

APEEEL2 Annual Activity Report 2022 - 2023

Parents' Association
European School of Luxembourg II (Mamer)

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Parents**,**

As part of my new role as President, this is my first time to introduce our *Annual Activity Report*, and I would like to encourage you to read this latest edition covering the school year 2022/2023. I hope you will be able to get a feeling for all the work our Association has done over the past 12 months.

Besides our internal monthly Management Committee meetings, we have been representing you in **numerous meetings with the School,** including the *Education Council* meetings for Nursery, Primary and Secondary, the *School Admin Board* meeting**,** and the *Health & Safety* meetings, always with the intention to represent you in the best possible way.
We have been discussing multiple topics relating to the **Canteen** and the **Educational Support,** and from **BAC** issues & solutions to **IT problems** in our School, everything concerning our School community has been present in one way or another.

A very significant part of our daily work circles around our **Periscolaire activities** and our **Summer Camps**, and I hope that your children have been able to enjoy some of these activities.
Last school year, we started a new project, the **Community Project Funding,** in which we are collaborating closely with teachers, students and parents to gather projects we would like to support financially.

In 2022/2023, we were delighted to be able to organize again events such as **Careers Day** in Secondary, as well as conferences like our **Coffee Meetings for parents**.

One of our School's major challenges next year will be the organization of **EUROSPORT, taking place in March 2024 at Lux2.** APEEEL2 has the challenging responsibility to provide accommodation for more than 300 participating students, coming from other European Schools. Our Management Committee is intent on ensuring that the whole School, from Nursery to Secondary, can get involved in this exceptional event!

This Activity Report will also provide you with a detailed overview of our current financial situation and our budget, as well as our plans for the coming year. Even though we achieved a record high level of registrations last year with our Periscolaire activities, we have been facing many difficulties due to external constraints, such as the ones CPE has been imposing on us since September 2023. In the future, this may call into question our organization and our Periscolaire offer, as we now have new risks to consider.

I hope that in reading this report, you will find more information on the topics which are of interest to you, and that it may trigger new and greater interests in our Association, as we are always happy to welcome more volunteers.

I would like to use this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our Management Committee members, all volunteer parents, for their hard work and engagement. I also extend my warmest gratitude to our Office staff who is for most of you the first point of contact, as they are all going above and beyond to ensure the smooth running of our Association.

With warmest regards,

Stefanie Fischer,
APEEEL2 President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

https://www.apeeel2.lu/management-committee-members/

APEEEL2 is the **official representative of the parents of the pupils at the European School Luxembourg II** recognized by the European School Statutes in so far as concerns related to the School and other third parties go. All parents of pupils attending the European School Luxembourg II are represented by APEEEL2.

We are a **non-profit organization made up of voluntary members** from amongst **parents of pupils** in Nursery, Primary and/or Secondary. We are the voice of parents of all language sections including parents of **SWALS** (Students Without A Language Section) and **ONL** (Other National Language) and pupils attending the **European School Luxembourg II, Bertrange-Mamer**.
Each year in June, we ask **all our members** to participate in the important vote for our next Management Committee election, giving a 3-years mandate to their choice of candidates. Our elections have been organized online for a couple of years now, using the secured BELENIOS online platform.

In June 2023, **10 members out of 15 candidates were elected in our Management Committee** with a three-year mandate, starting on 1 September 2023. We would like to thank all 15 candidates for their participation, and our members who took the time to vote. The participation rate was 20% and we hope that next year's elections will see even more participating members.

APEEEL2 Management Committee (MC) for 2023/2024

Stefanie Fischer	President
Nicolas Rossignol	Vice-President Admin & Finance
Hom Saihkay	Treasurer
Areti Vasiloglou	Vice-President Nursery & Primary
Petros Vakondios	Vice-President Secondary
Mateja Prajs	Secretary
Barbara Cattrysse	MC member
Mirela Dragota	MC member
Rasmus Egelund	MC member
Chrysoula Fragkiadaki	MC member
Silvie Gregorova	MC member
Diane Kipre	MC member
Chris Knight	MC member
Johan Luboya	MC member
Ivana Massucco	MC member
Afroditi Papadopoulou	MC member
Enza Petrone	MC member
Tiziana Tamborrini	MC member
Stefan Wunderlich	MC member
Christelle Yeandle	MC member
Roberta Zani	MC member



FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounting team for 2022/2023

MC members Achim Schaefer & Hom Saihkay, assisted by APEEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy and Accountant Assistant Quitterie Pickart

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2022/2023 Accounts

In our last AGM of November 2022, we presented a budgeted deficit of – 52.000€. At the end of the school year, we couldn't achieve any deficit and our result amounted to 32.732,05€.

Our incomes

- Memberships: Income from memberships remained stable with more than 1.100 members.
- Periscolaire activities: We noticed a post-covid effect: registrations for activities increased sharply, and sports activities, among others, were taken by storm. We were able to lift all restrictions and just comply with basic health instructions.
- Accueil Periscolaire: We continued with our Accueil Périscolaire for pupils who are not authorised to attend CPE. In 2022/23, it was open for short days only, and we were able to welcome more children (around 65) thanks to the recruitment of a second educator on a seasonal contract. As the previous year, parents paid every 3 months by bank transfer. This represents an income of 32.660€ which is included in the Periscolaire incomes. This figure also includes the two-week extension we offered to parents. These two weeks covered the period between the end of the activities and the start of the school summer holidays.
- Summer camps: We organised a wide range of Summer Camps for the Secondary pupils who always finished 2 weeks earlier than the Primary school. We also welcomed 75 children during the Primary Summer Camp.
- As last school year, we requested a subsidy from the CAS (Comité des Activités Sociales des Institutions européennes) to partially cover our administrative office costs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank CAS for accepting our request and allocate us a subsidy of 45 000€ for 2022/2023.

Our expenses

- The costs for our Periscolaire and Summer Camps instructors increased due to a high number of registrations resulting in more sessions/camps.
- As foreseen in the budget, the firm Altenburg GmbH assisted us with the quality control of the canteen and the writing of a guideline so we can now proceed ourselves with a regular quality control.
- The budget allocated to events and school projects was not fully used. Even though we launched our Community Project Funding, only a few projects could be developed and supported last year. We know that this will take off this year. We also expected big expenses linked to the school 10th anniversary. However, the APEEEL2 Management Committee could not find in the program prepared by the school a big event targeting the whole school community that we have been happy to support or at least a big event where pupils would have participated in number. Therefore, we spent much less on the 10th anniversary and therefore on the school project line than we initially thought.
- We had few major purchases for the Periscolaire activities, the most notable being the purchase of table tennis tables. The rest was for everyday equipment for sports or craft activities. Two major items of expenses were catering for the Accueil Periscolaire (snacks and meals covered by the price paid by parents) and the costs associated with *Mérite Jeunesse*, which were quite high because of the resumption of this activity after a long Covid-break: the pupils go on two expeditions (one practice expedition, and one assess expedition), which involves transport costs, camping and expenses for the monitors and volunteers who supervise the pupils.
- Despite having 5,000€ allocated in our budget for this purpose, no donation was made to the School to finance any pedagogical project. We supported school projects in different ways than using donations.
- Our expenses for the Social Fund cover half of the cost of the canteen for the Ukrainian pupils who benefit from it. The 2nd half is taken in charge by the School. In addition, it covers, for those same families, the membership, one activity per child and one summer camp per child, if requested.

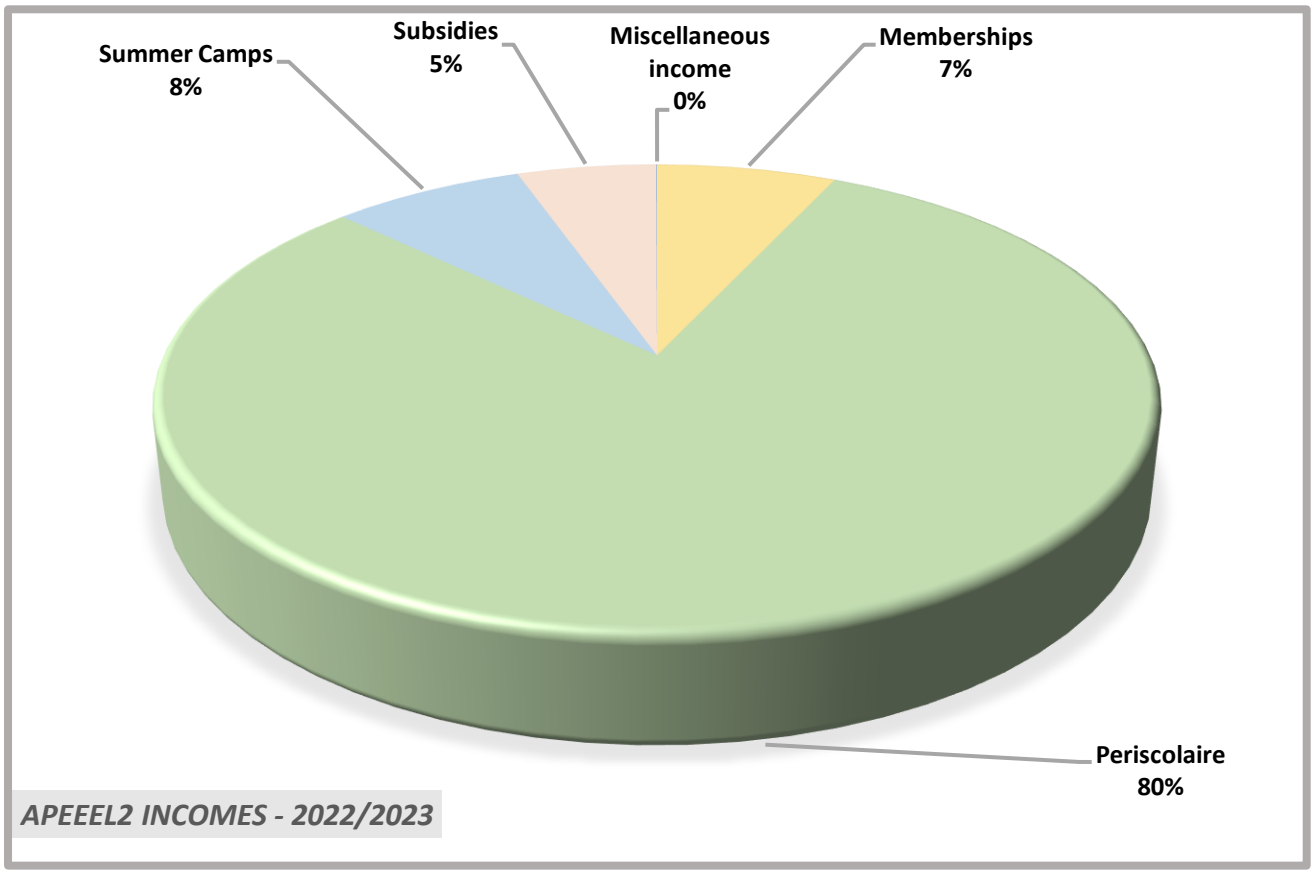
Staff costs

Staff salary costs increased compared to the school year 2021/2022: we had 4 permanent employees over 12 months as our accountant assistant has been recruited in April 2021, one permanent employee for Accueil Periscolaire as from March 2023, and a few seasonal contracts for the accompaniment as well as 2 educators for the Accueil Periscolaire (one of both replacing our permanent educator till March). We also had to apply two indexes in 2022/2023: one in February 2023 and one in April 2023. However, costs remained in line with the budgeted amount.

