

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 17th April 2024

The meeting was held on site at the ESM in Neuperlach from 18:30 pm until 21:27 pm.

Attendees

Parents' association (PA) board members: Michael Bölter, Elise Chapoy, Vanessa Doublier Pritchard, Susanne Herrnberger, Désirée Kandolo, Narjess Kraiem, Evert Küppers, Inés Lampreia, Muriel Lepage, Maciej Madaliński, Fabrizio Marrone, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Karsten Röski, Katia Sittler (chair), Antje Stoller, Xenia Tene, Magda Vecchi

Absent PA Board Members: Flavio Carsughi, Marcela Frank, Esteban Hernández Castello, Konstantin Poulios, Mike Marqués

Members of the Education Council (EC) (guests): Irene Rosin

1. Approval of the agenda

The chairwoman opened the meeting at 18:45 p.m. The agenda was approved with one addition for the AOB section (Interparents report).

2. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting of 19th March 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held on March 19 were approved.

As a reminder, Fabrizio Marrone presented the request from the primary school "Rennertstrasse". Due to the transition to full day school and the absence of a canteen, the school requested the possibility of using the premises and caterer of the ESM in Neuperlach. If the PA agrees, ESM and Organic Garden (OG) will deal with the logistical and financial questions. 25 pupils should attend the canteen the first year, and up to 100 pupils in the future. Antje Stoller stressed that the Rennertstrasse primary school has helped ESM in the past, for example, by providing classrooms. Board members unanimously approved the proposal (with a limit of 25 primary pupils the first year and up to 100 pupils in the next 4 years).

3. Chairwoman's report

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Next meetings: Katia Sittler presented the calendar of the PA board for the coming months:

- 21.05.2024, ESM Neuperlach, 18:30: May PA Board meeting
- 07.06.2024, Hirschgarten Biergarten München, 17:00: Parents' evening to promote the PA and invite new parents to join the board.
- 19.06.2024, Limani Restaurant München, 18:30: June PA Board meeting with the office team
- 18.09.2024, ESM Neuperlach, 18:30: September PA Board meeting
- 16.10.2024, ESM Neuperlach: PA General Assembly

She added that the board members in charge of the services, herself and Karsten Röski would have a dinner with the school management on 15.05.2024.

4. Pedagogical projects

- Andreas Wallrodt, financial director of ESM, sent on March 20 a quote for the installation of sunshades at primary. The company Weisenfeld could install a complete solution during the summer break for an amount of about 17,000 Euros. Board members unanimously agreed to finance the installation.
- Martin Duggen asked if the PA could fund seminars for HS pupils on how to apply for a job. PA members rejected the suggestion due to its high cost for only a few pupils. Some board members said that the PA should rather finance seminars on choices of orientation and university training.
- The organisers of the charity run at primary asked if the PA may sponsor the race by offering a pen to each pupil. Board members rejected the request. Some members asked if the PA could instead donate money to the charity, but Antje Stoller and others advised against it.
- The HS green team would like to organise a "bike to school day" on June 5 to encourage HS pupils to bike to school. Whoever would take part could get a smoothie that would be made using a bicycle generator. The team asked the PA if it could sponsor the event by providing fruits and vegetables for the smoothies. Board members approved the project with a budget of 500 Euros.

5. Services update

Canteen: Fabrizio Marrone and Katia Sittler had a meeting on April 15th with Martin Wild, CEO of Organic Garten (OG) and Nikita Stromberg, Operating Director School Nutrition of OG. Fabrizio Marrone let them know that their new offer did not exactly correspond to the expectations of the PA and the proposals already discussed in December. The PA would, for example, like to maintain organic meals. Fabrizio Marrone indicated that he noticed a decrease in the variety of the menus and that HS pupils complained about insufficient portions. He also mentioned that beef was already very rarely on the menu. OG representatives noted that their offer was not satisfactory, and that the PA was receiving offers from other canteen providers. Fabrizio Marrone also stressed that the booking process would remain unchanged under the control of the PA and that both IT systems of the canteen provider and the PA must communicate in the future.

Fabrizio Marrone already met one potential canteen provider, Gröbl Catering, and organised visits to the canteens in Fasangarten and Neuperlach. He would soon meet one or more other potential canteen providers. Susanne Herrnberger suggested contacting schools to get their opinions on their providers. Fabrizio Marrone said that he intended to do that but would also need the help of other parents or PA members for this project. Antje Stoller stressed that the PA won't have to publish a call for tenders but must observe a six-month' notice period before ending a contract with a provider. Fabrizio Marrone informed the participants that the canteen in Neuperlach should reopen after May 15th.

NSA: Antje Stoller mentioned that the PA subscribed to a Premium account to the online music sheet site, 8Notes (92 euros for one year). That account would allow teachers to provide their pupils with legal copies of sheet music. The subscription to 8Notes would also be mentioned in a future newsletter and parents would have the opportunity to contact the PA to get further information. Antje added that the planning of activities for next year was in progress and that NSA prices would remain the same or slightly decrease to reduce the profit. The "Hausaufgabenakademie" would start on September 4, and the other activities for primary pupils would start two weeks later.

RUF: Désirée Kandolo said that she had a meeting with RUF mainly about improving the supervision of children in the future. They also planned the start of RUF activities for the next school year. Pupils already enrolled would have the possibility of starting RUF on September 4th and new pupils would start from September 9th. Due to the potential increase in the pupils' numbers, RUF said that they may have to put a limit on places. Désirée Kandolo added that ESM was not in favour of making more rooms available for RUF. Katia Sittler said that she would address that issue with the school and ask them for next year's pupil numbers.

RUF noted a drop in daycare attendance during school holidays and would like to know if they could open the holiday offer to nearby primary schools. Board members unanimously approved the idea.

Transport: Maciej Madaliński mentioned that transport bookings for the next school year would be open from May 2 until May 15, 2024. The City of Munich would define the share of school buses and taxis once registrations are completed. Pupils who would register for a MVV card in the school year 2024-2025 would get chip cards. Maciej Madaliński also raised the possibility of the city of Munich

managing the entire process in the future.

Maciek added that the City of Munich won't cover the transport costs for Ukrainian pupils living outside of Munich. The PA could cover the costs for families already enrolled, but Maciek said that he would first ask ESM for the number of Ukrainian families concerned.

6. Greek language section

Xenia Tene explained that they are two seconded teachers for the Greek language section at Neuperlach high-school and that one would finish his contract in September. She added that a locally recruited teacher would probably replace him and that parents from the Greek section would prefer a seconded teacher. Some participants stressed that ESM could decide to recruit locally or request a secondment and that locally recruited teachers were also competent. The parents' representatives of the Greek section already contacted the Greek inspector, who confirmed that Greece could send a teacher to Munich. Xenia mentioned that the Greek language section was subject to different treatment from the school in comparison to other language sections, based on the new admission policy and now the recruitment of seconded teachers. The section would have a meeting with ESM to address that topic. In the meantime, Xenia asked for help from the other language representatives to have a statement of resources in each section.

7. Any other business

Interparents: Vanessa Doublier-Pritchard said that the Board of Governors of the European Schools met on April 10-12 and that the minutes would soon be published. She also mentioned the critical report of the European Parliament on the European School system: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0306_EN.html . She stressed that the Parliament called on the ES to be more inclusive from primary school. Vanessa also recalled that a seminar on neurodiversity organised by Interparents would take place on May 15th.

8. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will take place on May 21st at 18:30 pm (face-to-face, ESM Neuperlach).

The meeting ended at 21:27 pm.

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