Feedback from the Secondary Education Council on 22/02/22

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Your APEEEL2 representatives attended the second Secondary Education Council for this school year on Tuesday 22/02/22. We are pleased to share with you the main topics which were discussed at this meeting:

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Feedback on Prebac examinations

Even though the number of positive Covid cases was very high in our School last January, Prebac examinations could take place between 18/01/22 and 25/01/022 in the Salle des Fetes, for a total of 172 S7 pupils. Social distancing and respect of sanitary measures were in place. Wearing masks was mandatory for pupils and staff.
Before the start of the examinations, each pupil received 10 Covid tests to be used before each exam.
Only 6 pupils were absent during the examination session, and they had to sit a second examination session at the end of January.
The School Management is very pleased with Prebac exams results, as the average mark is very high: 8.01. This is more than 80% of the prom which had a Prebac average mark above 7.00. One pupil achieved the best individual result ever: 9.88.
APEEEL2 would like to congratulate S7 pupils for their great achievements and wish them good luck for the second semester.
When Prebac results are published, pupils aged 18+, or their parents, have a right to view and get a copy of their original script. APEEEL2 reminded S7 pupils' parents of the procedure for making such a request, and 23 pupils from different sections made this request.

Update on prevention workshops

Some workshops were put on hold due to the pandemic but the prevention programs for secondary pupils have now fully restarted.

Prevention programs which already took place:

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- In S1: CFL (**railway safety** workshop run by CFL) and Beesecure (**internet safety** program).
- In S2: CFL and **Planning Familial**
- In S3 + S4: Limitiert (**alcohol consumption prevention**). This program was not available to S4 pupils last year due to the Covid crisis.

Prevention programs still to take place:

- In S4: Extra Tur Sucht in April (**substances consumption prevention**). S5 may also be included as they missed it last year.
- In S5: **Depression awareness** workshop
- In S6: **Sex Education**. The S6 advisor also proposes a **drugs prevention workshop**.

Activities in secondary

Even if strict restrictions were still in place for activities with mixed-levels pupils, some efforts were made to develop projects within the School.
The following events were organized the past few months within the school: International Day for people with disabilities / Eco projects with posters in S3EN / St-Lucia's walk / Food donation collection / Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes) in religion lessons / Sales of Valentine's roses / PISA Tests / Play and Learn activities.

Olympiads were organized in Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics (OMB/Belgian Mathematics Olympiad), Science Olympiad, Juvenes translators (Jan Hübel from Lux2 is the winner in Luxembourg http://www.eel2.eu/fr/news/vie-de-lecole-evenements/juvenes-translatores-0).

Events to come:
Poetry week / Photo competition (theme is "reflections") / Action contre la Faim (to be confirmed).

We kindly remind you that our School is participating to the Eurosport competition to take place from 23 to 26 March in the European School in Mol (https://www.apeeel2.lu/eurosport-mol-23-to-26-03-22/).

Pupils at risk of non-promotion (repeating their school year)

After class councils, meetings have been taking place with pupils at risk of promotion, their parents, the year advisor, the principal class teacher, and the Deputy Director' assistant.
Meetings with concerned S6 and S5 pupils are already completed. S7 class councils are scheduled later, so meetings with concerned S7 pupils are only being organized now. The School Management will organize similar meetings for concerned S4 pupils later.
APEEEL2 thanked the School team involved in this program which now concerns all cycles from S4 to S7. We are convinced that such a program can help pupils who feel a little demotivated to refocus, or better concentrate on their schoolwork.

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Use of SMS

APEEEL2 raised again the point of disparities between teachers in their use of SMS. The Deputy Director for Secondary confirmed that all marks taken into consideration must be showing in SMS. All homework should also be mentioned in SMS. If homework is detailed in TEAMS, as it allows for larger files to be uploaded, teachers must indicate in SMS "please check in TEAMS".
APEEEL2 asked again about the possibility for parents to have access to the SMS rules of use for teachers. LS agreed to publish it in Parents Memorandum.

Option choices for S3 and S5

Information meetings were organized online for parents to explain the Option Choices process. They were well attended by parents.

Options for S4:
There are currently 237 pupils in S3. This is a high number for only one level in our School, thus allowing for more flexibility to organize options.
For your information, the following languages have been created as L4: DE, ES, FR, IT. However, DA, HU, and EN could not be proposed as L4, due to a lack of interested pupils.
Unfortunately, Ancient Greek and Modern Greek could not be proposed either as not enough pupils were interested. Economics (4 periods) was created in the 3 L2 groups (1 group DE, 3 groups EN, 1 group FR).
The following 2-period options have also been created: Art / Music / ICT / Ancient Greek for Greek students.

Options for S6:
There are 196 students in S5 who took part in the choice process.
As usual, some students must make a second choice, because they selected an option or advanced course which will not be created because of a lack of candidates.
20 students also had to make a second choice because they chose 2 courses which will clash next year in the timetable. In total, 15.3% of the current S5 students had to make a second choice.
Please note the list of courses that are not created can change from one year to another, it really depends on pupils' choices.
This time, S6L1 Italian advanced and S6L2 French advanced have not been created and the following option courses have not been created either: Geo 4 in German / History 4 in German / L3 Italian / Music 4 / Philo 4 in German.

Work experience in S5

We kindly remind you that a 2-week work experience is now mandatory for all S5 pupils. This year, it must take place between 20/06/22 and 01/07/22. The deadline for handing in the contracts was on 28/02/22. The advisor's coordinators of this program are Mrs Olmedo and Mrs Kargopoulou.
APEEEL2 wishes a meaningful and rewarding first work experience to all S5 pupils.

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Pisa tests for European Schools

Our School has already participated in 2015 and 2018 in the PISA national survey in Luxembourg.
This year in March, our School will participate in a PISA test for European Schools, specially prepared for our school system.
All European Schools will participate between 10 and 16/03/22.
3 subjects are to be tested: Maths, Science, and L1. 195 pupils from Lux2 were eligible to participate as they were born between 10/01/2006 and 10/12/2006.
The aim of the PISA test for European Schools is to assess pupils' achievements in our system. No comparison is foreseen between the different schools.

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