

## Minutes of APEEE Board Meeting 15 December 2022

### **ATTENDEES 24**

#### **Voting Board Members:**

Blanca BALLESTER MARTINEZ (CA ES Prim), Noémie BEIGBEDER (CA FR Sec), Mathilde DESFEUILLET (CA FR Prim), Claire GAUDIN (Member elected by GA; deputy CE FR Sec Dep), Maria GERHARDT (CA DE Prim), Delphine HEBERT (Berkendael, FR), Brigitte LUGGIN (DE Sec), Sara MILANO (CA IT Sec), Sandrine PIERLOZ (Member elected by GA; deputy CA FR Prim Dep), Gundars OSTROVSKIS (VP Berkendael, LV), Valentina PAPA (President; EN Prim), Jan TYMOWSKI (Deputy Secretary; PL Prim).

#### **Board Members Voting by Proxy:**

Viktor HAUK (Treasurer; HU Sec) to Emese SAVOIA-KELETI, Andreas KEIDEL (Berkendael DE) to Noémie BEIGBEDER, Pere MOLES PALLEJA (member elected by GA) to Blanca BALLESTER-MARTINEZ, Monika VELIKONJA (VP Pedagogy & Uccle Secondary; SWALS) to Valentina PAPA.

#### **Deputy Board Members (non-voting):**

Marc GUITART (ES Sec), Agnes BOROS (HU Prim), Bartosz HACKBART (Berkendael FR), Nathalie KALOGERAS (FR Sec), Sara MARTELLI (Berkendael IT), Emese SAVOIA-KELETI (HU Sec)

#### **Other Participants:**

Beatriz CASTAÑO (CE ES Prim), Samantha CHAITKIN (CE IT Sec), Murielle DE LEFORTERY (CE FR Berkendael), Gladys EVANGELISTA (IT representative, observer), Laura SERRAO (Deputy IT Berkendael WG), Mariaelena TONA (deputy CE IT Mat), Rachele TOSTI (deputy CE IT Prim)

**APEEE Secretariat:** Samia MABROUK, Guendalina COMINOTTI

### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

President Valentina PAPA informed the Board that point 13 (Discussion on Community Building and 'returning to campus') is postponed to the next meeting. The agenda was adopted by consensus.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of 15 November and review of action points**

Representatives of the French Section requested a few amendments to point 11 of the Minutes, on Work Experience. The minutes, with these amendments, were approved by consensus.



**ACTION POINTS**  
**APEEE Board Meeting 15 November 2022**

Point on Agenda	Action Point	Status
19/11/21 Pt. 13	<b>Handover of class rep info to services/ Medium term:</b> The Bureau, Legal Working Group and Secretariat working on updating the APEEE Data Sharing Agreement, Representative Charter & Vademecum: Charter and Vademecum updated and circulated for upcoming class representative meetings. The Secretariat and Legal WG still have to revisit the Data sharing agreement. Currently finalizing GDPR Streams. Discussions are still going on regarding some points. No progress on this point.	<b>ongoing</b>
17/03/2022 Pt.6  &  15/11/2022 Pt 14	<b>Administrative Meeting and Reports - 15 February, Safety &amp; Hygiene Committee:</b> The President to follow up with school management to ensure that the APEEE is consulted before the implementation of the Access Policy. The President is continuing to follow up on different aspects and to ensure APEEE is consulted. This is an ongoing issue with school management that the President has brought up in different meetings. During the last Administrative Board on 29 September, the SG said that the access policy framework adopted at system level cannot be shared with stakeholders and proposed that an extra-ordinary restricted S&H committee is held on the access policy framework, so that stakeholders can see it. Next S&H meeting will be held 22 November, as the meeting ran late members were asked to submit agenda points in writing to the committee. <a href="#">The meeting was held and the President will update briefly during the meeting today (15 December) in Points for Information.</a>	<b>ongoing</b>
28/04/2022 Pt.9	<b>Proposal to establish a Task Force for APEEE Fund Raising in view of future project calls:</b> Malene SCHATT-EPPERS to lead Task Force in brainstorming and present findings and proposals to the Board in June. The proposal by the task force on fund raising will be presented at the Board meeting in September. The Task Force needs more time to meet and the draft will be presented at the Board meeting in October. The point was supposed to be discussed during the 6 October Board meeting but Malene SCHATT-EPPERS was unable to attend. This is postponed further. <a href="#">As Malene SCHATT-EPPERS has left the Board, a decision on the future of the Task Force will have to be put on the agenda of a future Board meeting.</a>	<b>ongoing</b>