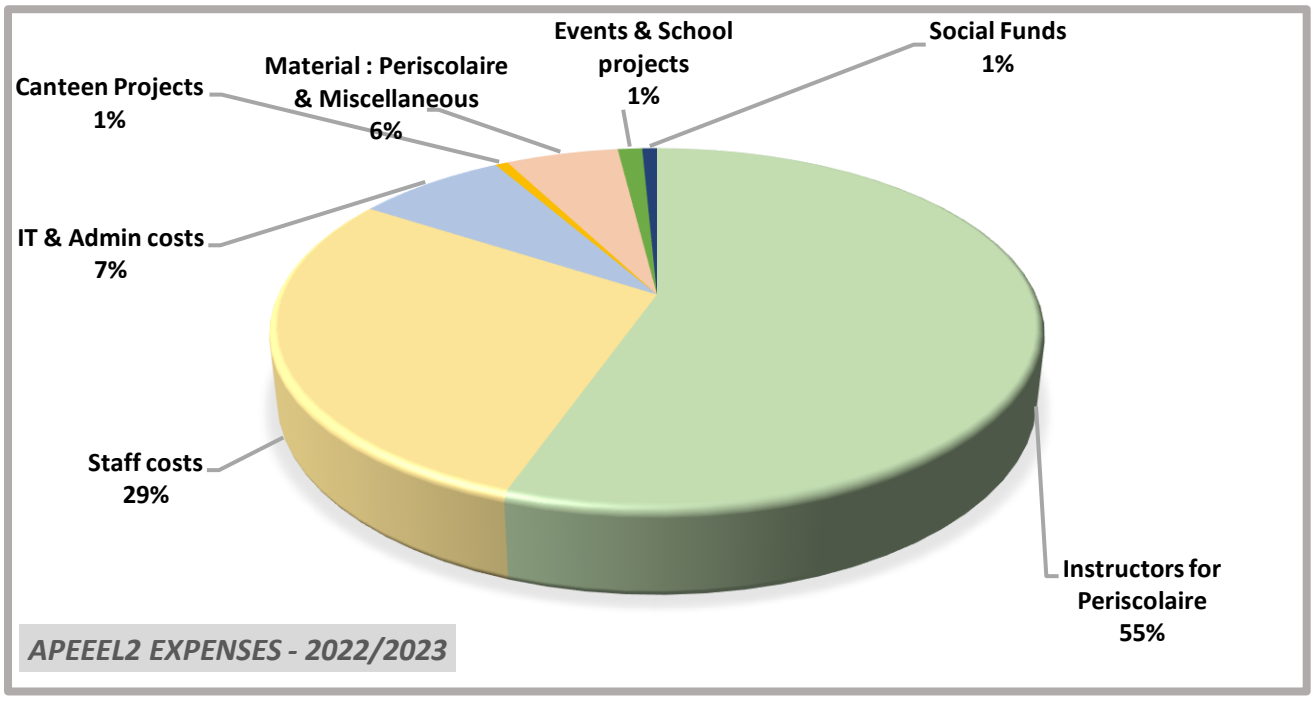
Conclusion

Our expenses were generally lower than planned especially because of the fact APEEEL2 could not find interesting 10th anniversary projects organized by the school that APEEEL2 could support. These limited expenses were supplemented by higher incomes, mainly due to a significant and unforeseen increase in Periscolaire enrolments. Therefore, we were unable to achieve or come close to our budgeted result, which was expected to be negative. As we have not managed to reduce our financial reserves, we postponed this objective for 2023/2024. Despite these constraints, we managed to limit our positive result to 32.732,05€.

Graph 1: APEEEL2 incomes in 2022/2023



Graph 2: APEEEL2 expenses in 2022/2023



2023/2024 budget

As every year at this time, we already have a good picture of our incomes for 2023/2024. Overall, our incomes from the Periscolaire activities will fall slightly compared with last year whereas our costs in this area will increase.

Budgeted income

- The membership's income remains slightly the same as we expect an income between 55 000 and 60 000€.
- This year we had to deal with two main constraints in the organization of our Periscolaire program which have a huge impact in the number of registration and therefore on our incomes:
  - Even though APEEEL2 showed some strong disagreements, CPE imposed severe new restrictions on parents starting in September 2023 (not more than 2 Periscolaire activities per child per week and no possibility for primary pupils to attend a Periscolaire activity before 15:30).
  - With the Eurosport organization at Lux2, priority is given to the training of Lux2 Eurosport teams regarding the allocation of sports halls for after-school time slots. We had to significantly reduce the number of sports activities planned on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays which negatively impacted our Periscolaire

registrations in September 2023. We therefore expect a drop in Periscolaire incomes.

- We plan to organize again our traditional Summer Camps, and like last year, we will expand our offer to propose camps for Secondary pupils on various themes (Multisport, Climbing and Creative) and one Multisport & Art Summer Camp for Primary, so we expect a similar revenue as in 2022/23.
- We have already submitted to the CAS (*Comité des Activités Sociales*) a subsidy request to cover partly our administrative office costs for an amount slightly higher than last year (50 000€).

Budgeted expenses

- We applied the 3 Luxembourgish indexes from February, April, and September 2023 to our Periscolaire instructors for their contracts for 2023/24. But due to the decrease in registrations, we don't expect any significant increase in instructors' costs.
- We plan no expenses for the Canteen consultants in 2023/24 as they already provided what we needed in the 2 previous school years.
- Regarding the Material for Fair & events, we plan to spend a big amount on Eurosport (35.000€) as we consider it exceptional for our School to host such an event which won't happen in Lux2 before the next 25 years. We also hope to be able to organize and run a school fête in 2024. These two items explain mainly the increase on this budget line.
- As far as school projects are concerned, part of the budget will be allocated to projects submitted via our CFP (Community Founding Project). Besides, we are confident that, under the leadership of the new deputy director for the secondary, there will be more projects that APEEEL2 will be requested to co-finance. There are already plans to co-finance benches in the secondary playground near the pedagogical garden.
- Periscolaire material: as in previous years, we are planning to spend money on sports and art/craft material. We have started a new activity: fencing, and we need to invest in specific equipment. A large part of the budget is foreseen for *Mérite Jeunesse* (expedition costs, equipment to be renewed) and meals and snacks served at the Accueil. We have made these compulsory this year, which has made it easier to set up payment via our PAMS platform.
- As last year, we expect to cover the following costs for Ukrainian families entitled to Social Fund: canteen costs shared with the School, a maximum of 1 Periscolaire activity per child, and mandatory School books. We also expect requests from other school families for the school trips.

Staff costs

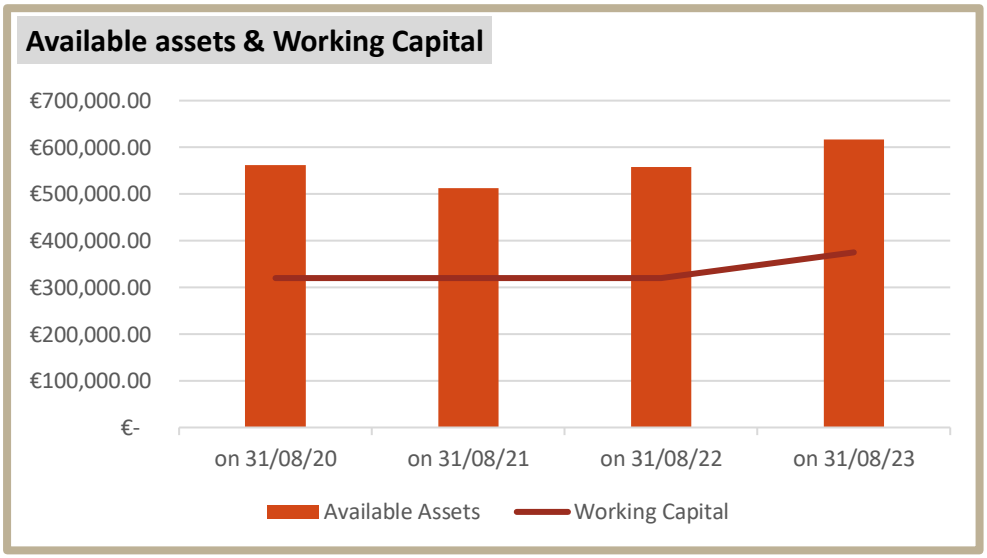
- Our team is made up of 4 permanent employees in the office, one permanent educator, one educator on a seasonal contract and a team of 4 accompanists (APEEEL2 staff who accompany Nursery pupils from CPE to their Periscolaire activity).
- We applied the index from September 23 to all contracts and the total budget foresees a possible index that could come in the 2nd half of the year.

Conclusion

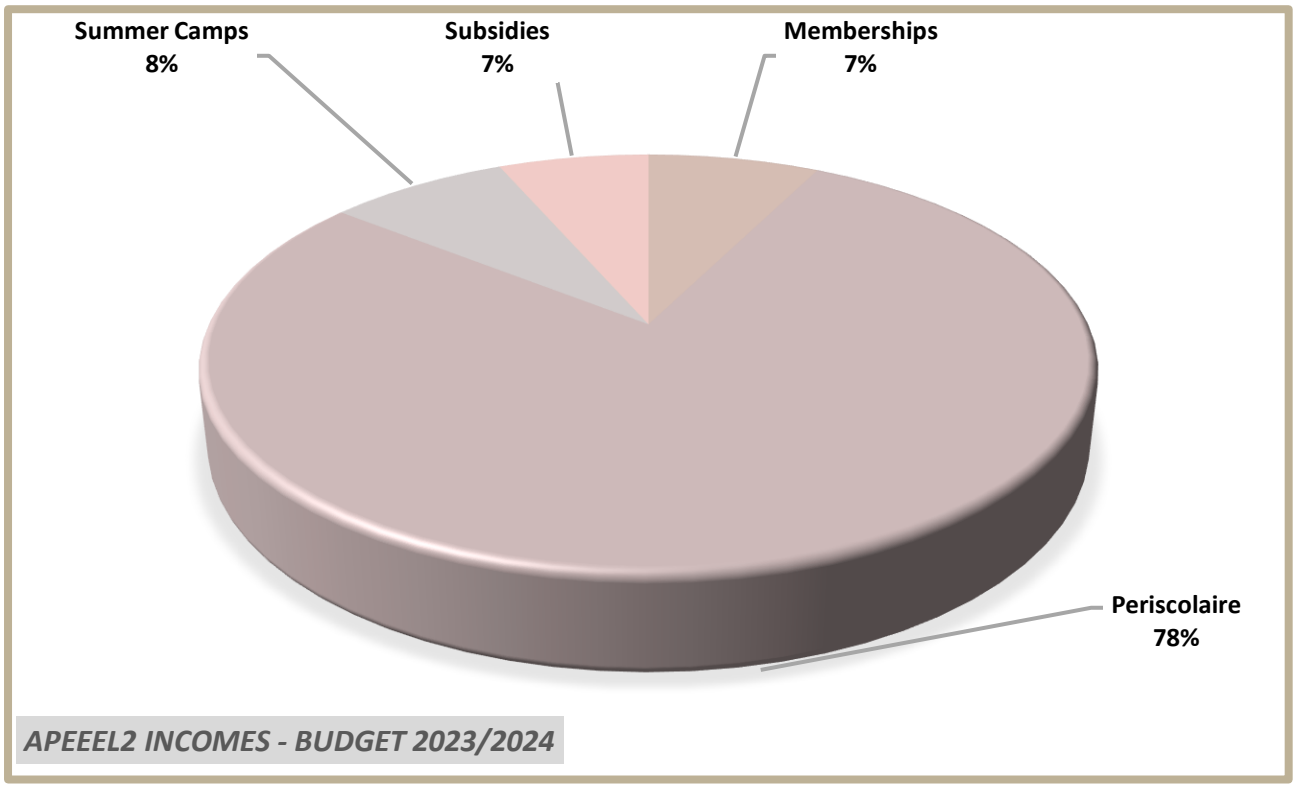
We foresee a loss of over 130.000€. Indeed, our income from Periscolaire activities will be impacted by the constraints explained above, we also anticipate major expenses, particularly on Eurosport. This budgeted loss is possible because we have built up reserves over the years.

