Feedback from the School Admin Board of 30/01/2024

APEEEL2 attended the School Admin Board on Tuesday 30/01/2024 and was represented by Mrs Stefanie Fischer (APEEEL2 President), Mr Nicolas Rossignol (APEEEL2 Vice-President) and Mrs Delphine Ballaguy (APEEEL2 Secretary General).

We are pleased to share with you below the main topics that were discussed at the meeting, presided by **Mr Andreas Beckmann**, Secretary-General of the European Schools.

Report of the European Parliament

European Schools are currently presided by Italy whose main priority is to follow-up on the report of the European Parliament (https://www.apeeel2.lu/ep-cult-committee-report-on-european-schools-12-09-2023/). Among the propositions recommended by the Parliament, 3 will be addressed in the European Schools' action plan.

- Attractiveness of salaries for Nursery/Primary (N/P) teachers in comparison to Secondary teachers.
- Role of the Middle Management in the schools
- Mobility Program

Further expansion of the European Schools system

Mr Beckmann confirmed that the system of the European Schools is further growing as there will be an additional Accredited European School (AES) in Madrid, hopefully opening on 1st September 2024.
The Luxembourgish delegation then announced that the plan of the new government includes the **request for 3 more AES in South Luxembourg** (Esch-sur-Alzette, Dudelange and Luxembourg City) in the next 5 years.

Evolution of our School population

- **Figures**: Even though our School expects an increase in the Secondary cycle, there is **a decrease in number for the Nursery and Primary schools** with a big impact in the DA and CS sections. APEEEL2 representatives also expressed their concerns about the decreasing numbers in the DE section.

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- **Enrolment procedure**: The Administrative Board has decided to remove the 500€ enrolment fee for new families from category 2 and 3. The School Director explained that there is now **a wish to attract more pupils** and the School will therefore organize an **Open Day** for the first time during this school year.
- **Ukrainian pupils**: There are currently 14 pupils coming from Ukraine attending our School in 2023/2024. The **policy of welcoming Ukrainian pupils to our School has been renewed** for 2024/2025.

Budget for the year 2025

- Both the Central Office of the European Schools and the European Commission confirmed that 2025 will be a strict year. The School must find a way **to reduce expenses and make savings**. APEEEL2 representatives expressed their concerns about these budget cuts which generally have an impact on educational projects and expenditure directly serving pupils. APEEEL2 asked for a better visibility on the planning and overview of IT which has absorbed a large part of the School's budget in recent years.
- **Extrabudgetary costs**: APEEEL2 reiterated their request for access to extra-budgetary expenses, given that most of the money comes from parents (lockers, photos, intermaths, etc.).
- **School trips**: Mr Beckmann reminded the assembly that the first procurement made with Denatravel was not satisfactory, hence the contract was not prolonged. A new procedure has been launched and a new company will be selected next May. Parents representatives will be invited to the selection committee.

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