<p>28/04/2022 Pt.10</p>	<p><b>Proposal to introduce credit/bank card payment for the APEEE fee with technical integration in Services database:</b> APEEE President and Treasurer to follow up on the development with APEEE Services and their developer NSI. The proposal was discussed in June and is still being followed up. APEEE hopes that it can be implemented in time for next year's rentrée. <b>No progress on this point.</b></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>28/04/2022 Pt.13</p>	<p><b>Presentation of the result of the Survey by the APEEE Gifted Children Network:</b> The president to follow up with the school to facilitate a meeting and get answers from the school regarding gifted children. A meeting is scheduled for September. Date to be confirmed when feedback received from the school. The meeting has not been scheduled yet, with the new Director. The President will relaunch with school management. <b>No progress on this point.</b></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>23/06/2022 Pt 8 &amp; 08/09/2022 Pt. 7</p>	<p><b>Legal Working Group - update on APEEE Statutes</b> Legal Working Group and President to circulate draft Statutes to the Board once finalised. To be on the agenda for discussion hopefully at the December Board meeting and for vote during an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly in the spring. Statutes were sent and internal discussion going on. <b>The draft Statutes will be presented and discussed during today's (15 December) meeting, Point 11.</b></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>23/06/2022 Pt.15 &amp; 08/09/2022 Pt. 10</p>	<p><b>Decision by the school to open the Opstal gate (and closing of Vert Chasseur gate for pedestrians and bicycles) as well as the "kiss and drive" in Berkendal:</b> President to send a letter to the EEEB1 Director, David TRAN to express parents' concerns about the decision to close the Vert Chasseur entrance to pedestrians and bicycles and to open the Opstal Gate instead. The letter was sent and the reply uploaded to OneDrive. Discussed under pt.10 as well as next steps. President Valentina PAPA to follow up with bureau and prepare second letter in response to school reply. The draft was prepared and will be sent at this point after the S&amp;H committee held on 22 November. <b>Letter not sent yet, but the President reassured that this will be done as soon as possible.</b></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>08/09/2022 Pt.9 &amp; 6/10/2022 Pt 4a &amp; Pt 11</p>	<p><b>Discussion (and possibly decision) on the Future Linguistic Structure of the European Schools in Brussels, as follow up of the Enlarged Steering Committee Brussels held on 30 June and in preparation of the next one on 15 September.</b> <b>Future Linguistic Structure of the European Schools in Brussels:</b> President Valentina PAPA will report in writing after the Enlarged Steering Committee Brussels meeting 15 September. VP Primary and administration, Talia Boati, participated to the SCB on 15 September and reported to</p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>



<p>&amp; 15/11/2022 Pt 12</p>	<p>the Board in writing (document available on One Drive). This point should be merged with the ongoing discussion on the next Enlarged Steering Committee Brussels (10 October) that will be discussed at this board meeting in point 11. Discussion Pt 12 of the agenda. <a href="#">The Board was updated during the 15 November meeting on the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors held on 27 October 2022 and there will be more update in today's meeting (15 December) following the BoG of 6-8 December in point 12.</a></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>08/09/2022 Pt.12</p>	<p><b>Update on the security agreement between the European Schools and the APEEEs</b> The President to update the board after the meeting on the security agreement. The meeting took place on 3 October and Rafael PAPI (President APEEE Services) participated representing EEBI. The President explained that there is concern over the advancement of the negotiations on the template security agreement form on one side, and in parallel the proposal by the OSG to revise the general rules, in order to distribute responsibility between the Directors and the APEEEs on safety and security. IP are now working on this as well, but this proposal to change the General rules came as a surprise as stakeholders were not consulted. <a href="#">It was confirmed that the Amendment of the General Rules will be in the agenda of the Budgetary Committee and the Board of Governors in December. This point will be discussed in point 10 of the agenda.</a></p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>6/10/2022 Pt. 6</p>	<p><b>Secretariat Update:</b> Pere MOLES PALLEJA to provide sentence about legal obligation to pay APEEE membership, to be added to the email reminder to parents who have not paid. APEEE Secretariat to request this for the mailing which has been prepared. <a href="#">The email was sent without any legal reference.</a> <b>General Assembly:</b> APEEE secretariat to check if technical possibilities of the school would allow for hybrid mode or at least a broadcast; President Valentina PAPA to confirm final decision for hosting of the meeting. This was checked and as it is not possible final decision was taken for this meeting to be in situ.</p>	<p><b>closed</b></p>
<p>6/10/2022 Pt. 15</p>	<p><b>Change of Policy by the APEEE Services on extra-curricular activities:</b> APEEE President Valentina PAPA to follow up on the change of policy and communicate with APEEE Services.</p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>15/11/2022 Pt.4</p>	<p><b>11 October Berkendael Primary CE</b> Official Minutes of the CE are currently being prepared by school management. Once received they will be circulated by Berkendael Primary representative Alex WILSON.</p>	<p><b>ongoing</b></p>
<p>15/11/2022</p>	<p><b>Confirmation of CE Representatives.</b> All Uccle and</p>	



