaning that employees have to be vaccinated, recovered or tested every day (under the supervision of a security staff if necessary). PA Board members and office employees are also regarded as employees of the ESM (3G+). Visitors or parents have to comply with the 2G rules.  
Roberto Trimarchi asked whether all the pupils would have to be tested every day. Katia Sittler answered that it was not planned at the moment but she would ask the director. What may come according to the director was PCR pool tests or "Lollitests". Antje Stoller mentioned that analytical labs were overwhelmed due to the new rules and results of Lollitests may take one day.  
Katia Sittler explained that ESM didn't plan to test Kindergarten children but they provided parents with tests to be made at home. Anton Hrovath said that the school might use "lollitests" for the kindergarten.  
Stefan Unterstrasser raised the question of the wearing of masks by bus drivers. Even if the bus drivers could be seen as "role models" for the children, the fact was that bus/taxi drivers are not allowed to wear mask because of traffic risks. Maciej Madaliński said that he was going to check if there were pupils sitting next to drivers on some buses/taxis and ban that.
- Katia Sittler said that one meeting per year would be organised with EC representatives to deal with common topics including data protection. A joint meeting will be scheduled in January 2022.
- Office organisation. *Confidential, not for publication ...omissis...*

## 5. IT: contract with Marcel Wolf

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## 6. Security feedback

Catherine Jenewein reported on her first meeting with Andreas Kistner, the new security officer of the ESM. He presented his 3 kinds of tasks: corona regulation, hygiene and traffic regulation around the school. Catherine Jenewein said that Herr Kistner was an expert in the field of security and that he already had the situation under control.

She explained that there were some traffic related issues, like the lack of a pedestrian crossing in front of the school, the exit of the garage of the HIT supermarket or excessive car speed...

Katia Sittler mentioned that Andreas Kistner was working closely with the HHG on security issues and safety drills. She said that NSA teams would undertake emergency and fire drills in January 2022.

## 7. Services update

**Transport:** Maciej Madaliński reported some tensions between bus drivers and children. He asked the City of Munich to send a notice to bus companies to remind the drivers that they are dealing with children.

Maciej also said that a new rule came into effect whereby all the children on a bus should be quarantined in the event of a positive Covid case.

Maciej Madaliński explained that few parents were now interested in a shuttle bus between the school and the EPO and taxis could provide a better service. He would ask companies for quotes and try to set up the service at no additional costs for the parents.

Julien Jacoby asked whether the P5 pupils would be allowed to take buses next year. Maciej answered that the City of Munich would usually make its decision after receiving the yearly bills from the bus companies but that he would ask them to answer that question at the beginning of the year.

**RUF:** Désirée Kandolo said that RUF had to set up 5 groups of children to comply with the latest covid rules. After NSA's cancellation at kindergarten, parents asked if it was possible to have RUF day care instead; but RUF couldn't offer that.

Désirée also explained that she was working on an online questionnaire for parents to assess the quality of the care.

Anne Ridings pointed out that some parents didn't seem to be receiving Die Pauker's messages. Désirée replied that she would ask them to check their emails list. Anne Ridings added that parents had difficulty reaching Die Pauker during the day because there is no signal in the rooms where the children and die Pauker's employees are hosted. The solution would be to provide parents with the phone numbers of the different classrooms or to install Wi-Fi in the rooms.

**NSA:** Antje Stoller explained that activities had to be stopped until Christmas at kindergarten due to the latest Covid rules. She added she was hopeful that all activities in GS and HS would continue as normal until the end of the year. She added that the NSA team was using the new system without encountering any difficulty.

**Canteen:** Fabrizio Marrone reported on possible improvements of the quality of lunch breaks in GS and HS. He pointed out that GS pupils were left alone and were often not interested in eating. He added that the Italian section provided him with some feedback from parents. Magda Vecchi said she started the survey because the parents wanted it and explained that the lunch break was not only important for the food aspect but also because it was a moment of conviviality and socialization. Fabrizio and Magda added that it would be interesting to set up a survey involving all families and pupils. Fabrizio Marrone added that the only thing the PA could measure so far was the percentage of families using the canteen.

Anne Ridings pointed out that the kiosk in HS seemed not to have enough hot snacks and had often nothing but crisps to sell. The pupils seem to avoid the canteen. Roberto Trimarchi answered that the solution would be to encourage them to use the canteen.

Vanessa Doublier-Richard also mentioned the problem of queues in HS. Pupils have the feeling to wait up to 45 minutes but the school and Il Cielo report 15 minutes maximum.

Flavio Carsughi said that competition helps the service and asked why the PA didn't introduce a second caterer as it was the case earlier. The PA Board members agreed on the fact that improving the quality of the service by understanding and solving the problems was more important than introducing a new caterer. Fabrizio Marrone finally said that a solution would be for the ESM or the Bavarian authorities to take over the canteen.

## **8. Sponsoring pedagogical project**

**Greek section:** Xenia Tene said that she would like to ask the Board members for their agreement for the financing of a pedagogical project proposed by the Greek section. One of the most well-known puppeteers in Greece would provide the pupils with 1 hour theatre play and small seminars or workshops in March 2022. The overall budget would be around 1800 euros (air tickets and performance fees). Board members unanimously approved the financing of the project. Xenia Tene would ask teachers and the school direction to participate in the funding of the project.

Katia Sittler said that we should send the PA document containing the rules for participation in the funding of pedagogical project.

**Kindergarten:** The Board members unanimously approved the budget of 400 euros dedicated to the purchase of Christmas decoration for the kindergarten.

## **9. Any other business**

Julien Jacoby mentioned that the PA would start invoicing members' fees and that the money would be taken from members accounts before Christmas.

Esteban Hernández Castello announced that he would like to present the pedagogical project of the Spanish section in December.

## **10. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 19:00 pm via MS Teams

The meeting ended at 21.25 pm.

Minute writer:

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