These reserves have remained stable or slightly increased recently. Even though, we must keep a working capital of approximately 375.000€ to face our association running costs: 6 months of staff salaries & instructors' costs, as well as one year of contractor's costs (such as hosting & maintenance for our PAMS, Nextcloud and website platforms), the APEEEL2 Management Committee would like to use a part of our financial reserves to support school projects which direct impact our children school life.

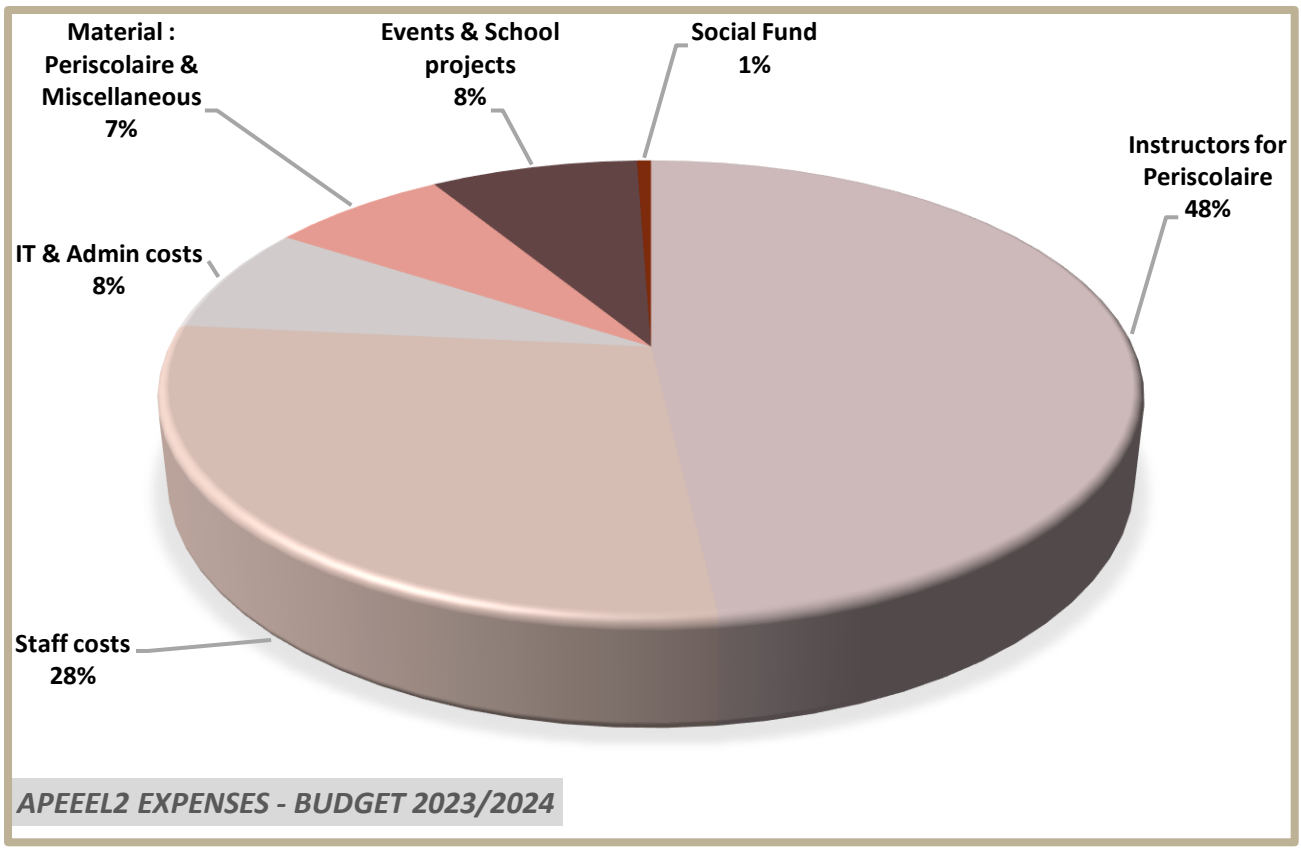
Graph 3: APEEEL2 available assets & working Capital



Graph 4: APEEEL2 budgeted incomes in 2023/2024



Graph 5: APEEEL2 budgeted expenses in 2023/2024



Graph 6: APEEEL2 balance 2022/2023 and APEEEL2 budget for 2023/2024

	BALANCE 2022/2023	BUDGET 2023/2024
	839.447,29 €	**777.400,00 €**
INCOMES	**794.280,50 €**	**727.400,00 €**
Memberships	57.895,00 €	57.000,00 €
Periscolaire	669.836,00 €	600.000,00 €
Summer Camp	62.050,00 €	60.000,00 €
Sales of merchandise (calculators)	4.499,50 €	10.400,00 €
OTHER OPERATING INCOMES	**45.166,79 €**	**50.000,00 €**
Other subsidies for operating activities	45.000,00 €	50.000,00 €
Miscellaneous incomes	166,79 €	

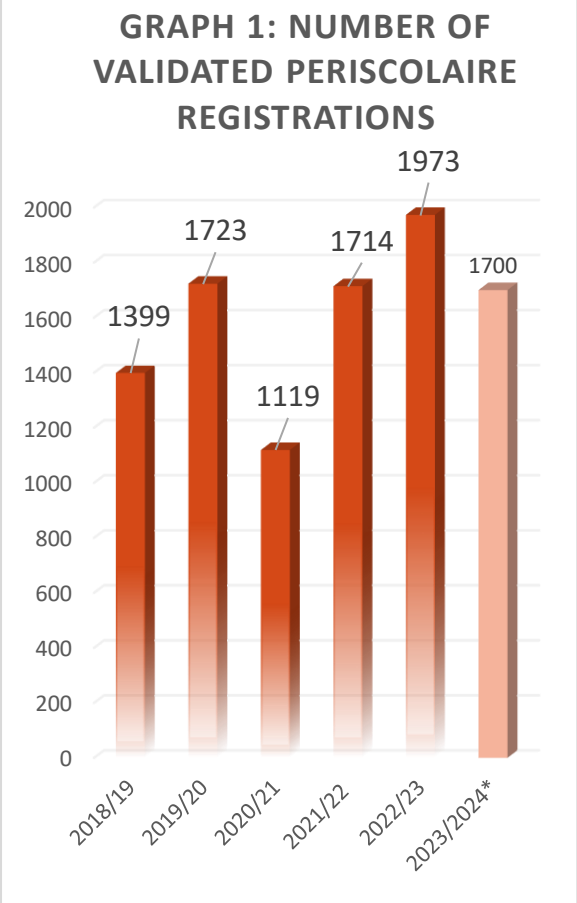
	806.715,24 €	**909.198,70 €**
Raw Material & Consumables	**509.648,37 €**	**580.398,70 €**
Purchase of merchandise (calculators)	4.499,53 €	10.398,70 €
Periscolaire Instructors	414.331,44 €	400.000,00 €
Summer Camp Instructors	29.478,15 €	33.000,00 €
HR Support	0,00 €	0,00 €
Consultant Cantine	5.056,23 €	0,00 €
Material - Fair & Events	5.444,56 €	49.000,00 €
Material - School Projects	4.420,85 €	23.700,00 €
Material - Périscolaire	19.941,97 €	34.700,00 €
Material - Miscellaneous	1.059,53 €	1.600,00 €
Material - Summer Camp	24.583,10 €	27.000,00 €
Interparents	833,01 €	1.000,00 €
Other external expenses	**59.809,92 €**	**68.800,00 €**
IT Services & Software	21.017,59 €	23.450,00 €
Bank fees & credit card fees	15.731,95 €	15.500,00 €
Legal fees	893,23 €	3.000,00 €
Accounting & audit fees	11.153,49 €	11.700,00 €
Insurances	3.447,38 €	3.500,00 €
Donations	0,00 €	1.000,00 €
Postal charges	8,10 €	50,00 €
Telecommunications costs	1.863,52 €	2.500,00 €
Office supplies	56,50 €	500,00 €
Smal equipment	2.768,16 €	2.600,00 €
Contributions to professional associations	1.730,00 €	2.000,00 €
Trainings costs	1.140,00 €	3.000,00 €
Other expenses	**6.027,97 €**	**5.000,00 €**
Social Fund	5.954,53 €	5.000,00 €
Other financial costs	73,44 €	0,00 €
Staff Costs (wages, salaries & social security costs	**231.228,98 €**	**255.000,00 €**
Profit or Loss after taxation	**32.732,05 €**	**-131.798,70 €**

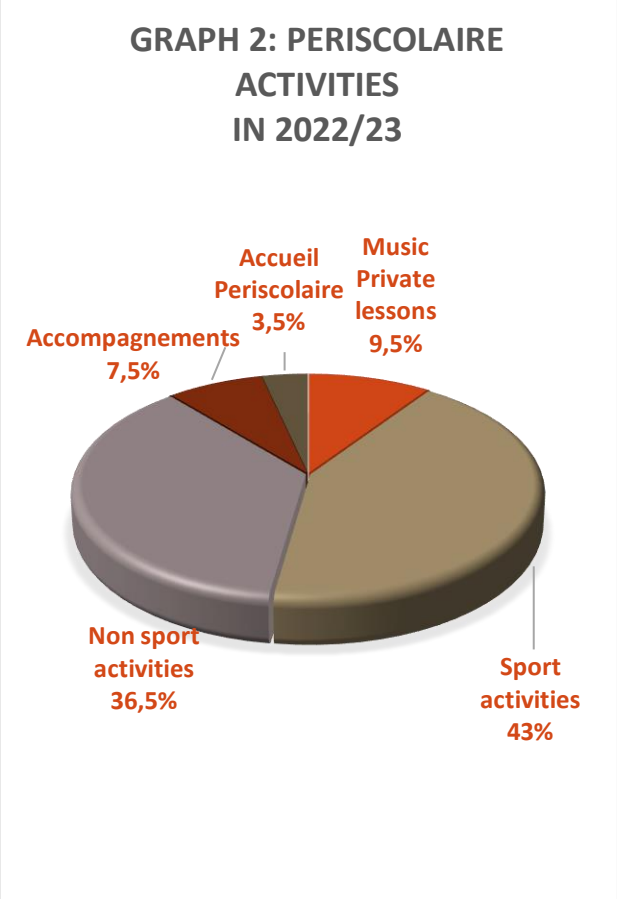
PERISCOLAIRE

https://www.apeeel2.lu/activites-periscolaires/

Registrations in 2022/23:

In September 2022, Covid was finally behind us, and all health restrictions were lifted. We were able to return to a full and varied program of Periscolaire activities without any constraints. We then saw a sharp increase (+15%) in our enrolments compared with the previous year, which had already returned to a level similar to the pre-pandemic period. This increase was even more marked in 2022/2023 for sports activities (+20%), where the post-Covid effect was even clearer. Please refer to graphs 1 and 2.