Pt. 6	Berkendael representatives are adopted by consensus. ES CE representatives Alejandro JIMENEZ and Cristina Fernandez Ramos (deputy) to be added to official lists (Secretariat correct missing reference to Maternelle). <a href="#">The APEEE secretariat updated the list.</a>	<b>closed</b>
15/11/2022 Pt. 7	<b>Draft agenda of the General Assembly 1 Dec 2022).</b> Draft agenda adopted. Explore efficient voting procedure to enable to count votes in case of multiple candidates for the two available posts Send candidates in advance. <a href="#">The secretariat sent out the convocation with the call for candidature on 16 November. 4 candidacies were received. The vote was handled very professionally by the APEEE secretariat with the help of Bureau Member Jan TYMOWSKI. On 1 December the GA Assembly elected two new Board Members: Sandrine PIERLOZ with 126 votes and Claire GAUDIN with 122 votes.</a>	<b>closed</b>
15/11/2022 Pt. 8 & 8a	<b>8. Update of delegates to official bodies and mandates</b> Adopted. APEEE Secretariat to publish on website. <b>8a Proposed Project Extension</b> APEEE Secretariat to communicate confirmation of extension to Project Coordinators. <a href="#">These two points were done.</a>	<b>closed</b>
15/11/2022 Pt. 9	<b>9a. Proposal to initiate negotiations with the School to organise a School Fete in Spring 2023.</b> Adopted. CBWG to circulate past documents for organization of fete. <a href="#">This was done.</a>	<b>closed</b>
15/11/2022	<b>Discussion on ways to go “back to campus”.</b> Board members to send any points to Samantha CHAITKIN, who will prepare paper for discussion at next Board meeting. <a href="#">This point will be postponed to the Board meeting in January.</a>	<b>ongoing</b>
15/11/2022 Pt. 15	<b>Review and solicitation of agenda points for the CE Berkendael on 8 December; CE Uccle Primary and CE Uccle Secondary on 13 December.</b> As the meeting ran late members were asked to submit agenda points in writing to the representatives (Alex WILSON for Berkendael Primary CE, Talia BOATI for Uccle Primary CE and Monika VELKONJA for Uccle Secondary CE). <a href="#">This was done and the President will report on the meeting shortly during the Point of Information section. The President reminded the Board to look at the documentation uploaded in the One drive for further information on the issues discussed.</a>	<b>closed</b>

### 3. Welcome of the new Board and tour-de-table

APEEE President Valentina PAPA welcomed all and introduced APEEE staff and observers. She explained APEEE also invites CA deputies and CE representatives to Board meetings, so the latter know what is happening at Board level and underlined the importance of having this monthly exercise. She welcomed the new CA Members and a short tour de table took place so that all participants could introduce themselves.



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## POINTS FOR INFORMATION presented by the President

President Valentina PAPA explained that reports and other relevant documents are uploaded in advance on OneDrive shared folder for most points so that the points for information can be kept short.

### 4. General Assembly Report

President Valentina PAPA reported on the APEEE General Assembly held on 1 December, where a Q&A session was held with the new EEB1 Director Mr David TRAN and other members of the school management, the APEEE Board 2021-2022 was given discharge, the budget for 2022-2023 budget was adopted, 10 new Board members (elected in Berkendael and language sections) were ratified, and 2 additional members were elected to the APEEE Board. She also referred to the e-mail that was sent to all parents on 6 December with those results.

