

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 17th September 2024

The meeting was held on site at the ESM in Neuperlach from 18:30 pm until 21:00 pm.

Attendees

Parents' association (PA) board members: Michael Bölter, Vanessa Doublier Pritchard, Narjess Kraiem, Esteban Hernández Castello, Muriel Lepage, Inés Lampreia, Fabrizio Marrone, Maciej Madaliński, Daniel Pinilla Ariza, Katia Sittler (chair), Antje Stoller, Xenia Tene, Magda Vecchi, Konstantin Poulos, Mike Marqués

Absent PA Board Members: Karsten Röske, Susanne Herrnberger, Flavio Carsughi, Marcela Frank, Evert Küppers, Désirée Kandolo

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.

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

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

3. SAC Meeting report of September 16, 2024

There is a new school director for Primary and Nursery School.: Simona Cajden. PA Team will meet her on the next Jour Fix planned on the 20th of September.

Start of school year 2024/2025:

- 2073 students in total (+40 vs 2023/2024), 281 new category 2 and 3 joined, 74 new SWALS children.
- 99 (vs 92 PY) Nursery, 631 (vs 607 PY) Primary and 1343 (vs 1333 PY) Secondary
- 28 UKR students (20 in Secondary)
- Once students are accepted in school, treatment is the same for all.
Question to be clarified: some parents of Cat3 in Primary were told they have no rights to support. To be asked in Jour-Fix

New pedagogical plan was presented:

- Follow up PISA in March 2025 (16 y.o. students to be tested)
- From European school level
 - o Monitoring of 8 key competencies
 - o Implementation of support
 - o Implementation of student well-being (child protection, no bullying, health security...)
- From ESM
 - o Students as active learners (Follow up from WSI to be delivered in Nov 2024)
- Pedagogical risks:
 - o Hiring of German teachers still an issue even if this year school could fill all positions
- Closing of Dutch section confirmed for school year 2025/2026. It will be a gradual closing and siblings will be integrated as Swals if no class available at their age.

- Closing of the greek and italian sections could be follow. This will be discussed in 2026/2027.
- Opening of the Spanish section in secondary is also on the table. Parents will be included in the discussion.

There is currently a working group on European school level discussing the uniformization of fees for Cat2 and Cat3. Within the group School Director of Bergen, EPO, Interparents and OSG. Currently Cat 2 fees vary between 10.000€ in Brussels and 20.000€ in Bergen. Aim is to have European school more attractive due to lower prices.

School mentioned problems at the beginning of the year, not as a complaint but as an information.

Bac 2024:

- Mathematics was a disaster this year
 - o Translation problems
 - o Exercices not compliant with syllabus
 - o Calculator problem
 - o Exercices should become more and more difficult in the examination, however this year first exercise for more difficult

--> topic will be addressed in administrative board

4. Services

a. NSA:

- a. The Pension Administration decided that one teacher should be considered as an employee and therefore requested to pay for its pension of the last 4 years. PA opposed against this decision. Right now the proceedings are paused waiting for several judgements of the Bundessozialgericht.
- b. All contracts have been modified:
 - i. For most of the courses, PA now takes 70 € for administration costs for each successful registration of a child to a course, the rest of the course price goes to the course manager
 - ii. This means that the benefits for 2024-2025 will decrease and there will be some more legal costs.

b. Transport:

- a. For P1-S7 students, there are still 70 MVV cards missing
 - b. The busses are driving at the exception of 5 lines by the 2nd of September. By now, there are still 2 busses missing, which concerns about 30 children. The city of Munich has problems finding busses in general.
 - c. 70 P5 would like to take the bus. The students with sibling will probably get a place in the bus, the others not.
 - d. The shuttle is running fine.
- c. There are more and more aggressive parents. Some are using work or private addresses to contact the responsible; they even contacted the EPO HR department to complain or threaten with lawyer sue.
- d. Cantine:
- a. Some S6-S7 students cancelled their PA registration and use the canteen. This is not acceptable. All bookings should go through the parent association and the registration should be once a year.
 - b. Last year, 1500 pupils were registered for the canteen, this year 1400
 - c. Fabrizio is currently having meetings to find a new canteen provider. A new contract should be made, where all bookings go through the PA booking system
If we stop working with Organic Garden, 2 contracts have to be cancelled beofre end

of december 2024.

The kiosk provider has also to be considered

- e. RUF: Some parents have been complaining.
- f. There were problems with the system during the year change. Sending a newsletter with the system is therefore not possible right now.

5. Interparents

EV-ESM to organize 2 Days meetings to prepare BoG of December 2024 in November 2024.

ESM to provide location

6. Budget

- Results 2023/2024
 - Around 40.000€ benefits expected for the year. This is good as some more expenses are expected with the pension problem, and as our revenues are going to be decreasing in the future.
- Plan 2024/2025
 - Revenues a lot lower than in the past. Therefore a necessity to reduce expenses
 - No more buffet during board meetings
 - Pedagogical projects to be reduced to 500€/section
 - Manpower staying for one year as it is, as a lot still needs to be done concerning the NSA situation, but in the future will have to be decreased

7. Open Positions for AG

Section representatives to be elected before the 16th of October by each languages section

8. Approval Draft Agenda AG

The agenda of the General Assembly was approved

9. Any other business

Outreach Programm is looking for a new Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary.

10. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will take place on the 22nd of October at 18:30 pm (face-to-face, Neuperlach).

The meeting ended at 21:00 pm.

Minute writer:

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