

Brussels, 8 June 2026

MINUTES OF THE APEEE BOARD MEETING 23 APRIL (ONLINE)

Board Members CA (voting): Michael BERZ (DE Prim Uccle), Agnes BOROS (HU Prim Uccle, ES Prim Uccle), Hjørdis DALSGAARD (DA Sec), Almudena DOMÍNGUEZ GARCÉS (ES Berkendael, Deputy CE ES Berkendael), Marek DVORSKÝ (SK Sec), Maria GERHARDT (DE Sec), Bartosz HACKBART (CA Member elected by GA), Delphine HEBERT (CA Member elected by GA), Magdalena HORODYSKA (PL Prim Uccle), Miklos NAGY (HU Sec, Treasurer), Valentina PAPA (EN Sec), Georg RAAB (DE Berkendael, Deputy CE DE Berkendael), Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ (CA Member elected by GA, President), Laura SERRAO (IT Berkendael), Tanja TROJOK (SL Prim Uccle, CE SL Prim Uccle)

Proxies: Noémie BEIGBEDER (CA Member elected by GA, VP Secondary) and Yasemin TURETKEN (EN Berkendael) to Valentina PAPA

Deputy Board Members CA (non-voting): Francesca GILLI (EN Berkendael), Mihali HIMICS (HU Prim Uccle, Deputy CE HU Sec), Andreas KEIDEL (DE Prim Uccle), Marie RAMOT (Deputy CE FR Berkendael)

Other participants: Magdalena KUPCZYK (Deputy CE PL Sec), Margarita SAVOVA-PEYREBRUNE (Coordinator Gifted Children Network, Languages Working Group)

APEEE Secretariat: Guendalina COMINOTTI, Selena GRAY

1. Adoption of the Agenda

A point on transport charges Berkendael to swimming classes was added under AOB; the agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 24 March 2026 APEEE Board Meeting

The minutes of the 24 March 2026 APEEE Board Meeting were approved by consensus.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

3. APEEE delegates to official bodies and Working Groups

- update from (school and/or APEEE and/or INTERPARENTS) Working Groups

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ reported on behalf of VP of Secondary Noémie BEIGBEDER:

- on Trips he referred Board members to a common document prepared by the APEEEs and sent to the Secretariat General, outlining all the concerns about the mandatory school trips of the year. This included input from the different schools. The procurement procedure (public tender) for the travel agent for trips is now being audited by the Court of Auditors and the APEEEs were meant to be consulted on the quality but no contact so far from them.
- the Homework Policy is nearly ready but still to be discussed in May.
- the Assessment Policy is on the way, Deputy Director Ms MAKARSKA is still working on it; the harmonisation of assessment between sections is being taken seriously.

Valentina PAPA reported on the situation after the resignation of two out of three Spanish section Board members (Primary Uccle and Secondary Uccle). The position of Secondary Spanish Secondary is under discussion as the candidate recently proposed by the Spanish section is a class representative for primary and not for secondary, Blanca BALLESTER MARTINEZ who resigned as Spanish Secondary representative on 26 March will still stay in the position up to 2 months after resignation (ending the 26 May 2026), in line with the statutes.

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- **Nominations: Languages WG Coordinator, Primary Trips representative, CE Primary Uccle delegate**

In line with the recent survey sent out on Languages as Extracurricular activities and other issues a Languages WG Coordinator is needed urgently to follow this closely together with the bureau and APEEE Services. As no volunteers were present and there was no quorum yet, section representatives were requested to solicit in their sections. Candidates for Primary Trips Uccle and CE Primary Uccle representation are still solicited.

- **APEEE Languages Working Group: languages extra-curricular follow-up (before 30 April)**

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ reported on the success of the Survey on Languages as extra-curricular which was sent out by the APEEE to all families. This had generated a lot of feedback demonstrating the importance of languages for families. The deadline of 30 April is fast approaching for families to propose an activity to APEEE Services/Césame, in line with its rules of procedure for applying with a proposal for an extra-curricular activity. The Board approved by consensus for the President to send survey results to the APEEE Services President Marek BOBIS and Vice President Rafael PAPI-BORDERIA informing that languages should be a priority. Also to ask whether the APEEE by way of survey results can represent its members in the request or if families need to do group requests for each language activity to take place. The expectation is that families would not need to follow up in line with standard Césame procedures as the survey demonstrates already the numbers interested accordingly and includes the names of families involved per group of languages and levels, aside from creating a heavy workload for APEEE Services.

4. Berkendael Fête Saturday, 25 April 2026

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ informed on the Berkendael Fete to be held on 25 April which is being organised by the school to mark the 10th Anniversary and the substantial programme uploaded on OneDrive. An APEEE stand is foreseen as well as the sale of APEEE Fete hoodies and cups. The latter will be sold for 1 EUR as recycling is hard to coordinate. This should recover the investment and enable to buy the missing cups for the Fete 2027.

