



MINUTES: ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING STRASBOURG EUROPEAN SCHOOL Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 6 :00p.m.

M. Bittmann begins the meeting by reminding everyone of the reason behind the existence of the committee (to prefigure the administrative council when the school will be one entity) and its role (to put forward propositions, formulate opinions, accompany the school pedagogical project).

M. Bittmann proposes to organise the meeting in three parts : an assessment of the new academic year starting in September 2011, projects for the school's future and a presentation of the new school project.

Present ::

- EES Management Team: M. Bittmann, Director, Mme Schaffhauser, Deputy Head of the secondary school, M. Lickel, Education Counsellor
- Representatives from the « rectorat » and the « inspection académique »: M. Bohn, Deputy General Secretary, M. Fernandez, General Secretary from the Inspecteur d'Académie and M. Colinet, IA-IPR.
- Representatives of the Local Community: M. Iffrig, Education Management and Early Childhood Education from the Ville de Strasbourg, M. LeTallec, General Counsellor of the Bas-Rhin and M. Cochez, Director of Secondary Schools at the Conseil Régional d'Alsace
- Representatives of the European Parliament: M. Aranda Cano and M. Vanderlinden.
- Representative of the European Ombudsman: M. Amir-Tahmasseb
- Parent Representatives APE-EES: Mme Julien, M. Julien, M. Lodder, Mme Murphy, Mme Benté-Tarakdjian and M. Raison.
- Teacher Representatives: Mme Hazledine (English nursery section), Mme Winter (English primary section), Mme Jacquot (French primary section), Mme Entgens (German primary section), Ms Lustig (English secondary section), M. Labergue (French secondary section).
- Pupil Representatives: Miss Kristensen (S5 EN), M. Labergue (S5 FR).
- EES Secretary: Mme Pfeifer
- French inspector for the European Schools: M. Willé

Apologies : Mme Marlier (Head of nursery and primary), Mme Aslanidis (Education Counsellor), M. Ladaïque (Inspector from the « Education Nationale Adjoint »), Mme Rafik-Elmrini (Assistant Mayor of Strasbourg), Mme Dreyer (Assistant Mayor of Strasbourg), M. Mangin (Regional Councillor for the Conseil Régional d'Alsace).

1) Nomination of the Minute-Taker :

Mme Julien (APE).

2) Approval of the Advisory Committee minutes from June 9th 2011:

The minutes are approved unanimously.

3) Assessment of September 2011 :

M. Bittmann presents the assessment of September (a PowerPoint is available on the school website).

EES opened its doors to 149 new pupils (62 in the French section, 52 in the English section and 35 in the German section) this year with a total of 439 requests for admission. This

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corresponds to an admittance rate of 34% (the percentage of numbers admitted in relation to the number of requests), as opposed to 36% in 2010 and 59% in 2009. More precisely, the figure is 100% for category A (children whose parents work for one of the European Union institutions), 35% for the B1 category (international institutions: Council of Europe, Eurocorps,...), 42% for the B2 category (diplomatic delegations), 40% for the B3 category (international businesses in Strasbourg).

The total number of pupils is now at 699 (as opposed to 620 in 2010 and 222 in 2008), split amongst 31 nursery, primary and secondary classes. The new feature of this school year is the opening up of two S5 classes (English and French) which begins the 1 school years corresponding to the « lycée » in the French national system. It is noted that the number of pupils in these classes is more limited with 15 pupils in the English section and 23 pupils in the French section (of which half are attending EES for the first time).

The teaching team has also grown, now with 61 teachers, 24 teachers in the nursery and primary classes and 37 teachers in the secondary classes. Within this team, 20 teachers have joined EES this year (of whom 4 have come from type 1 European Schools).

M. Bittmann remarks on the difficulties related to recruitment, notably for the scientific subjects in the English and German sections. The last recruitment (maths German section) took place on November 3rd. He underlines that this issue is being looked at jointly with the rectorat and that various imaginative solutions are being studied (for example, an exchange of service with the schools department in Baden Wurttemberg).

In relation to the recruitment of teachers, both the teaching body and the parent representatives underline that it is the priority and that without recruitment and the ability to maintain a teaching team in all the sections and in all the subjects, EES will not be in a position to exist.

M. Bittmann specified that September 2011 was also marked by the inauguration of a new temporary building in the collège Vauban playground P, built during the summer. The building comprises 13 classrooms used by both collège Vauban and EES.

