



Minutes

Educational Council KG/GS am 12.12.2023 (FG 10 3 15)

Attendees:

Management: Mr. Hrovath, Mrs. Avsec

Staff: Mrs. Sagri (Greek Section), Mrs. Sievers (German Section), Mrs. Nimsgern (French Section), Mrs. Galbusera (Italian Section), Mrs. Bosma (Dutch Section), Frau Cabeza (Spanish Section), Mr. Whinder (English), Mrs. Hesse (SWALS), Mrs. Lorenz (Minutes)

Parents Representatives: Mrs. Lepage (French Section), Mr. Altieri (Italian Section), Mr. Katsoulas, (Greek Section), Mrs. Barajas Veléz (Spanish Section), Mr. Camilleri (English Section), Mr. Röske (German Section), Mrs. Lampreia (SWALS), Mrs. Vrielink (Dutch Section)

Start: 4.15 pm Finish: 6.00 pm

Agenda KG/GS:

1. Key Competencies for Lifelong Learning
2. Digital Competence Framework for the European Schools
3. Technology in the KG and Primary
4. Landschulheim
5. Q&A

1. Welcome

Mr. Hrovath welcomes all the members of educational council to the second meeting of the school year 2023/24.

He continues that there are many pedagogical issues to discuss and that this is a good frame for these topics. There has been many changes in the systematic organisation of the school. Two main aspects that are new and will have an impact on the future of the ESM.

The board of Governors has agreed on the new admission policy from September 2024. The details still need to be confirmed with the main stakeholders on how best to proceed. Especially in the primary there should be a lot of space.

The phasing out of the Dutch section, has been postponed by one school year.

The Secretary General has issued a new mandate to create a broader working group to analyse the situation and produce a new proposal for the BOG 2024.

The first edition of the new ESM Magazine will be shortly. The plan is for two editions per school year- one just before Christmas and one before the summer holidays. There will be reports from different areas and projects- a little insight into what is happening at the ESM during each semester.

Mr. Katsoulas raises the question regarding the recent violent incident in the secondary school. He mentions that the parents are alarmed and would like it to

be discussed as part of the agenda. He is aware that the school is qualified to deal with the situation at hand but the parents would benefit from explanations or information on consequences that follow these actions.

Mrs. Avsec answers, that this point was foreseen in the Q&A section. All schools have been issued with a mandate from the OSG to prepare/ Create a document on child protection and behaviour policy.

Mr. Hrovath continues, that also the guilty parties need to be protected as well as any disciplinary measures that are taken. Any judgement is not for public broadcast. If the disciplinary rules need to be updated, the help of the parents would be beneficial. Over the past years there have not been many severe cases. A need for a disciplinary council has only arisen every 3-4 years and in the secondary school. Only the parents and teachers that are directly involved will receive information- a spread of rumours of people not directly involved, should be avoided.

Mrs. Avsec mentions, that in the primary school, the first level of contact is always the class teacher. In September, all parents had the possibility of meeting Mrs. Chone who works with KIVA and the Smile Team.

Mrs. Hesse adds, that any issues that arise on the school buses is reported to Mrs. Chone who looks into every case in situ. Depending on the severity on the case she will then be in contact with parents.

Mrs. Vrieling asks if there is to be any formal feedback on the point – students being agents of their own learning?

Mr. Hrovath answers, that this is part of the annual school plan and the steps have been noted that we will follow. It was already covered as part of the pedagogical day in November and will continue in class. The school must report on the progress to the inspection team in November.

2. Digital Competencies for lifelong learning & Technology in the KG and Primary

Mrs. Avsec presents the slides that have been prepared on the digital competencies and media available at the ESM.

Mr. Röske inquires whether new teachers are given information on how to use the offered media. He also adds that although it may have a pedagogical approach, sometimes a small word like Halloween costume, can result in some quite shocking pictures.

Mrs. Avsec answers, that even though the iPad is in place, the teachers must still complete the syllabus. The pupils still must be taught how to do normal calculations and writing. The new teachers are given guidelines. When the management observes the use during lessons, it is important that these tools are used wisely. 5- 10 Minutes on one activity.

Mr. Whinder explains, that obvious words have been blocked but the search Halloween costumes was not considered. The information will be passed on to the teachers to be more cautious.

Mrs. Lampreia inquires about the new robotics course that is mentioned on the slide.

Mrs. Avsec answers, that this is offered as part of the European hours by qualified teachers. The concept of the European hours will be covered in the next Educational council meeting.

Mr. Röske comments, that in communication between teachers and parents, some teachers use different third party platforms.

Mrs. Avsec answers, that the communication should be done through SMS. If other applications are used, they need to be checked and approved by the data protection officer. The topic of teacher / parents communication will be covered in the next staff conference.

3. Landschulheim

Mrs. Avsec states that Mr. Stie is asking the council members to increase the maximum cost of the residential trips to 480 Euros. The school hopes to be able to keep the costs as low as possible but does require a framework to be able to move comfortably within.

All parent representatives state that they do not hold the authority from the parents they represent to take this decision on their behalf. It is agreed that they will contact the parents and ask if there are any objections regarding the increase. They will report the results at the end of the first week in January 2024.

4. Q&A

Mrs. Avsec presents the slide regarding the code of behaviour document. It is published on the school website and all schools are expected to create a good behaviour policy. There are some examples of consequences already listed. When we have prepared our draft document we will share it with you as parents for your feedback. We can discuss consequences with you then at that stage. It will be published when it has been finalised- timeframe about 12 months.

Mr. Camilleri asks what approach is currently in place in the primary school.

Mrs. Avsec answers that when there is an incident, the class teachers deal with it and inform the parents. If it is a larger incident Mr. Stie will be involved. The Smile Team is also present in the playground at break times to support where necessary.

Mrs. Lepage mentions that the parents association has too much money and would like to invest it in some activities for primary and nursery.

Mrs. Avsec responds that this information has also been brought to their attention. The management will meet the PA and make suggestions on how the money should be invested. There will also then be a message on how to put this process in action.

5. Date of the next Educational Council 19.02.2024