Feedback from the Secondary Education Council on 26/04/22

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Your APEEEL2 representatives attended the second Secondary Education Council for this school year on Tuesday 26/04/22. We are pleased to share with you the main topics which were discussed at this meeting:

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Overview of the activities in Secondary

- The *Extra Tur Sucht* prevention workshop for substances consumption took place in April for all S4 pupils.
- The *Sustainability Week* was organised between 25 and 29/04/22. More information is available on the APEEEL2 website https://www.apeeel2.lu/apeeel2-supports-lux2-sustainable-week-25-29-04-22/
- On 28/04/22, S5 pupils were invited to participate in the run "*Action contre la faim*". Pupils were sponsored by their friends and families to raise money for people living in hunger in Côte d'Ivoire. https://www.lessentiel.lu/fr/story/a-l-ecole-europeenne-ii-ils-ont-couru-pour-la-cote-d-ivoire-250333675634
- In May, some S6 pupils were selected to participate in the "*Model European Council*" (MEC). This event brings together the European Schools for a role-play simulation of a European Council summit. This year, our School has the Presidency, which means Lux2 pupils chaired the council.
- Also in May, our School participated in the ESSS (European Schools Sciences Symposium) in Strasbourg. This competition is open to Secondary students of European Schools. Individuals or groups of 3 students, guided by a teacher-mentor, are encouraged to explore an area of scientific interest of their choice.
- The concert of the School Orchestra will also take place in May.
- On 18/05, this will be PAM (Poetry, Art & Music) Day.

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APEEEL2 regrets that communication about these events remains confidential. We expressed our wish to be better and earlier informed, so we could make sure all our School community knows about these interesting and enriching projects.

Information about the end of the school year

- **Calendar**

  The end of regular lessons for years S1 to S6 is Friday 17/06 at 16:30
  On Friday 20/05, lessons will exceptionally end at 13:05 for the Secondary cycle due to the S7 Bac party.
  Friday 17/06: Regular school day for S1-S2-S3 with the distribution of school reports.
  From 20/06 to 30/06 (incl): Work experience for S5 pupils

- **End of school year examinations**

  From 30/05 to 10/06**: Baccalaureate written examinations**
  From 07/06 to 17/06: Examinations in S6
  From 10/06 to 17/06: Examinations in S5
  From 13/06 to 17/06: B-Tests S4
  From 20/06 to 28/06 (incl): **Baccalaureate oral examinations**
  Friday 01/07 at 8:45: Distribution of the reports to pupils in S4-S5-S6 (during the 1st period)
  Friday 01/07 at 16:00: Bac Ceremony at Chapito in Mondorf-les-Bains

- **Transition Day P5-S1**

  The foreseen date of the Transition Day is 13/06 (TBC).
  224 pupils from P5 are invited to visit to the Secondary school where they will have one morning of special lessons. Secondary teachers will prepare 5 different lessons (music, sport, art, L1, mathematics…) depending on their timetable and availability.
  All the pupils of current S1 classes will spend their morning lessons back at the Primary school. Please note that the distribution of pupils, the number of classes, and the teachers allocated to the lessons during Transition Day will not reflect next year's organization. Pupils from the Czech and Hungarian sections will be integrated into the German, French, or English sections according to their L2.

Baccalaureate session 2022

This year, we are getting back to a usual European Baccalaureate session, which will consist again of 5 written examinations and 3 oral examinations. Results will be communicated on 29/06 after the S7 Class Council.
S7 pupils are halfway there, as their preliminary mark (marks from September to May) counts for 50% of the final mark. The other 50% is shared between written examinations (35%) and oral examinations (15%).
For oral examinations, pupils can only choose one question, which they are not allowed to change. Once they have selected their question, they have a 20-minutes preparation before they take the oral examination for a duration of 20 minutes.

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Update on options choices for 2022/23

Information on various options choices was already communicated at the previous Education Council, please refer to this article https://www.apeeel2.lu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/secondary_education_council_22_02_2022_communication_03_22.pdf
Additionally, we can confirm that new complementary courses have been created for future S6 pupils, including Political Sciences (2 periods), Theatre Studies and Drama (2 periods), as well as Classical studies (2 periods) and Intro to Economics (2 periods).
L5 will be available in Spanish, Italian or Chinese.

Use of SMS

As most parents already know, APEEEL2 has raised several times the issue of disparities between teachers in their use of SMS. We are pleased to announce the official confirmation from the Deputy Director for Secondary on the mandatory information all teachers must enter in SMS:

- **Attendance**

Absences/presence must be entered in SMS.
Attendance must be checked at the start of the lesson
In case of double lessons, attendance must be checked at the start of both lessons.

- **Homework**

Homework must be entered in SMS under *Assignments* (e.g pages to read from a book; a project to prepare; handout to finish). It must be very clear to the student/parents what the student must do at home. If TEAMS is used by the teacher to upload homework, this must be clearly indicated in SMS.
Homework must be explained to pupils during lessons, prior to be entered in SMS.

- **Assignments**

All dates for A or B test, projects (etc…) to be graded/marked by teachers must be entered in SMS.

- **Material covered**

Material covered must be entered in SMS in the public folder for parents and pupils.
Entered information must detail a short overview of what was covered/taught during the lesson.

- **Course description**

A short description of the course main topics per semester must be entered in SMS. A link to the official syllabus, and attainment descriptors, should be given.

All the above should soon be published in Parents Memorandum.

Well-Being

All meetings regarding pupils at risk of promotion have now been completed.
Letters to the parents of pupils at risk were sent after the April report.

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An “Emotional Well-Being” workshop for S5, S6 and S7 pupils was organized, but the selected timeslot during class time did not unfortunately allow a high level of participation.
“Pink Day” organized by the KiVa team was hugely successful: Pupils and staff were wearing pink, pupils shared compliments slips, and attended a disco with a party atmosphere during the morning break.

Ukraine

A concert organized by our Music Department to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine took place in March.
The Art Department created a ‘dove of peace’ installation and other exhibitions to raise awareness.
The Pupils’ Committee organized a Bake Sale to raise money for Ukraine.
A Ukrainian pupil in S6 spoke to all S6 pupils during religion/morale, giving his personal response to the situation.

Geogebra update

Your APEEEL2 representatives asked for an update on the use of Geogebra since the last decision from the Board of Governors not to use Geogebra any longer for exams.
For S4 and S5 June exams, pupils will use their usual Casio calculator.

From next school year, Geogebra will be used in class for mark A only, and a new calculator will be recommended. Physics and Maths teachers are working together to decide on the type of calculator they will recommend. To avoid a monopoly position, each European School will be free to choose its own calculator with only a minimum of requirements to comply with.
The new calculator for future S6 and S7 will be added on the book/material list that is expected to be published by mid-June.

APEEEL2 Secondary Education Council Committee – May 2022

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