**Not definitive figures*

Additional information for the school year 2022/2023 in brief:

- **New activities**
  Every year, APEEEL2 tries to offer new activities to create new interests from our pupils. In September 2022, we opened Handball in secondary, Yoga in Primary and in Secondary as well as Muscles strengthening in secondary. For non-sports activities, we opened for the first

time a ceramic workshop as well as an Upcycling workshop for both primary and secondary. We also noticed the need of English lessons in Secondary first for students wishing to be prepared for English exams like TOEFL or IELTS (for their universities applications) and for pupils who could not choose English as L4 at school. This came in addition to existing activities for which we also could benefit from new opportunities to increase our offer:

- A new climbing instructor (Manuel) joined our team so we could increase the number of climbing sessions which are always very popular.
- We didn't have any constraints in 2022/23 regarding our access to sports halls so many sports lessons which were full could be doubled (football, basketball…).

- **Merite Jeunesse**

We were delighted to be able to resume the Merite Jeunesse programme, which had been put on hold for too long because of Covid. The students enrolled in the 3 Bronze, Silver and Gold levels successfully completed their expeditions (practise and assessed expeditions). A ceremony organised by Merite Jeunesse Luxembourg will be organised in beginning of 2024 to award our students from 2022/23. Our instructor Hayley Montague who teaches the students once a week is also accompanied by 2 volunteer adults for expeditions. More details about the expeditions in 2022/23 are detailed here:

A review of our Periscolaire Merite Jeunesse practice expeditions – March/April 2023 – APEEEL2

Merite Jeunesse will open to new Periscolaire registrations for S4 to S7 students in 09/2023 – APEEEL2



Silver Assessed Expedition in May 2023

- **UGDA lessons**

For the past years, APEEEL2 has been working with UGDA Music School to offer music lessons (solfege) to our pupils as part of our Periscolaire group activities resulting each year in approximately 90 Lux2 pupils receiving a UGDA music certificate, valid all over Luxembourg. A new law has been voted offering free musical education to all pupils up to the age of 18 as from September 2022. APEEEL2 negotiated with UGDA Music School as well as the Bertrange Commune so free music lessons (solfege) could be also organised in our school. As parents were not supposed to pay any longer for these activities, APEEEL2 had to provide the support and the organisation behind for free (administrative tasks linked to the registration process, coordination, and organisation of the lessons…) and this was unanimously approved by the APEEEL2 Management Committee. Registrations for 2022/23 had a lot of success as they were now free, but the number of places was limited, and we could not accept all the requests. However, thanks to this new measure from the government, we faced a 50% increase in registrations and 135 Lux2 pupils could benefit from these free lessons supported by the Commune of Bertrange and by APEEEL2.





Sports activities in 2022/2023

- **"Accueil Periscolaire" service**

  To meet the needs of parents who are unable to benefit from the CPE, we negotiated with the school to allow us to use 2 rooms for our Accueil Periscolaire service instead of one, thereby increasing our capacity. Once the agreement was obtained, we were able to recruit a 2nd qualified educator to be able to welcome a maximum of 30 primary children on short days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

  We even offered an extension of the service at the end of the school year, so pupils were also welcomed after the end of Periscolaire activities until the school ends.



Art crafts done by pupils from the Accueil Periscolaire in 2022/2023.

- **Accompaniments**

  This service is always very much appreciated by parents of Nursery children. To meet parents' requirements, APEEEL2 recruited 4 accompanists to supervise the journey of Nursery pupils between CPE and the different School buildings of their Periscolaire activity. As parents are no longer accepted within school facilities, this service is now mandatory for all nursery pupils when the activity takes place in the sports building even when pupils do not attend CPE. The accompanists were managed by our Periscolaire Coordinator, Yann Gendron.

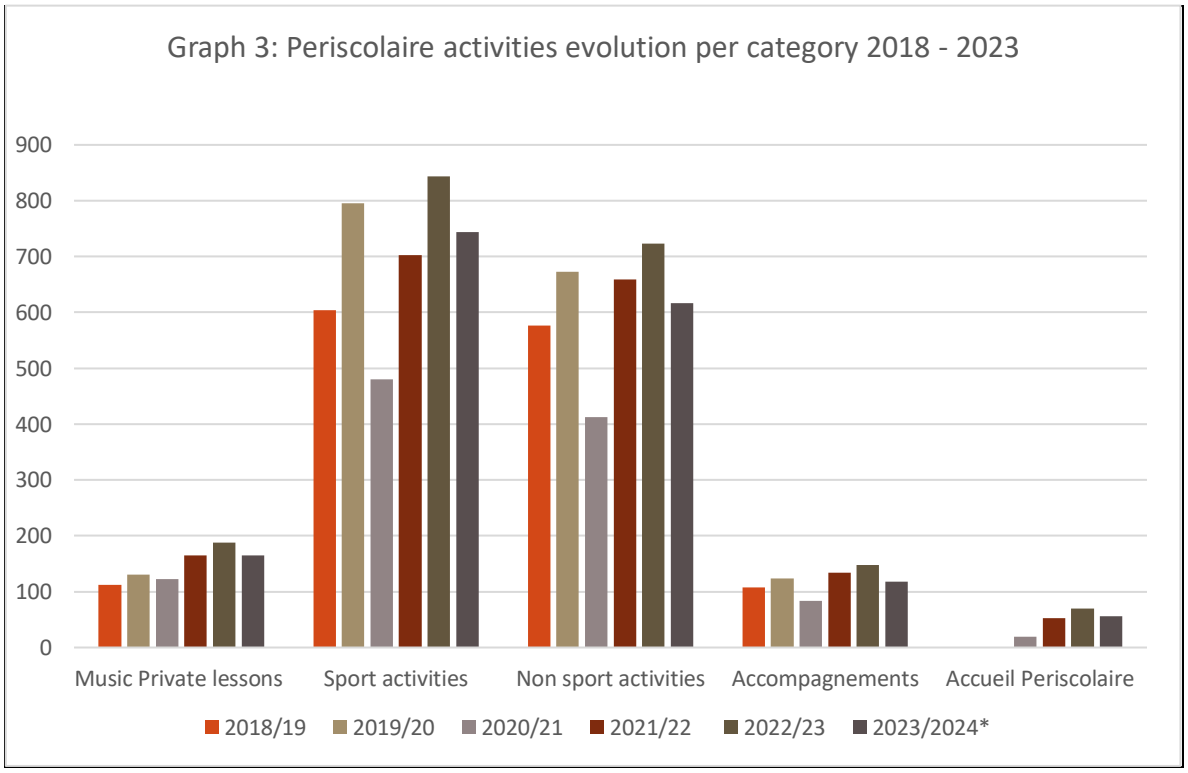
- **Activities costs for parents**

  Regarding the costs of our activities, ever since APEEEL2 took over the organization of Periscolaire from FAPEEEL in 2018, our prices have remained stable and there has been no general increase in the past 5 years. However, the situation has evolved:

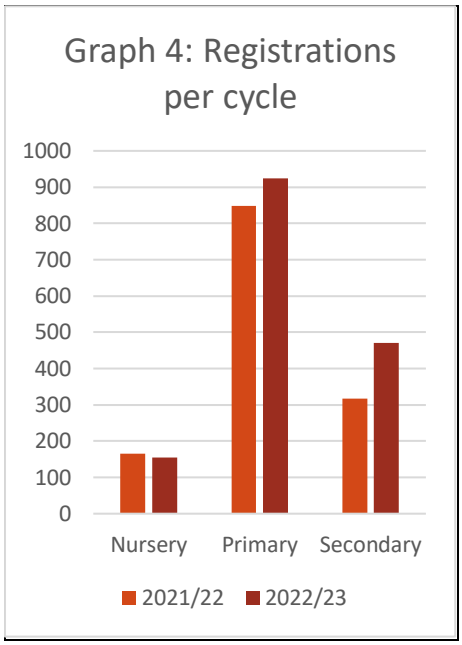
  - As group activities ended on 23/06/22, one additional week of activities (compared to previous years) has impacted on the cost for parents.
  - Luxembourg authorities have applied a series of indexes in 2020, 2021 and 2022, all of which have impacted on APEEEL2 internal costs but were never applied to parents.
  - New indexes were also foreseen before the end of 2022 and further in 2023.

For all the reasons listed above, the APEEEL2 Management Committee has decided to apply a moderate increase to our activity's costs in 2022/2023.

- **Evolution of our activities per category:** (please see graph 2 and 3).
  Among our Periscolaire activities, sports activities have always been a great success. To compensate the severe restrictions, we have for accessing the sports building from year to year, our range of non-sports activities has diversified considerably over time, and the post-Covid effect in 2022/23 was also felt in non-sports activities. Registrations for non-sport activities in 2022/23 therefore exceeded registrations for non-sport activities prior to the Covid period by more than 8%. We are also proud to offer theatre activities in different languages such as French, English, Italian, Greek and Slovak.
  The general increase was felt more in the secondary cycle (+40%) than in the primary cycle, and we are very pleased about this, as it was one of our objectives to offer a more diversified range of courses in the secondary cycle, mainly for S1-S4. The slight decline in the nursery section is also due to a drop in enrolments in the nursery cycle at the School. Please refer to Graphs 3 and 4.



**Not definitive figures*



- **Periscolaire shows and performances:**
  - **Christmas Market**
    The event was organised by ASF (Actions Sans Frontières) in December 2022 at Lux2. Different periscolaire activities performed on that day to the delight of all the families taking part. [Periscolaire participation at the Christmas Market 2022 – APEEEL2]



December 2022: Periscolaire performances at the Chritmas Market
With our "Periscolaire Jazz Band" and our "Slovak Folk Group"

- **Theatre plays**
  All our drama groups could perform with a physical audience in 2022/23. The English S1-S3 Drama group even presented 2 performances of their play “The Eye of the Pharaoh” in front of a large audience as the Studio was full for the 2 consecutive days.



French and English drama groups performances in June 2023



English Drama with the S1-S3 group, directed by Tony Kingston on 25/05/23 - “The Eye of the Pharaoh”

- **Music Concerts**
  Some of our music instructors are regularly organising concerts and performances for parents. This is the opportunity for parents to see how their child is progressing in music (piano, guitar, violin, flute, drum…). Special thanks to all our instructors for kindly taking the time to organise the concerts and to our coordinator M Yann Gendron for all the logistics support.



Piano and guitar concerts in May and June 2023.

- **UGDA Graduation Ceremony**
  To make it more convenient for parents, this ceremony previously organized by UGDA at national level took place for the first time at Lux2 on APEEEL2 initiative. Our pupils were called on stage to receive their diploma from our APEEEL2 President, Mr André Schmutz. We were pleased to hear some very good pieces of music from our Periscolaire pupils during the ceremony which took place on 25/05/23.

Periscolaire Platform PAMS

APEEEL2 is always trying to improve itself and this includes IT tools. In 2022/23, we worked with the developer of our Periscolaire platform to make changes which were implemented in September 2023. This was a very tedious job: assessing our needs, translating them into IT requirements, analyzing all technical consequences for our requests, taking them to development and finally testing all changes made to our platform. Some of these changes are useful for internal reasons: mandatory annual updating of parent & child profiles, or the possibility for administrators to make manual registrations for private lessons. Others are of direct benefit to parents: possibility of staggered payments for Accueil Periscolaire, for private music lessons and for other high-cost activities.

Negotiations with the CPE

In 2022/2023, CPE Management explained to us that the increasing number of CPE registered pupils attending our Periscolaire activities was causing problems to their internal organization, as well as their pedagogical activities. CPE indicated that, from their perspective, the situation was not sustainable.