### 5. Administrative Meetings and Reports

- **22 November: Safety & Hygiene Committee**

President Valentina PAPA reported. Main issues in Uccle concerned access and gates. For the Opstal entrance, the school is in contact with VIAS (company evaluating) and APEEE requested to evaluate together the school decisions on all entrances, and if in terms of security they really had the impact that the school wanted. APEEE asked for the parents to be consulted in additional meetings. The school management's response was affirmative, but nothing has been received so far. The President planned to write another letter and will request that both aspects, the safety of Opstal and the impact of the closing of Vert Chasseur, to be included in the evaluation. With regards to the Waterloo entrance, the school was asked about what it is doing to make it safer in respect of buses. Student questions included requesting formally for the Opstal entrance to kept open longer. APEEE also asked about options to leave the Vert Chasseur gate available for pedestrians during some periods of the day (strong request from parents with afternoon pickups such as Garderie, no reply from school). For Berkendael the President highlighted the issue of the lack of safety without a proper kiss&drive zone and the problems with the noise levels in the cantine. The school management knows about this and is taking measurements of the noise (required also for the safety of its employees).

During the debate that followed, some Board members stressed the dangerous situations with the Opstal entrance and asked for additional actions. Others referred to the planned modifications that will be discussed between the school and the Region of Brussels, and also to the envisaged full closure of Bois de la Cambre. With regard to Berkendael, a possibility of having a steward supervising the informal kiss&ride zone was mentioned, and the perspective to have the street marked as having a priority for bikes.

**ACTION: President Valentina PAPA to send letter to the school on evaluation**

- **30 November and 12 December: meetings with Director Tran on the Fête**

President Valentina PAPA had two meetings with Director TRAN, after receiving a mandate from the APEEE Board to ask to have a School Fete. The Director stated during the General Assembly that the idea should be to have one joint Fete for both sites, in Uccle. The Vice-President for Berkendael also took part in the second meeting as Berkendael representatives wanted to make sure that this solution would not be permanent, and they also wanted to have such an event at their site. The



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Director understood this and stated that he was ready to propose some options to Berkendael, such as organising some sort of Open Days. For APEEE representatives it was important to make this point and the Director did not seem to claim that a single Fete would be 'forever'. The subsequent letter from Director TRAN will be considered under point 14.

## **6. Pedagogical Meeting Reports**

- **8 December: Berkendael Primary CE Meeting**

Vice-President for Berkendael Gundars OSTROVSKIS stated that minutes from that meeting were still to come; parents raised the issue of scanning of badges required for arrivals and departures which created confusion (the school management explained that this was for safety reasons and same as for Uccle site) and the problem with late-comers as the gates close at 8.15 when lessons start (the school informed that the daily average number of late-comers has thus been reduced from 60 to 15). Updates from the school included class projects, noise levels in the canteen, playground rearrangement into specific areas which has worked out well, as well as explanations on educational support and teachers.

- **13 December: Uccle Primary CE Meeting**

Marc GUITART reported on the meeting, which included a presentation of numerous successful projects (listed in the report available on OneDrive) and the first edition of the Uccle Magazine, as well as the description of different sports activities, and a number of parents' points (such as the Opstal entrance, access for disabled children, and school trips).

- **13 December: Uccle Secondary CE Meeting**

President Valentina PAPA reported. The main point, as discussed at the previous Board meeting, was that of S5 Work Experience timing and feedback, especially taking into account the Oral BAC week - when other Secondary students cannot be present at school. Opinion was sought on two options: a mandatory Work Experience between 19 and 23 June, with feedback the following week, or a voluntary one between 26 June and 7 July without feedback. For parents a voluntary work experience was preferable, with the dates when students do not go to school, and to provide feedback for S4 in the autumn. The question of flexibility during holidays was not yet clear but it seems that the Work Experience will be only one week to be taken during a two week period. The issue will be discussed again, and questions can be addressed to Vice-President for Pedagogy Monika VELIKONJA.

French section deputy representative for primary Sandrine PIERLOZ asked about the record of issues raised by parents at previous occasions, and Spanish Representative Marc GUITART explained the practice of preliminary meetings. French section representative for Secondary Noémie BEIGBEDER requested the relevant documents to be also saved in the CE folders on OneDrive and in general that the documentation for each official meeting is saved under the relevant folders in the OneDrive (SAC, Admin board, CE meetings etc). The President took note of this.

## **7. INTERPARENTS: 1-2 December - INTERPARENTS meeting and 6-8 December - Board of Governors Meeting: 180 days, homework policy, OSGES Pedagogical Reform WG, Language issues**

President Valentina PAPA briefly reported on the Board of Governors meeting of 6-8 December and in particular on the problems with the establishment of a Task Force on the 180 days at system level

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and the discussions concerning the Future of European Schools in Brussels. She also indicated that a mandate for action concerning the amendments to the General Rules of the European Schools, as recently adopted by the Board of Governors, would be discussed under point 10.

