

Representation of Berkendael and SWALS parents in the APEEE Board

Objective

To ensure that Berkendael and SWALS parents are formally represented (with voting rights) in the EEB1 APEEE Board while keeping the overall size of the Board at a level conducive to reaching consensus and taking decisions in a timely fashion.

Current composition of the EEB1 APEEE Board.

The Board is currently composed by 26 full members with voting rights, hereof 1 representative from the Nursery cycle + 16 section representatives (2 from each language section covering respectively the Primary and Secondary cycle) + 9 members elected directly by the General Assembly in their personal capacity. Berkendael and SWALS parents are not formally represented in the Board.

The current size of the board (26 full members plus up to 52 substitutes) represents a challenge in terms of reaching consensus and taking decisions in a timely fashion. Table rounds tend to be lengthy and it is often difficult – sometimes impossible - to reach consensus on a given topic. The other European Schools in Brussels and Luxembourg all have smaller APEEE Boards:

	EEB1	EEB2	EEB3	EEB4	LUX1	LUX2
Number of Board members	26	22	25	21	15	21

Principles for formal representation of BERK and SWALS parents in the APEEE Board:

- No increase in the total number of board members to avoid making it even more challenging to reach consensus / take decisions;
- Proportionality between the number of board members from the Uccle site (3.398 pupils*) and the Berkendael site (currently 565 pupils*, but max capacity of 1000 pupils expected to be reached in the coming years);

* enrolled pupils in the 2018-2019 school year

Proposal for Board decision (based on the above principles)

The APEEE Board mandates the APEEE legal working group to prepare legal texts for a change of the APEEE statutes with the following elements:

- Maximum of 26 APEEE board members;
- 17 board members from the Uccle site composed by 1 SWALS representative plus 2 representatives from each language section covering respectively the Nursery/Primary cycle and the Secondary cycle);
- 5 Board members from the Berkendael site elected by the Berkendael class representatives independently of whether they belong to a language section or a satellite class;
- 4 Board members elected directly at the General Assembly in their personal capacity. Any EEB1 class representative - from Uccle or Berkendael – can put forward their candidature for direct election by the General Assembly;
- Sunset clause: in case Berkendael in the future becomes an independent European School, the provisions concerning Berkendael Board members will automatically (without a new change of the Statutes) be annulled.

Next steps:

The legal texts prepared by the legal working group will have to be approved by the APEEE Board and formally submitted to the next APEEE General Assembly for formal approval. Following the approval by the General Assembly, the new statutes will have to be sent to a notary for registration before they can formally enter into force.