INTERPARENTS and the European Schools

INTERPARENTS (IP) is an international non-profit making association (AISBL) registered in Luxembourg and serves as the legal representative of the parents' associations of the European Schools and the 'umbrella' association of all European School's Parents Associations.In particular, INTERPARENTS represents the parents' associations in the higher instances of European School governance: the Board of Governors (BoG), the Budgetary Committee (BC) and the Joint Teaching Committee (JTC). INTERPARENTS also appoints representatives to sit in working groups mandated by the board of governors and to represent the parents as and when required at other meetings which concern the functioning of the schools.

INTERPARENTS convenes meetings four times a year to discuss issues of common interest and to develop common positions. Notable issues treated include:

- European School Language Policy
- Pedagogical reform and the Eight Key Competences
- Competence-based assessment and the New Marking System in secondary
- Educational Technology and Digital Competence
- Evolution of and support for the Baccalaureate
- Students with special educational needs (SEN)
- Failures and repeat rates
- Inspection and quality assurance
- Cost sharing and teacher remuneration
- Sustainability
- Ensuring infrastructure and funding

APEEEL2 has several delegates serving on INTERPARENTS:
For the school year 2023-2024, the elected APEEEL2 InterParents representatives are Johan

Luboya and Afroditi Papadopoulou, as well as Chrystelle Yeandle as an Observer.

Board of Governors and the Preparatory Meeting Cycle

The **European Schools Board of Governors (BOG)** is the highest body of the European Schools. The Board of Governors meets twice a year (in April and December) and its membership includes:

- A senior representative of the educational authority of each EU Member State
- A representative of the European Commission
- A representative of the European Patent Office (only for decisions concerning the Munich school)
- A representative of the parents
- A representative of the teaching staff

The Board of Governors appoints the Secretary-General to oversee the daily management of the system with the support of the Office of the Secretary-General (OSGES) based in Brussels.

Board of Governors' meetings are prepared through two preparatory meeting cycles extending from September-December and January-April. Each preparatory meeting cycle follows the same program:

- **September and January - Administrative Boards of the 13 separate European Schools**
- **October and February - Boards of Inspectors**: primary, secondary, and joint boards
- **October and February - Joint Teaching Committee (JTC)**
- **November and March - Budgetary Committee (BC)**
- **December and April - Board of Governors (BoG)**

Each meeting in the half-year cycle is chaired by the inspector or delegate of the member state which holds the annual presidency of the European Schools.

INTERPARENTS sends four delegates to the Joint Teaching Committee; two observers to the Budget Committee; and two delegates - an official delegate and a deputy - to the Board of Governors.

The Office of the Secretary General also constitutes working groups upon mandate of the Board of Governors. The composition of the groups varies depending on the nature of the task, but quite a few include parent delegates sent by INTERPARENTS.