#### **8. Secretariat Update: update on staff and APEEE Membership payments**

President Valentina PAPA reported that the temporary contract for Samia MABROUK would be coming to an end on 22 December and thanked her for her support. She updated the Board that 86 families have still not paid the APEEE fee, of which only 5 were using APEEE Services, a good development compared to previous years. The implementation of payment via credit card had been delayed but would be a priority in January.

#### **POINTS FOR DECISION**

#### **9. Appointment of new Coordinator for the Legal Working Group**

As proposed by the Bureau, and following his brief presentation, Jan TYMOWSKI was appointed by consensus as the new Coordinator of the Legal Working Group.

#### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

#### **10. Amendments to the General Rules in respect to the responsibilities of School Directors and Parent Associations on security and safety: update from the Board of Governors meeting 6-8 December**

President Valentina PAPA recalled that in 2016, the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission formulated a recommendation concerning the sharing of responsibilities between the schools and their respective Parents' Associations with regard to security, and that the subsequent negotiations did not yet end with an agreement of all APEEEs. Instead, the Board of Governors has adopted amendments to the General Rules, introducing external bodies' responsibility for additional activities organised on school premises. In view of the ongoing discussions within the framework of INTERPARENTS, she then asked the Board for a mandate to possibly support a legal challenge (although in EEBI, the potential problem concerned rather the APEEE Services), which was adopted by consensus.

#### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **11. Presentation and discussion on the draft Statutes prepared by the E&Y Law firm**

Deputy Secretary Jan TYMOWSKI presented the draft new Statutes, recalling the need to align them with the new Belgian laws, and the fact that the project prepared by the external contractors also contained numerous detailed provisions that were reflecting the current and established practices within the APEEE. More specifically, he pointed to those parts marked in the draft (as distributed to the Board earlier) which concerned the APEEE membership, its organizational structure, the powers of specific bodies, and various procedural details.

President Valentina PAPA underlined that some elements remained to be decided by the APEEE, (e.g. composition of the Board) especially in view of the ongoing reform on the future of all European Schools in Brussels. It was mentioned that from a legal point of view the new statutes aligned to the Belgium law should be adopted by end of December 2023.





During the debate that followed, Board members raised several important issues for the Legal WG to take into account when working on the revision of the statutes. GA elected Board Member Claire GAUDIN said that section representatives should be able to represent all parents of their section and expressed the concern that the current composition of the Board does not reflect the size of a given section. GA elected board member Sandrine PIERLOZ wished that issues that are fundamental for a specific section, whatever its size, could be raised in the Board and potential solution should be agreeable by all members of the Board, without being detrimental to other sections. The President added that it is actually one of the prerogatives of the Board to gather and discuss questions that are important for our school community and that absolutely can be put to the table by only one section and that can be shared by other sections. Others Board members stressed that it is important to ensure the small sections are represented equally in the Board, as a proportional representation of linguistic sections could lead to small sections being ignored. It was also mentioned that the possibility of the General Assembly to elect additional Board members aims at balancing the structure as all class representatives vote there. The President mentioned that other APEEEs had a similar structure of representation, albeit with much smaller Boards, and less transparency.

It was also mentioned that some vehicular language sections (FR, EN) attract more pupils who are not necessarily native speakers/of the obviously related nationalities (BE, FR, EN, IE, MT), without being SWALS, and this should both be recognised as a chance for the diversity of our school and as a specific issue to tackle.

On voting procedures, FR section representative for secondary Noemie BEIGBEDER said that, while most of the decisions are taken by the Board by consensus, vote at simple majority should not lead to the APEEE board taking decisions which, according to her, do not reflect a majority of parents represented by the same APEEE. The President reiterated that having two votes in one year is to be considered a good practice and that a vote with simple majority is the standard used in associations for simple decisions. She added that it is important to look at what is decided at Board level and what is decided at the level of the GA. The representation reflecting the size of sections is guaranteed at the GA: statutes and budget for example have to be adopted by the GA, not at Board level. She stressed that it is important not to make adopting decisions by the Board more complicated than what it needs to be. If consensus is not possible, which fortunately is extremely rare, there needs to be the possibility to vote and the aim of reaching consensus should not become an obligation of unanimity.

