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MINUTES : SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 23/06/2011

Present :

- EES Management Team : M. Bittmann (Director of Studies), Mme Marlier (Head of Nursery and Primary).
- Parent Representatives elected to the School Council : Mme Epstein, Mme Gärmer Dit Richter, Mme Lodder, Mme Paillet, Mme Rouveloux, Mme Tims-Missoni, Mme Waltz, Mme Brockstedt, Mme Ovey, Mme Kennedy, Mme Koussa, Mme Fragapane, Mme Weber, M Brannan and M Patois.
- Teacher Representatives : Mme Bal, Mme Boesch, Mme Bouhmida, Mme Bradley, Mme Bykowa, M. Caboche, Mme Hamen, Mme Harriman, Mme Hazledine, M. Heckmann, M. Heitz, Mme Kahmann, Mme Lanza, Mme Lefrancois, Mme Molines, M. Muir, Mme Nash, Mme Siat, Mme Squiban, Mme Weisenberger, Mme Winter, Mme Jacquot.
- Representatives of after-school care activities- Mme Julien (President of the APE), Mme Jenny Fischer-Dreher (Centre Rotterdam).
Mme Droesch, Mme Streitt (ATSEMs).

- **Apologies** : M. Ladaïque (IENA), Mme Rafik-Elmrini (Assistant Mayor of Strasbourg), Dr Giron (school doctor), Mme Schäfer (school psychologist), Mmes Michel, Barrett, Wagner (teachers), Mmes Sanchez, Uerpmann, Barbaressu, Fischer, Falcoz, Lang (parent representatives elected to the School Council), M Fillon (canteen coordinator for the Ville de Strasbourg), M Zill (EES caretaker).

1 Nomination of the minute-taker

Yannick Patois, parent.

2 Minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting

M. Bittmann gives an account of the Advisory Committee meeting which was held on June 9th 2011. http://www.ee-strasbourg.eu/drupal/sites/default/files/compte_rendu_comite_consultatif_09-06-11.pdf

As far as **admissions** go, 114 applications out of 400 have been retained at the first selection committee. The second selection committee will be held on June 27th.

The **pedagogical structure** of EES is then discussed, with teachers leaving, arriving or moving within the team.

There will be a change in the **administrative structure** due to the Director of Studies becoming the Headteacher of collège Vauban as well. He will be seconded by Mme Marlier, Headteacher of the nursery and primary classes, and by an Assistant Headteacher.

September 2011 : a new temporary building will hold the secondary classes (13 classes in 500 m²).

In **September 2012**, an extra temporary building with 1500 m² will be situated on the Inspection académique car park to hold more of the secondary classes.

The completion of the **European school** on its own site is planned for 2015. The pilot committee created for the project has taken into account the requests of the parents, teachers and pupils with the aim of satisfying all wherever possible.

The competition for the **construction of the school** has generated 136 tenders from architects offices. Five finalists have been selected and they will give their presentations on November 10th. A jury will then vote for the winning project.

Having seen the candidates the competition will be intense and of a high quality.

The question surrounding the **unique legal status of EES** is still being addressed but it is a complex issue.

The European Union will contribute a donation to EES which will be calculated prorata for the number of registered children from category A.

The management of the contribution will probably be decided during the Advisory Committee Meeting which represents all the partners of EES.

3 Account of the kermesse (school fair) June 18th 2011

Mme Marlier notes the importance of this day as a part of school life. The commitment of the many volunteers including the pupils of the secondary classes was very much appreciated and undoubtedly led to the success of the event. The collaboration with the Centre Rotterdam equally contributed to the efficient functioning of the kermesse as well as the voluntary staff from the Ville de Strasbourg.

The accounts are not yet complete however a profit is expected. The **profit will be shared 50%/50%** between the APE and EES, the latter sharing 75% for the primary and 25% for the secondary.

Mme Marlier questions whether eventually the kermesse should not be held every two years due to the amount of effort required. She fears that the volunteers will run out of steam. In that case there will be no kermesse next year but a smaller event, possibly as part of the Comenius project and an exhibition at the end of the school year. To discuss further.

4 School Cooperative (fund)

M. Caboche presents the accounts and the uses of the school cooperative. The contributions by parents represent 56% of the amount, grants from the APE 17%, solidarity day 9%. The trips in Germany are refunded 6 months later. Expenditure was 20% for the classes, 19% for Language 2, 19% for the library, 8 % for sport, 5% for trips, 4% for art, 4% for learning support.

Other grants should still arrive : 4 400 € for trips, 2 000 € from la Ville, 1 500 € from the Conseil général. (grants for « classes de découverte » - weeklong trips).

5 Account of the different pedagogical projects throughout the year 2010/2011 and the APE projects.

The current **school project** was drawn up when the school was opened and is now at its end (3 years).