This was followed by several negotiation meetings between the APEEEL2 and the CPE. The APEEEL2 also invited all its members to a meeting on 11/05/23 to discuss further the CPE planned organization constraints for next school year. All the parents who attended this meeting expressed their full satisfaction with our current Periscolaire program, and were adamant that the new CPE policies, restricting the participation to our Periscolaire activities, were inacceptable.

Despite various meetings with our APEEEL2 Management Committee, CPE Management has decided to maintain their decision, and communicated in June to their parents on their policies for next school year not to authorize Primary pupils from CPE to attend our Periscolaire activities before 15:30, and not to allow more than 2 Periscolaire activities per child per week during CPE times. The APEEEL2 Management Committee decided to maintain some activities for primary pupils before 15:30 for non-CPE pupils. However, we knew that those activities will be at risk as a big majority of pupils attending our Periscolaire activities attend CPE. The consequences of these decisions will be detailed in our next activity report summarizing the school year 2023/2024.

Bulk Purchase of calculators

Further to the decision of the Central Office of the European Schools not to use GeoGebra any longer for the Mathematics and Physics exams, our School has decided to use the NumWorks N0110 graphic calculator. To help the parents, APEEEL2 organized a group purchase at a competitive price (89.99€) for all parents (members and non-members). The logistics around the coordination of this bulk purchase was supported by APEEEL2 at a zero cost for parents.

Summer Camps organization in June/July 2023

185 secondary school pupils took part in our various summer camps. As secondary school pupils finish 2 weeks before the end of primary school, APEEEL2 is keen to offer a variety of attractive activities to secondary school pupils.

For the first week, from 26 to 30 June 2023, 3 different camps were on offer (Multisports, Climbing and Light-Camera-Action). For the second week, from 3 to 7 July 2023, the esacalade camp was offered again to enable as many students as possible to take advantage of the school's super climbing wall. The multi-sports camp was also offered, but with different sports and outings from the 1st week, and a creative arts camp was also proposed, with street art, pottery, manga, land art, cooking worshop, upcycling, etc…

In the multisport camps, students were able to take part in activities outside the school (Tree climbing, Paintball, Laser Game, Swimming at Les Thermes, Kayak, Tramoline Park and Bowling)

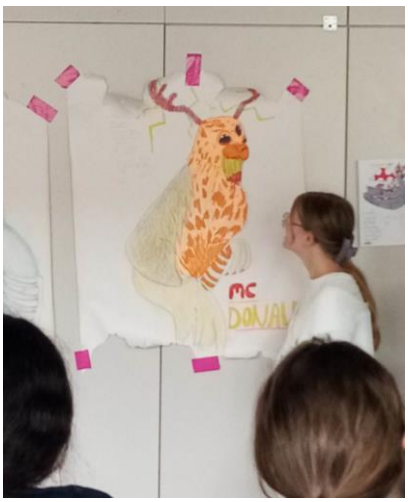




Light Camera Action summer camp in Secondary – June 2023







Creative summer camp in secondary – July 2023

We also organized a **Primary summer camp** for 75 pupils, allocated in 5 separate groups. Children were kept very busy on days when they alternated between sports activities such as Judo, Football, Racket games, Badminton or kickboxing, and calmer activities such as coding, comics, and art sessions.

We made sure either way they had a lot of fun … and that they would never forget the swimming pool session when they could walk and run on the water…

Our APEEEL2 team would like to thank very much all instructors and coordinators involved in the extensive organization of last year's multiple and varied summer camps.







Primary camp in July 2023

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Administrative Boards

2022/2023 members

MC members André Schmutz (President) and Claudia Lange-Tramoni (Vice-President), assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy

Administrative Boards deal with the management and administration of the School, its budget and the way funds allocated are used. These Boards have decision-making powers and are chaired by the Secretary General of the European Schools. Representatives of the Commission, as well as all members of the School Management team and representatives of all stakeholders (teachers, administrative staff, parents, pupils) participate in the meetings. A budget for the following school year is presented at the first Administrative Board of the year (usually held end of September).
Recommendations are made and a more definitive budget is presented at the second meeting of this Board (normally held in January).

In 2022/23, Lux2 Administrative Boards were both chaired by the Secretary General of the European School, Mr Andreas Beckmann.

The following topics and issues were addressed by the Administrative Board meetings (two per year) held during 2022-2023:

- School statistics: In September 2022, our school had reached the number of 2 751 students. 293 new pupils arrived in September 2022, mainly in M1, M2, P1, P5 and S1. However, the school population is **decreasing in the Danish section** in the 3 cycles, which is worrying. In September, our school also welcomed the Ukrainian pupils who arrived in April, they are enrolled mainly in the anglophone section. In January 2023, we got the confirmation that the admission framework of Ukrainian pupils in European Schools will remain the same for 2023/24.
- Bac results: Lux2 enjoyed a very **successful Bac session with a 100% success rate,** even though this cohort of students was the most impacted by the Covid pandemic. This was also the first entire Bac cycle to use the new marking scale.
- PISA tests and results: In March 2022, pupils aged 15 participated in **PISA** tests. PISA (the OECD's Program for International Student Assessment) is a comprehensive international study on the performance of education systems. The first results proved to be excellent, as Lux2 pupils obtained higher marks than the average results in the other European Schools. Boys and girls performed the same. However, given the socio-economic status of the students' families, we might have expected higher results. The school needs to focus on a few points:

- The weakest 25% of pupils are well below average, so it's on these pupils that the school must concentrate its efforts.
- There is a big correlation between performance and confidence in one's abilities.

- ICT situation: The Administrative Board has been informed that our School is currently facing some major ICT issues, including redesigning our network for WIFI, replacing the virtualization service to which teachers are connected and other major IT infrastructure issues. The School is assisted by an external IT consultancy company, as well as the IT department of the European School Luxembourg 1 and the Central Office. The School has restructured its HR department in the IT area and has requested the Administrative Board members their approval to create a new permanent ICT post which in the end has been refused. The European Commission considered that the problem could be fixed with a temporary contract.

More specifically in 2022-23, APEEEL2 raised the following topics:

- European Bac recognition in Luxembourg: Lux1 and Lux2 pupils wanting to apply to the University of Luxembourg were requested to follow a specific procedure, subject to a 75€ fee, to obtain recognition of their European Bac from Luxembourg. Even though this is a legal procedure in Luxembourg, this is in complete contradiction with the European Convention which Luxembourg signed in 1957. In March 2022, APEEEL2 was promised a new law would soon change this. However, APEEEL2 confirmed that in July 2022, several S7 pupils still had to go through the same procedure and pay the fee to obtain recognition of their Bac 2022 to apply for a Bachelor at the university of Luxembourg. The Luxembourg delegation replied that the new law has been prepared, its implementation is now ready, and it will soon be voted. Delays were due to the Covid pandemic, when all Covid- related laws were prioritized. APEEEL2 then got the confirmation in January 2023 that it was not necessary anymore to ask for a recognition of diploma.

- Access to the "Centre de Competences" for Lux2 pupils: Even though since 2021, pupils from Lux1 and Lux2 can access the "Centre de Competences" in Luxembourg and get diagnosed, our pupils cannot benefit from using the "*interventions spécialisées ambulatoires*". Therefore, APEEEL2 addressed this question to the Luxembourg delegation who replied that this is a specific and exceptional procedure, for which Luxembourg does not have enough resources to answer the requests from all public schools. Therefore, it will not be possible for Lux1 and Lux2 pupils to benefit from it.

- Derogations for the structure of studies and the organisation of courses: As soon as the School opens a lesson with less than the minimum number of pupils required, it needs to be reported with the implied cost and agreed upon by the Administrative Board. On the other hand, the School must also report all lessons which are grouped (eg. L1 SWALS lessons), but the cost savings are not reported. APEEEL2 raised some questions about this measure and wanted some precisions about the grouping rule in S6 and S7.

- SMS: Parents' representatives wanted to point out that for years the use of SMS has differed from one teacher to another, creating many discrepancies. Efforts have been made, but our demands on this subject remain unchanged year after year. It was important for APEEEL2 to be able to share all current issues faced by our School, so they can be considered by the Central Office during the discussions on the choice of the new tool replacing SMS. The

Secretary General explained that SMS will still be used for a prolonged period, as more time is needed to work on the procurement of a new system.

- Amendments to the General Rules: APEEEL2 representatives informed the Admin Board's members of APEEEL2's dissatisfaction with the recently voted amendments. We detailed a few points presented in our published article Amendments to the General Rules of European Schools voted 06-08/12/2022 – APEEEL2. Mr Beckmann disagreed with us and confirmed that Parent's Associations are full partners of the European Schools.




Street art done by secondary pupils from APEEEL2 Summer camps in July 2023

School Advisory Council (SAC)

2022/2023 members

MC members Claudia Lange-Tramoni (Vice President) and André Schmutz (President), assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General, Delphine Ballaguy

The School Advisory Council can be likened to the Administrative Board, which brings together all representatives of the school community (staff, pupils, parents), where concrete issues are discussed, and pedagogical (but never financial) decisions can be taken. The SAC is an important forum for discussion.

Two School Advisory Councils were organized in 2022-2023. The first one had the main objective of preparing the draft agenda of the Administrative Board for January whereas in the second one, which took place on 27/06/23, several important points were discussed.

- **School calendar for 2024/25**
  The Lux2 school calendar is always defined in collaboration with Lux1 and must take into consideration the European Schools' constraints (regarding Easter holidays and the Bac examinations dates). APEEEL2 always supports having a school calendar that is as closely aligned as possible with the Luxembourg school calendar. This will be the case again in 2024/2025, except for one-week delay during the Easter holidays (this is often unavoidable).
- **Annual School Plan**
  It is usually approved at the September Administration Board but was first discussed at the School Advisory Council. It was planned to include the following topics in the 2023/24 school plan:

- Implementation of the 8 key competencies in the pedagogical planning (to be continued)
- PISA results for our school
- Implementation of the remaining recommendations of the Educational Support Evaluation Report and implementation of the Action Plan Educational Support and Inclusive Education
- Recommendations from the Whole School Inspection which have not been completed yet.
- Learning Support
- Digital learning

- **School Trips**
  APEEEL2 requested that the issues regarding the school trips should be discussed, as we were informed by InterParents that many schools were not satisfied with the services provided by Denatravel, the travel agency which won the European tender. There was a large consensus from all representatives that the situation with Denatravel could not continue as it stands now: Prices are too high for a very poor service. We finally received the information during the summer that the contract with Denatravel was to be cancelled from 01/10/23. Our School will have to find a temporary solution to manage school trips in 2023/24 until further instructions are given by the Central Office.

- **Mobility Program**
  APEEEL2 underlined that this program is a wonderful program for pupils and a great opportunity for those who are motivated into participating. However, APEEEL2 wanted to officially complain about the bad organization, not specific to our School but also to other European Schools. APEEEL2 received some feedback from Interparents that the situation was no better in other schools. We understand that after a long break due to Covid, the program resumed this year with a high interest from pupils from our School and other schools. This resulted in a much higher number of applications to manage. We complained that pupils must apply very early in the school year (the deadline was in December 2022) but end up being left without any answer or feedback until the end of the school year.