In addition, the following matters were raised:

- the need to add standard provisions concerning data protection,
- the reality of two sites, which has become a permanent situation, should be adequately reflected in the Statutes, possibly going away from a selection of separate Berkendael representatives
- to adopt or change statutes, it is the General Assembly that votes (- the liability of the members of the APEEE's bodies would be limited in accordance with the Belgian law on associations)
- the provisions concerning Working Groups reflected the pragmatic approach currently in place, and the Board's ultimate responsibility to managing APEEE,
- the timing of further work should allow enough space for consultation with all parents,
- the current Statutes and Internal rules could also be distributed to Board members for comparison



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In conclusion, the Board agreed to set a deadline for comments to be sent to Jan TYMOWSKI by the end of January 2023, so that the Legal WG can present all the comments received to the Board and, based on them, could provide some proposals to be discussed by the Board in a future meeting, possibly in March 2023.

**ACTION POINT:** Board Members to send comments by email to the Coordinator of the Legal WG Jan TYMOWSKI by 31 January 2023. The secretariat to send a communication with the deadline to Board Members with the draft statutes and the Board's internal rules (dating back to 2007).

## **12. Future Linguistic Structure of the European schools of Brussels: update from the Board of Governors meeting 6-8 December**

President Valentina PAPA informed that the Board of Governors took a decision to select option A3+ (with the DE section to be placed entirely in Uccle, ES remaining on both sites, and IT and EN section in Berkendael), and that in advance of that the Enrolment Guidelines already envisaged appropriate elements. Bartosz HACKBART indicated that the subsequent Policy document has not yet been adopted but should be available in the following days.

During the debate that followed, Board members expressed divergent opinions on the decision taken by the Board of Governors, stressing inter alia the problems with overcrowding, the perspectives linked to the opening of the 5th School in 2028, and the need to look into various ways to make the EEB1 School safe and efficient. FR section representative for secondary expressed her deep concerns about the adopted solution which is the worst possible scenario for our school in relation to the highest objective of making space for and reducing overcrowding of the secondary cycle in the 4 existing schools. Yet, this objective was shared by all Board members at the beginning of the discussion. She added that unfortunately the individual interests of sections, families and various lobbying groups have totally outweighed the interests for the quasi totality of secondary students who will all continue to suffer in their scholarship and in their well-being from parents' actions in the last 6 months.

Numerous parents stressed the lack of proper consultation by the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools, and the difficulty of finding a joint position of the whole APEEE. Belgian authorities were reportedly using the location of the European Schools as a tool in city planning, and the pressure of the EU institutions was not enough to ensure a better outcome for the sake of current and future students and their parents. The President reiterated that she had asked on several occasions to the Secretary General to organise open sessions with parents and that he has always refused. As for the participation of stakeholders, there has been, with the multiple Steering Committee meetings, but the APEEEs were also put in a impossible position, where at the beginning we could not even share the documents and then, with the low level of precisions and lack of data of the proposals discussed, we couldn't really make the difference.

With regard to the statements made by INTERPARENTS at the Board of Governors on the Future of Brussels Schools, it was asked why they did not consult the sections involved in EEBI. President Valentina PAPA explained that Interparents consists in many parents' associations and its position is developed in cooperation with all of them, and that it normally doesn't take any position on specific sections. She promised to convey the message to the Interparents' delegates, as they were absent during that meeting, to ask them to follow up on this issue.



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### **13. Discussion on Community Building and ‘returning to campus’**

As agreed in the beginning of the meeting, this point was postponed until next Board meeting.

### **14. Discussion on organisation of the Fête and on the establishment of the Fête Committee**

President Valentina PAPA referred to the letter received from Director David TRAN on the organisation of the School Fete, especially with regard to the financial matters. During the discussion, Board members expressed various points of view on the matter of teachers’ involvement, the use of School premises, the procedure for spending funds raised during the Fete, and also the chances of students from Berkendael (and their parents) being interested to come to the event held in Uccle.

In conclusion, it was agreed to oppose some of the proposals made by Director TRAN, and that the President should explain to him the relevance of past practices with regard to parents’ and teachers’ participation in the Fete.

### **POINT FOR WRITTEN INFORMATION**

#### **15. Secretariat Update**

Members were referred to the document detailing Secretariat tasks uploaded onto OneDrive.

*The meeting ended at 23:45 and was followed by a pre-Christmas drink*