Feedback from School Admin Board

on 28/09/21

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Our Lux2 school Admin Board was organized on 28/09/21 and was **chaired for the first time** by **Mr Andreas Beckmann in his new role as Secretary General** for the European Schools.

The Secretary General delivered an oral update in which he confirmed that the European Schools network continues its expansion with the opening of 2 new accredited schools last September, one in Luxembourg (Mersch) and another one in Germany (Saarbrücken).

The Secretary General also explained that, at the end of last August, the Board of Governors approved the recommendations from the Task Force Group for each European School to concentrate on pupils' wellbeing, following the long periods of distance learning they had experienced**.**

Mr Beckmann mentioned that the survey, launched in last October by Central Office, to collect feedback from pupils, parents, and teachers, will definitively help the schools to address this question. He also expressed that his objective was to ensure the Bac 2022 would be as normal as possible, with pre-bacs as well as oral and bac examinations organized in situ.

Mrs Soekov, acting as interim Director during the Admin Board, expressed her gratitude to the whole School community who contributed to provide pupils with good education despite of the distance learning periods. Further to this, she presented some key statistics for our School.

- **Bac results in 2021:** The Bac success rate has improved over the last 2 years and has reached 98.8% in July 2021, with the **best average** ever last year. The number of pupils achieving a mark of 90 points has been also increased.

- **Class repeating rate**: Compared to the last 3 years, the number of pupils who had to repeat their school year has **decreased** in both Primary and Secondary.

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- **School population**: There is a slight increase in Nursery again. Primary figures are stable and there is a substantial increase of 45 pupils in Secondary.

Nursery	Primary	Secondary	TOTAL
223 pupils	947 pupils	1 516 pupils	**2 686 pupils**

A proposal for the **2022/23 School calendar** was discussed between the different members of the School Administration Board, including the possibility of aligning Lux2 Carnival holiday with that of Luxembourg schools in 2023. Unfortunately, this was deemed impossible, due to time constraints with Pre-bac organization in January 2023. However, the proposal indicated that Lux2 school holidays in 2022/23 will be aligned with that of Luxembourg schools for Easter and Pentecost holidays, which is usually not always the case. The Secretary General asked for a final verification with the European Parliament and its calendar of sessions in Strasbourg. Therefore, the final version will be validated in the next coming weeks.

In terms of Annual Pedagogical School Plan, and among other objectives, our School would like to **strengthen our pupils and teaching staff's digital competence** which have already improved, thanks to distance learning periods**.** The implementation of "Bring Your Own Device" / GEOGEBRA in Secondary will certainly give a push in this direction.

An important point regarding surveillance reinforcement during the pandemic was also discussed. School supervisors were temporarily recruited in September 2020, as part of the Covid implementation measures to avoid mixing pupils. They have now **become major actors in our school life** in the 3 different cycles and they represent a **real advantage and a positive input** for our pupils' safety and security. As their contracts were due to end on 31/10/21, the School requested the authorization for an extension until the end of this school year. APEEEL2, together with teachers' representatives, fully supported this proposal. The Administrative Board **accepted the proposal** to keep the supervisors until the end of this school year as a **pandemic-related temporary measure,** as long as **the School has the budget to cover the costs**.

At the end of the meeting, APEEEL2 raised the issues of the need for career guidance for our S7 pupils, as well as Bac recognition. The Commission has launched an infringement procedure against Germany regarding the European Baccaulaureate equivalence in Germany

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since the implementation of the new marking system. The KMK (Kultusminister Konferenz) is still defending its decision from June 2018 and according to the German authorities, the procedure is still ongoing.

APEEEL2 Representatives: Mr André Schmutz (President), Mr Didier Hoareau (Vice-President Admin & Finance), assisted by Mrs Delphine Ballaguy (Secretary General) – November 2021

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