A new project will be drawn up in September. For this reason the working groups are important as priorities of the school project: solidarity (charity), identity, auto-evaluation, transition.

Identity working group

A questionnaire on this subject was given to all involved in EES. An initial analysis of the results will be available soon. 108 replies were received.

Solidarity working group

A solidarity day was organised in April as well as a watches sale and a bring and buy sale in the secondary school.

The money collected will enable the "enfants des rues" project in Uganda to continue. 700 € was collected by the primary, 500 by the secondary and 457 through the watch sale.

Next year the school proposes starting a solidarity project with the Roms of Strasbourg. This will be in cooperation with the teachers, pupils and parents.

Pedagogical projects

Mme Molines presents the Comenius project (on the environment), a partnership with 5 other type 2 european schools. Games have been created which will be a part of the exhibition at the end of the school year. Each school is invited to create 2 games which will then be copied 5 times. At EES the nursery took responsibility for this. Several games have been developed and created and next week a jury will decide on the two chosen.

In September, Strasbourg will welcome the partner schools. The meetings will be held around the creation of a film which will be produced from scenes filmed by each european school. The theme for EES is « ecological behaviour in school ». A DVD will be edited as a part of this project as well as a booklet. Both will be available for the exhibition in June 2012. Ross Muir takes over the project after the departure of Sandra Molines.

Nursery and primary projects

The nursery is participating in the Comenius project. Two trips have taken place ; one to observe insects in a garden and to learn about why they are important and must be protected, and the other to the « ferme de la Ganzau » for a recycling project.

In the primary work has been carried out on recycling and the re-use of rubbish.

During Europe Day, the nursery classes presented the european hymn, the flag, the institutions and a map of the european countries.

Class trip to Luttenbach (Mme Harriman, M Muir and M Heckmann)

M. Heckmann presented the class trip (16th-20th May) which went well. This trip has an important place in the school curriculum as its benefits can be observed. The mixing of the French and English sections was enriching for all concerned with lots of contacts and exchanges made.

Sport : Susanne Weisenberger (sports coordinator) presented the sporting activities.

Several have taken place :

- At the Citadelle park each teacher organised a sporting activity linked to their country.
- On May 24th the KM of solidarity was held at the Jardin des Deux Rives. This was very well organised and held with the other schools in the district. EES achieved good results and returned with medals.
- The P1 to P4 classes ran in the small park next to the Conseil des XV. The pupils gave a lot of effort and achieved good results.
- During the L2 day (to replace the extra bank holiday on Ascension weekend) on June 15th the P2/P3 /P4 classes held an athletics day.
- The P3/P4/P5 classes were introduced to road safety through one hour of cycling per day for a week.

Each primary class could participate in an extra sport during the year whether it be swimming, ice skating or climbing.

9th May

The P1 and P2 classes participated in an L2 cooking day « We ate well ! ». There was also an exhibition for « springtime» in art in the nursery library as well as games organised in the various classes by the teachers.

European Hours

During european hours the projects included Comenius and the theatre. The pupils worked on improvisation theatre as well as producing a show. Other artistic projects (sculpture, springtime for the arts,) were undertaken.

Hélène Siat (art coordinator) specified that the springtime in arts project culminated in an exhibition.

New displays were put up on the ground floor of the school relating to Comenius and renewable energies.

English classes

Ross Muir presented the different activities carried out by the English section. In April it was « World Book Day » which all the classes participated in. The pupils were invited to present their favourite book and parents came in to school to read extracts from and discuss their favourite books.

The English section organised a British Sports Day at the stade Vauban. The races were organised in teams of 6 with a P5 pupil responsible for each team. It is an interesting method which gives responsibility to the older pupils and enables the small ones to participate.

The second poetry competition was organised around the theme « Home » in liaison with the secondary classes.

A film has been in production since March on the theme of poverty and homelessness. It's also a film about hope with lots of singing involved. All the P4 and P5 English section children participated and it has been a very positive experience. Parents actively participated in the production, they managed the technical side and created the costumes. 50 CDs of the film will be available for the pupils.

Teachers Day May 2nd

The first pedagogical teachers day was held at EES on May 2nd with the help of the APE who organised care for the children with the Centre Rotterdam.

The day was organised around workshops : French, English and German sections, language 1, 2 and 3, nursery, primary and secondary.

In the afternoon groups were made according to classes. The nursery and primary teachers were with Mme Mattossi (Inspector for the european schools) and the secondary teachers went to visit a language lab.

The day ended with a lecture on teaching using differentiation particularly regarding the languages spoken by the pupils. A teacher from Karlsruhe gave the lecture.

Due to the success of this first day, a second teachers day is planned for Friday 21st October, just before the October holidays, for nursery, primary and secondary.

