

Legal Working Group – 2019 report and description of mandate

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Activities 2019:

The Legal Working Group had an active year.

Its main files were: teacher absences, review of the schools drugs anti-bullying policies, employment issues general issues about the ASBLs, school rules.

In addition, members of the Legal Working Group can and have been be called upon to assist pupils who face the school's disciplinary board (and their parents). This happened a few time during the year.

The WG remains open to all those interested. The above list includes names who have been active/manifested themselves within the last year.

Description of mandate and foreseeable work: The Legal Working Group's role is to provide advice to the Board on legal issues arising. It does not take decisions, but reports to the APEEE Board for any decisions to be taken. As its role is per definition a reactive one. Accordingly, no detailed work programme can be established with the exception of issues either already ongoing or foreseeable to date.

Topics foreseeable include: APEEE agreements, Rules of Procedure and Working Arrangements, school anti-bullying procedure, Legal Convention with the school.

The Data Protection Task Force has been attached to the legal WG, but operated horizontally and autonomously and it is recommended that it be directly attached to the board for reasons of efficiency.

Working method: mainly by email exchange, occasional meetings. Communication to relevant interlocutors such as school authorities on individual files under the auspices of the APEEE board, reporting to APEEE board.

The Legal WG is increasingly solicited for a wide range of issues, often at relatively short notice. In order to increase efficiency, it is proposed (email of 16.12.19 to members) create three clusters on:

- (i) disciplinary issues,
- (ii) statutory issues (APEEE and APEEE Services and their relation with the School) and
- (iii) General legal issues (into which such issues as Belgian law or general legal issues could fall).

Members would volunteer for on (or more) of these groups, so that any issue arising can (also) be sent to the competent interlocutors directly, spreading work whilst increasing expertise and thus efficiency.