

Parents Association
of the European School Brussels 1

The APEEE & the APEEE Services

Berkendael Site 2019-2020

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As in every school, parents are organised in a Parents' Association, the APEEE (Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne), to follow all matters related to the children's education, safety and well-being.

Moreover, the European Schools rely on the parents to participate in various work-strands such as participating in the education council, organising the canteen, the transport system, the extra-curricular activities and the school party.

Berkendael is one of two sites of the European School Brussels I – Uccle being the much larger (main) site. School administration and also the APEEE (parents association) are fully integrated. At the same time, the Berkendael site is running many of its projects in a way that contributes to the unique character of the nursery and primary-only school. The APEEE has thus created a dedicated Working Group for the Berkendael site composed of parents representative from Berkendael.

Your participation in the Parents' Association is essential to ensure the good functioning of our school, and it is necessary if you want to use the services of transport or extracurricular activities.

Here is how the APEEE works.



Who are we?

The **APEEE** and the **APEEE Services** are **two non-profit making organisations** that are totally independent of the School, and that serve all parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1.

- The **APEEE** is the voice of parents in the school governance bodies; it continuously liaises with parents through elected representatives at class and language section level. The APEEE works on issues related to pedagogy, school administration, school community and students' health, safety and wellbeing.
- The **APEEE Services** is an organisation run by parent volunteers; the Services oversees services of key importance to students' life at school (e.g., transport, extracurricular activities in Berkendael).

All parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1 can become members of the APEEE by paying an annual fee. This fee also gives **access to the services offered by APEEE Services**.

Parent volunteers of the APEEE and APEEE Services are supported by a team of employees who run the Secretariat and coordinate the services to best serve the parents and students of the school.

Who are the parents behind EEB1 APEEE?



Kathryn Máthé
President of the APEEE



Zoltán Krasznai
President of the APEEE Services

Berkendael Working group APEEE

The Berkendael working group is composed of one or two representatives of each linguistic section in Berkendael. Participation is decided every year at the start of the school year among the parents representatives of all classes. Three members of the Berkendael Working Group are also Members of EEB1 APEEE Administrative Board. They are:



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Henning Ehrenstein



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What is our role?

The primary role of the **APEEE** is to represent the pedagogical interests of families in the decision making bodies of the School (for example, in the [School Board](#), the [School Advisory Council](#), the [Education Councils](#), etc.). The APEEE also supports initiatives to improve and enhance the school life of students, and it cooperates with parents to solve problems related to the education of their children.

Statutes of the APEEE

The APEEE organises several working groups to further strategic cooperation with the School:

- [Berkendael working group \(apee.berkendael@gmail.com\)](mailto:apee.berkendael@gmail.com)
- [Extracurricular activities working group of Berkendael \(periscolaire.berkendael@uccleparents.org\)](mailto:periscolaire.berkendael@uccleparents.org)
- [Pedagogical group \(PedGroup\)](#)
- [Well-being group](#)
- [Community Building & Solidarity group](#)
- [Legal group](#)

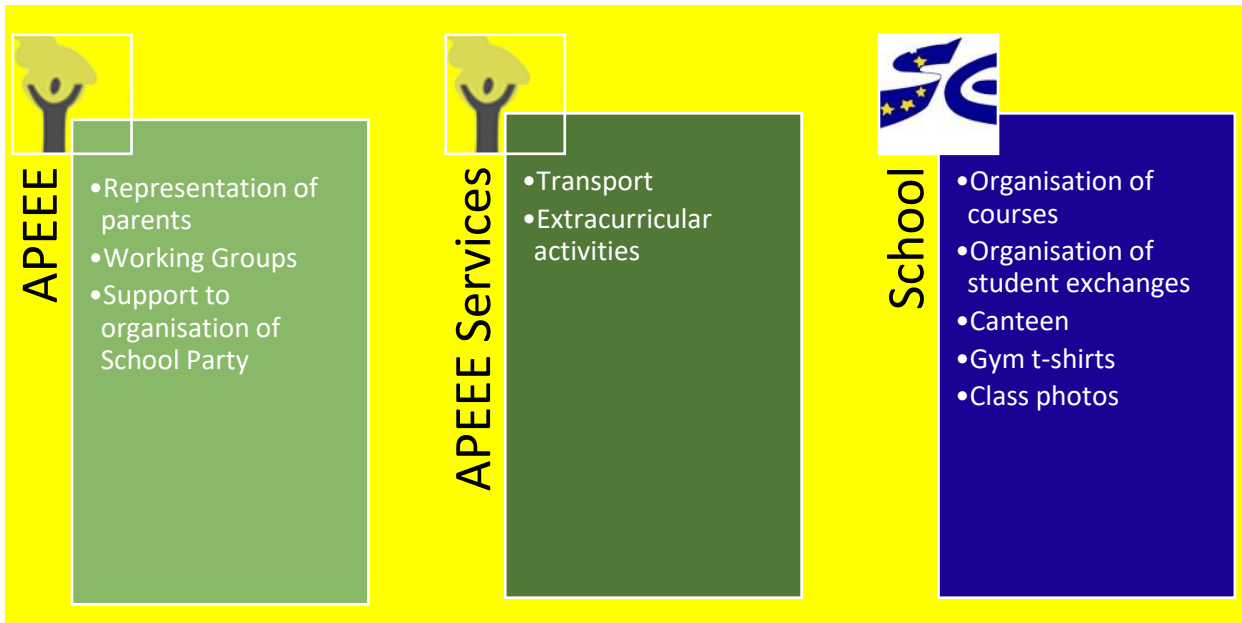
The APEEE works on the front line to support parents and students in the following areas:

- Mediation/Legal advice
- Fund-raising
- [Student exchanges \(in Secondary\)](#)

It also participates in committees and groups organised by the School (e.g. Health and Safety Committee) and by the European Schools General Secretariat (e.g. Brussels Central Enrolment Authority, Brussels Steering Group). The APEEE itself is represented at the highest levels of the system by [INTERPARENTS](#), an association of all the European Schools Parent Associations.

- We proactively participate in the debates and discussions on our children's education with the school authorities and the authorities governing the European Schools.
- We communicate information and liaise between parents and the school.

Who does what?



Information:

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<https://sms.eursc.eu/login.php>

Registration:

<https://services.uccleparents.org>



APEEE membership and enrolment for APEEE Services

All parents whose children attend the European School of Brussels 1 can become members of the APEEE by paying an annual fee (**€ 50 per family**).

Being a member of APEEE is the only way to access the following **paid** services managed by the **APEEE Services**:

- School bus Transport
- Extracurricular activities

APEEE membership and subsequent enrolment to the paid services must be done via:

👉 <https://services.uccleparents.org/>

Why should you get involved?

Our school was set up by parent employees of the European institutions in 1958. From the outset parents were entrusted with the organisation of the main non-pedagogical services: the canteen, transport and extracurricular activities. The parents were also included among the primary stakeholders in all major governance bodies at school and system level.

Since then, parent volunteers have participated as active members in the governance organs of the schools and have undertaken to organise the services that support our children in their daily life at school.

The voluntary and regular participation of parents aims to create the best conditions for our children's education.

When and how can you get involved?

The following are the different roles that you can fill in the APEEE; they can also be viewed as a “path” to longer-term involvement. You may take on one or several roles at the same time, but we recommend starting off with a lighter commitment and working up. For any information, please contact apee.berkendael@gmail.com.

Light involvement – depending on need or sporadic commitment:

- Class representative (see separate document concerning **election procedure which takes place on 03/09/2019 “pré-rentree”**)
- Parent volunteer to run a stand at the annual School Party
- Parent volunteer to help/join the extra-curricular activities working group of Berkendael (periscolaire.berkendael@uccleparents.org)

Note: parent volunteers also help in the school libraries, though this is independent of the APEEE.

Medium involvement – preparation for and attendance at regular meetings expected; heavy during well-defined periods:

- Language section representative
- Member of the APEEE Administrative Board
- Representative on the School Primary or Secondary Educational Councils
- President of an APEEE Services committee (e.g. transport or extracurricular activities)
- Member of the organising committee of the annual School Party of the Berkendael site

Intense involvement – several hours each week; expected to lead meetings or initiatives; can be heavy during longer periods; experience necessary:

- Member of the APEEE Bureau
- Delegate sent by APEEE to European School committee or working group e.g. enrolment board building committee, etc.
- APEEE INTERPARENTS representative
- Coordinator of APEEE Services committee (Transport, extra-curricular activities) or APEEE working group
- Coordinator of the School Party

We welcome your ideas!
Please contact your representatives on the APEEE (apee.berkendael@gmail.com) or the Secretariat (info@uccleparents.org).

APEEE lunch chats in Schuman



Do you have more questions on the APEEE – what it can do for you or how you can contribute to its activities – but have no time to come to Berkendael/Uccle? Are you feeling lost at the school or are you facing a problem that you feel unable to solve? We are happy to meet you over a lunch-time chat in the Schuman area!

Please get in touch with info@uccleparents.org or apeee.berkendael@gmail.com, and we will be happy to arrange a meeting date and place at your convenience!

Get in touch!

APEEE working group in Berkendael

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