Language 2

Language 2 classes are always maintained even when timetables are changed.

Parents are invited to make an appointment with the teachers if they have questions relating to L2.

Next year evaluations will be held at the beginning of the year in order to create groups based on ability. These tests will be held during the first week.

The L2 lessons have been moved to before morning playtime at a time when the pupils are more attentive.

Next year, immediately from the beginning of the year, the pupils will receive 1 hour of L2 on a Wednesday instead of 30 minutes in order to prepare in advance for cancelled lessons due to trips, sports activities, etc.

P5 may have learning support if they need it.

M. Bittmann reminds everyone that EES is not a bilingual school ; whilst languages represent an important part of the curriculum, language 1 is given priority. In primary, L2 is a relatively small part of the curriculum, as in the european schools directives, with the focus on an evolutionary progression.

The teachers note however important levels of progress by the pupils ; a small amount of work each day enables them to progress rapidly.

Parents Association APE-EES

Mme Julien reminds everyone that tomorrow night is « SoliNight » an evening organised by the APE with the aim of raising funds for EES and in particular the secondary classes. It is also a chance for adults to meet – parents and teachers – for a moment of conviviality.

The APE has decided to finance a temporary and one-off service for the school in the form of a secretary to the headteacher of the nursery and primary to enable the school year to finish correctly and prepare the coming school year, following the departure of the school secretary earlier this term.

The school council elections will be held on October 14th.

Teachers must give information to the parents.

- Class rep : offers or is elected during the first parent-teacher meeting. His role is to ensure communication between the parents and the teacher. He can also be a delegate on the school council which facilitates the exchange of information between the classes and the APE-EES.
- Parent elected to the school council : the school council is a moment of decision making when the elected parents, the teachers and the school management are all together. It is held three times per year. Its basis is defined by French law which currently applies to EES. The elections are organised by list through the parents association. At EES only the APE presents a list.
- The APE has chosen to make up a list including 1 parent delegate and 1 replacement per class. This does not have to be the class rep however it is preferable. On the other hand, the school council delegates must be members of the APE.
- The APE-EES also organises its own elections to renew a part of its board. The APE-EES as the parents association has an important role in a european school. It organises the after-school care and activities, organises special event days and activities in collaboration with the teachers

and participates in the Advisory Committee with the local partners and EES school management.

The APE-EES is a non-religious and non-political association whose role is to represent all the parents of the European school.

After-school care : Jenny Fischer- Dreher, assistant head for the after-school care presents a satisfactory review. There has been significantly more contact between the teachers, parents and Centre Rotterdam this year. There have been many changes throughout the year particularly caused by having to change rooms due to the increasing number of children.

After-school activities : The picnic on September 14th will be an opportunity for the clubs to demonstrate their activities and to accept registrations with the aim that each child participates in at least one activity.

Parents Questions :

Canteen : Speak directly with M. Fillon who is responsible for the school canteen for Strasbourg. He is always available to discuss issues with parents.

Sport : The EES pupils do more sport than those in other European schools. The results prove this as the school has won several prizes during external events (solidarity km). Regarding swimming, EES will have 4 slots next year in November. The classes given priority are P1 and P2.

Language 2 and art : Languages and art are a significant part of the EES projects as demonstrated in the activities listed previously.

Class sizes : The European school requirements demand that class sizes do not exceed 30 pupils. At EES this limit is actually set at 26 in order for pupils arriving during the school year to be accepted without passing an acceptable limit of 28.

Division of mixed-level classes in the German section : The pupils will be appropriately divided into the different classes.

Sex Education : The subject of sex education will be covered in Discovery of the World (P5 classes). This will be discussed during staff meetings.

Library: There will no longer be a librarian at EES next year therefore parents will be asked to cover books, register them in the database and manage the lending system.

Having a small library in each class is essential. It allows children who have a spare few minutes after work is completed to find something to read immediately.

Enlarging the bicycle shed : The ville will be contacted regarding this subject.

Safety around school : During the childrens council held with the Headteacher the pupils will discuss safety and accident prevention. They can then make their parents aware of the problem.

Language 2 Meeting : The meeting organised in September 2010 was attended by only a few parents. Only new parents really need this meeting. For individual problems make an appointment with the teacher.

September 2011/2012

Mme Marlier informs the School Council that a new home-school diary has been created for all the primary classes which is similar to that of the secondary classes. It includes the school rules, absence notes and the timetable. It will be paid for by the school fund. (around 4 euros per diary).

Mme Marlier thanks Nina Bouhmida, Sandra Molines and Hervé Heitz for their investment in EES as they will be leaving at the end of the school year.

Welcome to Rebecca Mayer , Dorothea Entgens and Séverine Jacquot who will replace them.

She also thanks the parents for their hard work during the year with the teachers and the children.