- **Drug policy**
  Intensive discussions took place regarding the Drug Policy in the Health & Safety Committees and a last version was presented at the end of the school year. Even though APEEEL2 could notice some improvements on the document, we could not approve the document for which we still had comments.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

https://www.apeeel2.lu/classreps/

At the beginning of each school year, APEEEL2 always organizes the election of Class Representatives for each of the Nursery, Primary and Secondary classes.
Throughout the year, Class Representatives can thus make suggestions and recommendations from the parents of their class to APEEEL2, as well as report issues. APEEEL2 can also call on the Class Reps for feedback from parents on a particular topic.

Due to current data protection regulations, APEEEL2 is not informed by the School of the names of the elected Class Reps. To receive all our communications, elected Class Reps must individually register each year with APEEEL2 as soon as they have been elected.
It is also essential that **to avoid receiving our communications in their "Spam" folder**, Class Representatives add "**mailing@apeeel2.lu"** and "**office@apeeel2.lu**" in their *Address Book*.

To know more about Class Reps' role in Nursery/Primary or in Secondary, please visit our website https://www.apeeel2.lu/classreps/

Meetings with national inspectors

APEEEL2 also organizes meetings between national inspectors and the Class Representatives of our various the language sections when they visit our School.

In 2022/2023, APEEEL2 was delighted to organize meetings between Class Representatives and the following inspectors:

- DA inspector for Nursery & Primary on 12/01/2023
- DE inspector for Nursery & Primary on 01/12/2022
- DE inspector for Secondary on 22/11/2022
- EL inspector for Secondary on 07/12/2022
- IT inspector for Nursery & Primary on 12/12/2022
- IT inspector for Secondary on 16/01/2023

We would like to take the opportunity of this report to sincerely thank the Class Representatives of the 3 cycles as they are totally indispensable to us.





NURSERY & PRIMARY EDUCATION COUNCIL

https://www.apeeel2.lu/nursery-primary-committee/

2022/2023 members

MC members Areti Vasiloglou (head) & Nicolas Rossignol, assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy

2023/2024 members

MC members Areti Vasiloglou (head) & Nicolas Rossignol, assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy

Education Councils for Nursery and Primary are organized by the Deputy Director for Nursery and Primary in the presence of the School Director, coordinators for both cycles (Nursery and Primary), the assistant of the Deputy Director, teachers' representatives (seconded and locally recruited teachers) as well as parents' representatives. Four meetings were organized during the 2022/23 school year to discuss all pedagogical aspects, as well as school organization and school life for both Nursery and Primary cycles.

The following topics were specifically addressed by the Education Council members in 2022/23:

- **School population in Nursery and Primary cycles in 2022/23**: Even though some sections have a very low number of pupils (5 pupils in DK or in CS Nursery classes), a new Nursery class has opened in the Greek section. In the primary cycle, the number of classes is the same as last year (47 classes) but there is an increase in the total number of primary pupils which reaches 974 pupils, compared to 947 in September 2021. The number of merged classes remains the same compared to last school year. There are still 7 merged classes in the CS, HU, DK, and DE sections.
- **Start of the specific lessons in Primary**: APEEEL2 welcomed the new organization in the school which allows the L2 lessons, European Hours, religion/ethics lessons to start earlier in September than in previous years.
- **Swimming and sport lesson**: APEEEL2 welcomes the fact that all P1 and P2 classes could benefit from swimming lessons through the whole year.
- **Opening time in Primary and arrival system in Nursery**: With the system in place where children arrive through the nursery playground and can play with their friends, parents are less late, and lessons can effectively start at 8:45 in good conditions with all pupils. On parents' requests, APEEEL2 insisted again on opening the primary School at 08:00 instead of 8:15. This was rejected again for pedagogical reasons and human resources constraints. .

- **Transition between M2-P1 and between P5-S1**. As a Parents' Association, we understand the importance of such a day in greatly facilitating the integration of S1 pupils next September, and considerably reducing the stress of their first day in Secondary school. Therefore, APEEEL2 contributed to the P5-S1 Transitional Day by offering each pupil a voucher for a free brioche from the cafeteria.



Other challenges

- **School trips**: 2022/23 was the first school year for the School Management to start working with the travel agency Denatravel which won the tender launched by the central office for all European schools. The Management confirmed that information is reaching the teachers very late, and the School deadlines are not always respected by Denatravel. These remarks were confirmed by other European Schools and the topic has been discussed at the Board of Governors in April 2023. The School Management is seriously reflecting on some aspects of the school trips in Primary in the future, such as the choice of destinations etc... The starting point is to discuss the length of the trips, and then build a pedagogical project around seasons and geography. Of course, the price, as well as pupils' support and supervision in addition to the teachers will be scrutinized. APEEEL2 was not involved in this discussion and regrets to have learnt in June 2023 that the traditional trip to Zinal in P5 will be replaced by a different trip and that the trip in P2 will be cancelled in 2023/24.
- **Lack of communication from the school about the excellent projects run by primary and nursery teachers:** we expressed our regrets that none of the projects were visible to parents on the School's website. The Director confirmed that some work has been launched to simplify the procedure to publish activities on the School's website.

Projects in 2022/23

- The **Christmas Card Competition** with the theme "Christmas in the future" took place as usual in December 2022. APEEEL2 representatives took part in the jury as APEEEL2 offered the prizes. Our 2 representatives from the APEEEL2 Management Committee, Mrs Areti Vasiloglou and Mrs Diane Kipre, were part of the jury. They proceeded with the distribution of the prizes offered by APEEEEL2 to our winners during a small ceremony on Tuesday 06/12.




Christmas Card Competition – December 2022

- **The School's 10th Anniversary**: Many projects were run on this topic and are detailed in the Events part of this report.

- Nursery teachers worked together on **a common project about the 5 senses**. They divided their classes into 5 groups, each one working on various activities to discover one of the 5 senses. APEEEL2 representatives were kindly invited to join the school directors to visit this exhibition.



The 5 senses exhibition in Nursery in March 2023

SECONDARY EDUCATION COUNCIL

https://www.apeeel2.lu/secondary-committee-2/

2022/2023 members

MC members Petros Valondios (head), Stefanie Fischer and Tibor Tuboly, assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy

2023/2024 members

MC members Petros Valondios (head), Stefanie Fischer and Tibor Tuboly, assisted by APEEEL2 Secretary General Delphine Ballaguy

This Working Group represents parents in the Secondary Education Council, a committee organised 3 times during the school year and composed of the School Secondary Director as well as representatives from teachers, parents, and pupils. The Working Group also organizes regular bilateral meetings directly with the School Secondary Director.

In the Secondary Education Council, discussed topics relate to Secondary education general organization, changes, and any other relevant concern to parents, teachers, and pupils. APEEEL2 regularly receives feedback from parents and class representatives which are raised by the Working Group during the Council or in bilateral meetings, as best appropriate.

Topics raised and addressed during the school year 2022/2023 included:

- **Recruitment and temporary replacement of teachers** by internal solutions.
- **Examinations calendar, B tests and Bac organization**. APEEEL2 asked for clarification about which exams should be archived by the school and which can be handled back to students. Due to external examinators constraints, around 50 S7 students had 2 bac oral examinations on the same day but the school made sure they had a couple of hours to relax between the 2 exams.
- **Transition Day for P5-S1**.
- **Options choices for S4 and S6 students** (procedure and information to parents)
- **School trips**: In 2022/23, the traditional S6 trips finally resumed for students. Due to the large cohort of 200 pupils in S6 that year, 7 different trips were planned to Ireland, Barcelona, Lake Garda, Croatia, Greece, Rome, and Andalusia. With a cost at 900€, APEEEL2 negotiated the possibility for parents of paying in installments. S2 trips were also organised for 225 pupils in 5 different destinations. With the use of Denatravel which won the call for tenders launched by the Central Office, costs for parents have increased. APEEEL2 together with Interparents complained about it.





- **Follow-up on prevention programs for secondary students**. All S1 students attended a Bee Secure program about safe internet use and cyber-bullying as well as a safety awareness program for train users delivered by CFL. All S3 students attended an alcohol prevention workshop, all S4 attended a program on tobacco and drugs. S5 participated in a workshop about well-being and depression risks. S6 and S7 completed a sex education program coordinated by the school psychologist.
- **Follow-up on the accompaniment for pupils at risk of promotion**: APEEEL2 encouraged this procedure to be spread to other levels than S7.
- **S5 work experience**: More and more S5 pupils are successful in finding work experience placement with a majority who found in Luxembourg.
- **Reports on School projects**, such as Model European Parliament, Model United Nations, Olympiads, Science Symposium, Kiva, Clean School,... A new project has been launched for pupils aged 16 and is named CAAP (Citizenship Action for All Program)
- With the **cancellation of the Geogebra project**, the Numworks calculator was selected by Lux2 maths and physics teachers as from S5. APEEEL2 organised a bulk purchase at a very competitive price for parents.
- APEEEL2 was thanked by the secondary school management for the organisation of our **Careers day**. Please refer to the Events part of this report to know more.
- In the context of our new Community Project Founding, APEEEL2 has been requested to support the Pink Day – Kindness day in our School on Wednesday 11 May 2023. APEEEL2 offered some Pink T-shirts, pink bracelets, and pink key rings to raise awareness of this problematic of bullying among each one and to encourage the pupils to have some special, particular attention.







- **Mobility Program**: following a long break due to the Covid crisis, our School has participated again in 2022/23 in the students' MOBILITY PROGRAM, allowing S5 students to broaden their experience by studying at another European School or accredited European school for a semester from September 2023 to December 2023. APEEEL2 has been involved in assisting students accepted in our School to find a host family. We were very pleased to report that, thanks the great generosity of our families, all 5 students who have requested our help have secured a hosting family from September 2023. Due to a very high number of applications, not all students could be accepted in the program and some of them have not even received any answer. We have complained to our School Management about the issue of disorganisation and lack of communication and were informed via our InterParents contacts that other school had similar issues.

CANTEEN

https://www.apeeel2.lu/canteen-committee/

2022/2023 members

MC members Stefan Wunderlich (head) & Enza Petrone

2023/2024 members

MC members Stefan Wunderlich (head), Mirela Dragota, Silvie Gregorova & Enza Petrone

The organization of the canteen is a complex thing in our School: The School organizes the public tender and awards the contractor, the students have to deal with the results and the parents are the ones who are paying for it.

A new provider for the Canteen

You might have noticed that since September 2022, SODEXO is our new Canteen provider. Basically, since all staff members had to be newly recruited for our School during the summer holiday of 2022, the start proved to be more challenging than originally expected. However, the new Canteen team successfully managed the start of school in September 2022, as well as the Canteen continuous operation throughout the year. By the end of the year, the new team had doubled the number of meals purchased in Secondary (from an average of 370 to around 700 meals today) and our children could now choose from a much wider variety of dishes.

Provision of the Food Truck

In addition to the existing counters, a food truck has been set up in the School yard. The quality of the food served in the truck still aligns with the Luxembourgish standards of healthy school meals, and our students love to grab something at the truck, while enjoying the break outside in the yard. Together with the truck, chairs and tables have been provisionally installed outside. They will be replaced by permanent benches and tables in the coming weeks.

Providing drinking water

The provision of drinking water was always of importance to parents and students. The Canteen Committee initiated the installation of water dispensers in the Canteen, as well as the provision of additional dispensers in the Secondary building (to be installed in October/November 2023). Instead of buying water in one-use water bottles, students can now fill up their own bottles with certified water from the tap. To support this more sustainable practice, the cost of the water bottles sold in the cafeteria and the vending machines was raised, hence stimulating the use of more sustainable dispensers.

In line with these efforts, the Pupils' Committee is planning to design a water bottle specifically for our School to be sold to students.