4) Projects for the school's future

Phase 2012-2015 :

The construction of a new temporary building on the Inspection Académique car park will begin in January. This building will include 2 floors and will contain classrooms, a music room, a student common room, a resource centre, 2 science rooms and a teachers room adjoined to a meeting room.

This building will hold the majority of the S4, S5, and S6 classes as of September 2012. These classes will continue to go to collège Vauban for lessons in the specialised classrooms. Roadworks will be carried out to ensure the safety of the pupils crossing from one building to another (a raised zebra crossing and speed bump).

M. Bohn, backed by M. Le Tallec, thanks the local authorities for their efforts, which will guarantee the EES users an environment of good quality.

The school's status

M. Bittmann reminds everyone that the adoption of a specific status for EES implies the modification by legislation of the « Code de l'enseignement » and the « Code des collectivités territoriales ».

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M. Bohn resumes the current state of affairs, which is mobilising the local authorities and the central administration in order to bring this subject to conclusion. He cautiously mentions the possibility of speeding up this issue by using the route of proposing a new law.

Management of the European financial contribution

M. Bittmann informs the committee members of the existence of a financial contribution, from the European Union, prorata to the number of category A pupils attending EES. In July 2011, the amount of 470.000 € was donated by the European Commission and it is now being held in the collège Vauban bank account. This financial contribution corresponds to the amounts for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. This financial contribution is paid yearly and the amount corresponds to around 250.000/300.000€ at the moment.

M. Bittmann mentions the work carried out by the academic authorities, the local authorities and the EES management on the spending of this credit. A breakdown of some of the possible spending is given as an example and for information purposes, (training, science equipment, the European schools network, the European baccalaureate, pedagogical projects...). The discussion is on going between the school's partners with the idea being that the money is used to pay for the extra costs of the school's operations with regards to the national school system.

The parents' representatives underline the fact that this endowment could be used for costs relating to the recruitment of teachers, notably for the English and German sections.

Construction of the new school campus:

M. Bittmann remarks on the advanced state of work in view of the construction of the new school campus. The panel of judges will meet for the second time on December 19th to choose the winning design. Everyone is reminded that the gym and other sports facilities will be situated in immediate proximity to the school but outside the campus perimeter and that they will be open outside teaching hours for access by other users.

Representatives from the ville de Strasbourg, managing the project, confirm that the timetable will be respected to enable the handover in September 2015.

The Ombudsman representative underlines the fact that the initial handover date was September 2013 and so no time must be lost from this point on.

The creation of a network for associated European schools

M. Bittmann gives a resume of the meeting of the associated European schools network in which he participated with representatives of the parents association last October. This meeting notably allowed the network to become official and identified the subjects on which the network should focus (promotion of the European baccalaureate, development of human resources, sharing of resources, inter-school activities, pedagogical exchanges...). During the forum, it was also decided that the Head of the European School of Helsinki would represent the network for the coming year in instances of decision-making within the European school system.

5) The EES school project :

A new school project (a detailed presentation is available on the school website) is currently being drawn up. It concerns the period 2012-2015 and follows on from the first

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school project. Such a project is drawn up as a result of collaboration between the teachers, the pupils and the parents.

The project being drawn up, of which the reference theme will be "Be more European", will have the five following main lines:

- 1: Emphasis on interactions from the nursery through to the secondary to consolidate the identity of EES
- 2: Adopt and follow the standards of European school teaching
- 3: Communicate, display
- 4: Become a part of the network partnership with other schools
- 5: Ensure the quality of European teaching in Strasbourg

This project will be the object of much discussion, which will lead to its adoption at some point during the current school year.

Careers advice programme for EES pupils:

Mme Schaffhauser, Deputy Head of the secondary school, explains the importance of professional careers advice at the heart of the European schools and EES. She underlines the fact that this subject is an integral part of the curriculum to be taught from S5 upwards. She presents the different phases for the 2011-2012 school year careers advice programme (details attached) and invites all teachers, pupils and parents to get involved on this subject.

The APE congratulates Mme Schaffhauser on this initiative and commits to supporting the management team and the pupils in the setting up of this programme. It's representatives remind everyone of the importance given to the options which will be open to the pupils and which make up an important factor in the careers advice. They insist on the necessity to promote, notably with regards to tertiary level teaching in France, the European baccalaureate, and inform the committee of their actions taken to present the opportunities presented by careers in science.

At the end of discussion on this point, M. Bittmann closes the meeting.

Meeting secretary
M. Julien

Meeting president
M. Bittmann