Berkendael representatives reported there will be some food trucks, as well as some food stands coordinated by parent volunteers who will also assist in selling tickets. There are no details available about the prices, costs and benefits of the activity; it was reiterated that this should be transparent as the school has asked parents to be involved and contribute with their work to the event, which is not exclusively carried out by the administration and the teachers. It was agreed that the Berkendael Fete parent committee representatives would check with school management as the school should be required to report on this and any use of the benefits should involve the APEEE.

POINTS FOR INFORMATION

5. HAPPEEE for Working Groups

APEEE Secretariat Guendalina COMMINOTTI reported that the Communication Working Group and Ky Vinh TRAN LUU had a meeting to discuss developments. HAPPEEE is being trialled for internal communication for board members and Working Groups. It is a good solution to provide continuity and keep historical memory with the posting of relevant links. Working Group coordinators will be approached to schedule a 30 minute introduction meeting for each Working Group on how to make the most of the app.

The conversation ended with a brief discussion, with some concern expressed about having to use this app alongside existing communication methods like email and WhatsApp. One Board member reported that HAPPEEE is quite confusing to consult but conceded that for Working Groups it could prove useful.

6. 27 April Q&A Session Project Funding – Spring Call 2026

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ informed the Board that the Spring Call 2026 had been sent out to the school community on 13 April, with a Q&A session held online for potential applicants on 27 April. He clarified that school agreement should be sought where appropriate, but this is not mandatory to apply. However, at least proof of request or a link with a teacher is always a strong support for the application. He reminded that school management also attends the Panel evaluating projects and can oppose any project but with a justification for not providing an agreement.

7. Administrative Meeting Reports – reporting on system level meetings: updates on meetings and latest developments

- **10 April Interparents Meeting (preparation Board of Governors - BoG)**

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ recommended Board members to look at the detailed Interparents report and interventions for the Board of Governors. This had just been received and uploaded on OneDrive, together with the draft agenda.

He also referred Board members to the annual Complaints Board report and the APEEE intervention for the need to have an Ombudsperson for transparency at administration level. The Complaints Board is not always the most adequate way to solve conflicts within schools and families are discouraged by the high costs involved in a formal procedure of appeal, showed in the falling number of cases ultimately resolved. He pointed out the recent case of siblings as an example, which gives a lot of scope to schools and the Central Enrolment Authority, particularly noting worries about how overcrowding can be used to justify flexible placement of siblings in different schools departing from the case of the Greek satellite classes in our school. Board members added other examples of sibling cases to the discussion including a refusal for sibling transfer in the German section citing maximum capacity reached. Almudena DOMÍNGUEZ GARCÉS discussed plans to present changes to the Central Enrollment Authority in June, arguing that siblings should have priority over external applicants when space is available. President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ informed that the Complaints Board had redefined the concept of siblings as not being an automatic right of families but an obligation of the school, and recommended reviewing the relevant report for strategic guidance, referring Board members to the Activity Report on OneDrive (point 2 on siblings) and decision 25 on the website of the Complaints Board.

- **13 April Groupe d'accompagnement (preparation Board of Governors – BoG)**

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ clarified that the Group d'accompagnement is the meeting that the European Commission has with Interparents to prepare for the Board of Governors (BOG), typically 1 week before. The President and Vice President of Interparents participated and prepared for the BOG.

- **15-16-17 April Board of Governors (BoG)**

President Sigfrido RAMÍREZ PÉREZ BOG referred to the draft agenda of the Board of Governors, noting that the request of authorisation for a new accredited school in Brussels had been withdrawn. Approval was received for a half time position of an additional Assistant Deputy Director for secondary level, a post which had been lobbied very strongly for to deal with overcrowding in secondary. There will be a new document to come with the Interparents' interventions but also a document with APEEE interventions and what was decided.

- **23 April CE Primary Uccle**

Vice President of Primary Nadia ROSINI was not present to report. Tanja TROJKE noted that while questions and valuable points from parents were duly addressed, no substantial or critical issues were discussed.

8. Review and solicitation of agenda points for upcoming meetings 2026

- **12 May CE Uccle Secondary**

Valentina PAPA (EN Secondary) reported that she had received questions from parents in her section regarding insurance coverage for students during S5 work experience, whether work experience could be done during summer holidays, particularly August. School management replied this is not possible due to issues of insurance coverage as the school covers them. This has been discussed in the past. She consulted the Board to know if parents from other sections had raised this issue. The conclusion was to consult Vice President of Secondary Noémie BEIGBEDER and CE Secondary representative Hjordis DAALSGAARD and request them to investigate further on insurance details.

AOB

Berkendael representatives raised the issue of the transport fee planned for Berkendael for swimming classes and if only for Berkendael. Francesca GILLI informed that information would be collected during the management meeting the next day with the Deputy Director of Berkendael. During the CE meeting it was understood that this would apply to all schools with a reduction in swimming costs, but with parents covering transport costs.

Supporting reports and documents for this meeting are accessible to Board members in the OneDrive Board meeting folder.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11 June 2026 (Uccle)