Ongoing tasks

To further improve quality in the Canteen, the Canteen Committee intends to involve students closer in our meetings. Furthermore, a process to ensure regular controls of the quality of the provided service needs to be set up. Again, we feel that some professional help and assistance might be needed, and we are currently investigating how to implement and finance such support.

Beside this, the Canteen Committee intends to make special efforts on improving, among other things, the following issues:

- Establishing a regular communication between the Canteen provider and the students to ensure that students' needs and preferences are respected, while maintaining a healthy meals composition.
- In Primary, improving the food presentation, as well as ensuring meals are prepared closer to the time of serving.
- In consultation with students, ensuring that a vegetarian meal option, better suited to their taste, is provided daily in Primary and Secondary.
- To try and reduce the hassle at the distribution counters, displaying pictures of available meals on screens, as well as on the Pupils' Committee social media.
- If feasible, providing a national dish to be selected by the students of the relevant national section on (or near) their country's national day.





COFFEE MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

https://www.apeeel2.lu/coffee-meetings-committee/

2022/2023 members

MC members Chris Knight, Tiziana Tamborrini and Areti Vasiloglou, assisted by volunteer parents Ivana Massucco and Christelle Yeandle

2023/2024 members

MC members Mirela Dragota, Chris Knight, Ivana Massucco, Tiziana Tamborrini and Roberta Zani

Coffee Morning Meetings bring parents together to discuss wide range of issues

The Parents Coffee Meetings are becoming more and more popular as parents attend these events in bigger numbers and as we expand the variety of talks or presentations.

Coffee Meetings were cancelled during the Covid crisis, but several members of the Parents' Association resumed them in September 2022. We encourage all parents to join if you have 30 minutes to an hour to talk and exchange ideas in a relaxing environment at School in the Administrative Building. We provide something to drink and eat and encourage questions and discussions around the topics presented.

Wider range of topics

In the past, Coffee Meetings offered a chance for parents to learn about a career subject or a family issue, often with speakers giving a presentation.

During the school year 2022-2023 we expanded the meetings to include themes such as the environment, climate action and sustainability. In general, we have tried to develop topics related to issues such as the development of careers that have a social or environmental purpose, positive discipline of children and positive psychology, putting solar panels on the school's roof. In particular, we organized 4 coffee meetings focused on well-being for parents (positive discipline and positive psychology), repair cafes and recycling, and social entrepreneurs. On average, 20-30 parents attended these meetings.

During the first coffee meeting of this school year, more than 30 parents attended to discuss a range of issues. This first meeting was held to explain to parents how the coffee meetings work, tell them about the Parents' Association, and answer questions or concerns. Parents asked many questions related to issues such as Class Representatives, how to meet teachers, bullying at school, how to improve relationships between children and parents, InterParents, how the APEEEL2 website works, Periscolaire, after-school daycare. Many parents who are new to the school came to the meeting to learn more about the School and APEEEL2.

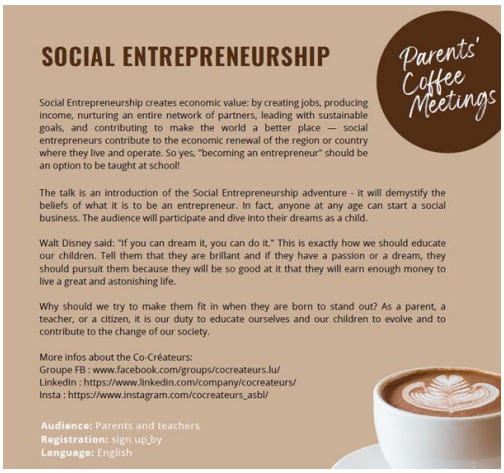
Great way to stay informed about the School and parent topics

We took the time at the first meeting this year to explain how other working groups operate, such as the one on sustainability. We talked about the new Sustainability Forum. We discussed the many green projects planned at school, we talked about the sustainable days at school, the eco-students who are involved in green projects. We discussed the speaker who came to our School to give a presentation to kids and parents about issues surrounding drugs.

We hope to offer a coffee meeting to parents once every one or two months. This is an excellent way to hear parents' concerns and to inform them about a wide range of issues. We are always interested in new ideas for meetings or talking to people who would like to give presentations.

Let us know about ideas you have to help the kids, parents or the School, or if you would like to join the Coffee Meetings group and help us organize the events. Please email tiziana.tamborrini@gmail.com and chrisknight67@hotmail.com.







EDUCATION SUPPORT

https://www.apeeel2.lu/educational-support-committee/

2022/2023 members

APEEEL2 MC members Stefanie Fischer (Head), Chrysoula Fragkiadaki, Nicolas Rossignol & Areti Vasiloglou, assisted by Lux2 volunteer parents Magali Netrval & Afroditi Papadopoulou**.**

2023/2024 members:

APEEEL2 MC members Christelle Yeandle, Stefanie Fischer (Head), Areti Vasiloglou, Enza Petrone, Mateja Prajs and Afroditi Papadopoulou, assisted by Lux2 volunteer parents Magali Netrval & Kassiani Dimitriadou.



The last school year was a very exiting year for our School when it came to Educational Support. After the changes in the Educational Support Policy in February 2022, we went through **the first school year where the policy and its new accommodations could be put in place**.

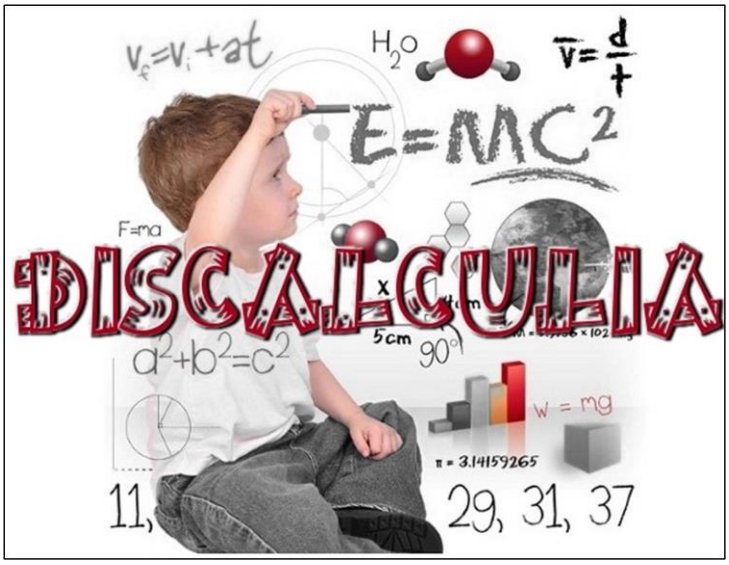
For the first time, our BAC students were able to benefit from this new policy as the Bac 2023 students could use a tablet or *Text to Speech* or *Speech to Text* software.

In addition, the long-time Educational Support Coordinator in Secondary, **Mrs Charlotte Henriksen**, left our School. Her position was filled with two new Support Coordinators in Secondary, **Mrs Chloé Farina** as Support Coordinator with specific responsibility for S1, S2 and S3 and **Mrs Concetta Romano** as Support Coordinator with specific responsibility for S4, S5, S6 and S7.

- Your Parent´s Representatives remained in close contact to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils on all those matters.
- As in previous years, APEEEL2 has continued providing support to parents with children receiving educational support: Firstly, to prepare for Advisory Support meetings, and secondly in collecting feedback on different educational support related topics during the last school year.
- APEEEL2 started an initiative to offer parents of children with special educational needs the opportunity to meet, exchange and ask questions around different topics related to

educational support in our School, as well as in Luxembourg in general. These meetings are something we will continue during the coming school year.

- Another aspect of the work carried out by our APEEEL2 Educational Support Working Group was to ensure the further implementation of the ongoing **Action Plan Educational Support and Inclusive Education**. Much work has already been completed, but APEEEL2 is still working to ensure every part of the Action Plan is implemented in our School. Therefore, we will continue meeting regularly with all Support Coordinators, discussing with different members of our School Management, and working closely together with the InterParents Working Group for Educational Support.





HEALTH & SAFETY

https://www.apeeel2.lu/health-safety-committee/

2022/2023 members

MC members Chrysoula Fragkiadaki, Didier Hoareau, Nicolas Rossignol, assisted by the APEEEL2 Secretary General, Delphine Ballaguy

2023/2024 members

MC members Barbara Cattrysse, Mirela Dragota, Rasmus Egelund, Chrysoula Fragkiadaki, Nicolas Rossignol, assisted by the APEEEL2 Secretary General, Delphine Ballaguy

The Health & Safety (H&S) Committee is a School Committee organized by the School where parents can raise their concerns. H&S meetings normally take place in presence of the School Directors, Security Officer, nurses, and psychologists, as well as members of the APEEEL2 Management Committee (usually the Health & Safety Working Group representatives), teachers' representatives and students' representatives.
3 meetings were held during last school year, in October 2022, January, and May 2023.

The following points were discussed in Health & Safety Committees in 2022/23:

- **Security around the road works** for improving the school access: Most of the work was completed before the summer break, but several safety issues remained to be clarified and followed-up before the end of the project. Some pedestrian crossings were not ended and were temporarily dangerous. Signs were missing.

- **Parking:** The School used the opportunity of the roadworks to modify the parking allocation. Some parents park their cars in the teachers' car park, which already has an insufficient capacity about the number of nursery and primary teachers. If a teacher cannot park, he/she will arrive late for class and his/her pupils will be left unsupervised. Following a request from parents relayed by APEEEL2, the School finally agreed to remove the barriers at the end of the aisles of the parents' car park. It seems that this has allowed the traffic to flow more smoothly. However, several parents (fortunately a minority) behave dangerously in the car parks.

- **Presentation of the Audit report on accessibility** in our School: Based on a survey run by the Central Office, our school reached a 72% score for conformity. As the school is recent, they would have expected a higher score.

- **Energy savings**: With the rise in energy costs, the School needed to review certain aspects (lowering the temperature in the classrooms, lowering the temperature of the water in the swimming pool, switching off outside lights between 11pm and 6am, etc.).

- **Training**: Some school staff benefited from first aid training in November 2022.
  AMOK training was organized in December 2022 for all school staff in the 3 vehicular languages.
- **Child well-being policy**: Even though this point has been on the agenda several times, APEEEL2 regrets to still have not been involved at this stage on this document.
- **Drugs prevention**: A certain number of cases of pupils smoking cannabis were reported. This prompted the School Security Officer to start working on a policy on how to address these issues. In our opinion, the document which was presented to APEEEL2 was more of an intervention grid to deal with the use of illicit substances, and we felt that the part dealing with prevention was missing. Even though long discussions took place in 2022/23 regarding this document, APEEEL2 regrets that we still have not seen the final version which we hope will include our modifications.
  In parallel, APEEEL2 made some suggestions to the School in terms of prevention, and we were pleased to learn in May 2023 about the School's approval for inviting M Ghidini for a presentation at Lux2 in October 2023. During this event, Gianpietro would explain how he approached the loss of his son Emanuele, and the role that drugs played in this context. It was agreed that this event would be fully organized and supported by APEEEL2.
- **Vandalism in the toilets:** The boys' toilets were vandalized in the Secondary and in the Administration buildings, some of which resulted in significant and costly material damage. The School had to file a complaint against x for this damage.
- **Police presence at school**: The School Management confirmed that they are always working closely with the police for various reasons. The police may be present on site for prevention and/or training purposes and in the context of investigations. APEEEL2 insisted again on the need to communicate with parents when incidents occur, but the Management recalled that the School had followed instructions from the authorities regarding communication.
- **Zinal trip**: APEEEL2 raised some questions on the medical team on site in Zinal, the number of children who reported sick, and the procedure for informing parents in case of sickness. We insisted that the procedure for informing parents when their child is ill during a school trip has not been respected. The Management agreed to review this point and to remind instructions to their staff.
- **Whooping cough:** A few cases from Lux2 have been reported to the health authorities. A vaccination campaign has been organized by the Ministry of Health at Schosol only for pupils whose parents gave their consent.
- **Nursery playground roof**: some water had accumulated on the roof provoking a risk. A technical solution was found to drain off water.





INTERPARENTS REPRESENTATIVES

https://www.apeeel2.lu/interparents-committee/

2022/2023 representatives

MC members: André Schmutz (head), Johan Luboya & Chris Knight (observer)

2023/2024 representatives

MC members: Johan Luboya, Afroditi Papadopoulou, Christelle Yeandle (observer)

InterParents (IP) members represent the Parents' Associations of the European Schools in meetings of the Joint Teaching Committee (JTC), Budgetary Committee (BC) and the Board of Governors (BoG). InterParents representatives from the different APEEEs get together several times per year to discuss various issues and prepare for these meetings. Each APEEE sends representatives to these meetings.

During the school year 2022/2023, the APEEEL2 representatives were André Schmutz and Johan Luboya. André acted as secretary for InterParents. He was also a member of the IT Pedagogical Working Group.

As usual, InterParents organized two-day preparatory meetings in the run up to the *Joint Teaching Committee* and the *Board of Governors* meetings.
Several ad hoc meetings took place to prepare InterParents' position on various issues, and the *Baccalaureate Support Team* also organized several other meetings.

In 2022/23, below is a summary of the main actions run by InterParents and its representatives:

- **Attendance at the Joint Teaching Committee** rotates between representatives of different schools. In October 2022 (13 &14/10/22), it was APEEEL2's turn to be represented at the JTC and André Schmutz made himself available for this meeting in Brussels. He also had to stand in for another school at the JTC on 9 & 10 February 2023. The JTC meetings bring together all the directors, all the inspectors and representatives of the other stakeholders (pupils, parents, teachers, institutions) and were held in Brussels. Most of the participants were present, with only a few people connected. Exchanges took place in the three working languages and the language of the Presidency, this year 2022/23 Ireland.
  Unfortunately, the parents' voice did not have the same echo as that of other members, which means that InterParents will have to prepare better for these meetings.
- **General Rules Amendment:** The Office of the Secretary General had received an audit observation concerning the division of responsibility between the parents' associations and the schools. As some schools had been unable to reach agreement with the parents' associations on this, the Office decided to amend the general regulations. At the JTC in October 2022, the parents mentioned certain problems with the new wording, in particular the introduction of the concept that the parents' associations should be considered as "external partners", that they have "full responsibility during their activities within the school buildings". Unfortunately, the Office of the

Secretary General did not invite InterParents to amend the text to reach a compromise. Despite the strong commitment of the parents' delegates, the text was validated by the Board of Governors. Most parents' associations decided to lodge a complaint against this decision, and a Luxembourg law firm defended our case before the Board of Appeal. On 22 September, the Board of Appeal decided to reject our complaint, without responding to all the arguments put forward.

- **CULT report from the European Parliament:** InterParents has held many discussions and meetings in order to respond to the European Parliament's CULT committee, which is currently drawing up a report on the European Schools system. (https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2022/2149(INI)).

- **School trips' call for tender**: The Office of the Secretary-General had decided to issue a call for tenders for the organisation of compulsory school trips for all 13 European schools. The first call was unsuccessful, and despite parents' reservations a second call was made in the summer of 2022. Only one agency met the conditions and was responsible for organising the trips. The teachers, directors and parents agreed that the service provided did not meet the specifications, and after numerous discussions and meetings it was decided not to renew the contract for a second year.

- **Interparents meeting at Lux2**: APEEEL2 was honoured to host the InterParents meeting at the end of March 2023, in preparation for the Board of Governors meeting which took place during the Easter holidays in April 2023 in Dublin. Around twenty delegates enjoyed the welcome and had the chance to visit our school. They clearly appreciated the infrastructure available to our children and teachers. The discussions provided an opportunity to prepare InterParents' comments on the many documents presented at the Board of Governors meeting.

- **Communication**: We would like to remind our members that the website of the Office of the Secretary-General publishes all decisions taken on their website: https://www.eursc.eu/fr/Office/official-texts/decisions and that we are available to parents who wish to better understand the management of the European Schools system.

- **European Bac**: Once again, this year, parents' representatives and the InterParents office proposed a platform to enable Baccalaureate students and their parents to report any incidents relating to the Bac exams.
  Discussions with the Baccalaureate unit revealed problems with translation, failure to provide an environment conducive to examinations for certain students, and printing errors for certain tests. Parents who could support InterParents in this service are warmly invited to come forward.

InterParents meetings were generally animated, with a good exchange of opinions and standpoints, including diverging ones. The deep-rooted engagement, coupled with respect of others' point of view and readiness to reach positions of compromise, is one of the important strengths of InterParents.

SUSTAINABILITY

https://www.apeeel2.lu/sustainability-committee/

2022/2023 members

APEEEL2 MC members Tiziana Tamborrini (leader), Chris Knight & Enza Petrone, assisted by Lux2 volunteer parents Christina Ehlert, Jennifer Feschuk & Christelle Yeandle.

2023/2024 members

APEEEL2 MC members Tiziana Tamborrini (leader), Chris Knight, Ivana Massucco, Enza Petrone and Roberta Zani assisted by Lux2 volunteer parents Christina Ehlert, Jennifer Feschuk.

Summary for school year 2022-2023

- Members of our Sustainability Working Group met almost every month, either online or in presence.

- **Sustainable Forum**
  We managed to initiate a **Sustainable Forum (SF),** largely discussed during the previous year, with the support of Mr Maurice Van Daal (School Director) and the active participation of Mr O'Coimin (assistant to the Secondary Director) and Mrs Reinhart (assistant to the Primary Director):
  - EIB, already involved with a course on climate in Primary, was part of the SF.
  - Main topics discussed: Starting a Carbon Footrint assessment in our School, water issue (installing fountains and phasing out plastic water bottles in vendor machines), solar panels, climate classes (already underway in other European Schools, vegetarian/vegan dishes in the Canteen, promoting more engagement from our Eco responsible students and revising the way they are selected to attract more motivated students, joint preparation of the Sustainable Week (to improve coordination with the School Management, teachers and students).
  - The Sustainable Forum met 3 times.
  - During the first 2 SF meetings, we were pleased to see a good students' participation. Teachers and the School Management were always present.
  - Students were invited to present their research projects. This included the presentation from an S5 student on installing solar panels in our School.
  - We invited a representative from CELL to one of our SF meetings to present the idea of a Repair Café. The possibility of setting up a *repair biking Café* was explored. However, certain obstacles were identified and prevented it from moving forward.
  - Even though reducing waste and proposing regular vegetarian options are dealt with at the Canteen Committee level, Sodexo was invited to the SF so we could insist on those 2 aspects.

- **The SWG (Sustainable Week Group) team** contributed to the *Sustainable Week* event at the end of April 2023 and helped the sustainability teacher.

- **Experts from the scientific community:**
  Conference on Post-growth and Happiness with expert from Statec; conference on Luxembourg Carbon Footrint with experts from List, EIB, Caritas-Plaidons Responsible, expert of the SWG, Climate Fresk with the Environmental Educational Institute of Luxembourg: more classes involved.
- **With the support of Mr O'Coimin and two IT teachers from our School:**
  A workshop on CFP with two S5 classes, led by the SWG, EIB expert and representative of the Ministry of the Environment.
- **A Refashion Corner** was organized by the SWG, with a sewing & crochet laboratory and posters created with students for a final Clothing Swap. The Refashion/Swap ateliers would have benefitted from better advertising, but they nevertheless succeeded in attracting many students, especially from S2 to S5 levels. Students of the Pupil Committee came to talk to us saying that they would be happy to repeat the experience with improved coordination.
- **Second-hand schoolbook sale**
  This event took place in June, for the first time. Also communicated by the School, our community was invited to use it as an opportunity to buy used books and reduce the consumption of new books. The event was quite successful but would again benefit from an improved coordination with students and teachers, particularly in the French section. We saw a great turn-out and many parents went out of their way to attend and buy books ahead of time. However, many parents were disappointed by the fact that on too many subjects, teachers would only communicate their books list in September…
  This type of event could be organized for the Primary cycle as well in the future and would greatly contribute to reducing waste.

- **Feedback from the *Sustainable Week:***
  - We would like to see a better coordination in the future with the teachers in charge for of the Sustainable Program at School: communication was better than the previous year, but there are still improvements to be made. Coordination between our Sustainable Working Group and the teachers could also be smoother and more frequent. However, the SF was very beneficial for updates and follow up.
  - Eco responsible students were not engaged, except for a couple of students who could help during the *Refashion Corner Atelier*. Discussions were held on how to increase students' participation.
  - We agreed on organizing less events with external experts unless there is a specific interest from teachers.
  - We agreed on having more concrete actions and hands-on activities.

- **Feedback from the Lux2 *Earth Ambassadors:***
  This Periscolaire activity was introduced in May 2021 by our Sustainable Working Group to engage students on sustainable initiatives.
  - Mostly funded by APEEEL2, the instructor, Mrs Angela Piccolomini, is also employed by the School in a scientific field.
  - As the Periscolaire group is still quite small, we would like to see closer coordination with our Sustainable Working Group, as was originally intended, to combine efforts to

involve more students in the future. This includes working on improving the program and the course contents presentation to attract more students.

- Congratulations to one of the group students for a great research project on Carbon Footprint.

Communication

- Our Sustainability Working Group has its own WhatsApp group that allows frequent exchanges between its members. The WhatsApp group has been very active with many messages and updates.
- As a personal initiative, 3 members of our APEEEL2 Sustainable Working Group (Tiziana Tamborrini, Chris Knight and Enza Petrone) have created a new Facebook group, inspired by the example in Brussels and the 2nd -hand Book Sale in September 2022.
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/eeb4fleamarket.
  This FB group aims to encourage recycling & reuse of products at School, and to have a quick exchange of useful news.
  If you would like to register with us, you will be asked a few questions to demonstrate your connection with our School and specify which for which class level. We currently have 158 members registered to our FB group.

Current school year 2023-2024

- New MC member who joined our Sustainable Working Group: Mrs Ivana Massucco
- **First Sustainability Forum (SF) for this school yar in October:**
  - We have restarted the process of working with the School Management on a clear agenda regarding sustainability.
  - We have acknowledged an improvement in the students 'selection for Eco responsible candidates. This is a positive outcome to the inputs shared during the SF of the previous school year. Eco responsible students have now been rebranded "E-Comm" students. We are pleased to see that around 17 very motivated students have currently applied and are proposing projects.
- **Climate classes**
  Climate classes for S6 and S7 students are already taking place in Lux1 and a syllabus has been created for the course.
  Our Sustainability Working Group is very keen on working with our School Management to ensure similar classes can be up and running in our School as soon as possible. This would indeed constitute **a major step in integrating a sustainability culture within students and staff in our School.**
- **Sustainable InterParents Committee**
  Our Sustainability Working Group will continue working closely with the Sustainability Group within InterParents.

SWALS & ONL

https://www.apeeel2.lu/swals-committee/

2022/2023 members

MC members Tibor Tuboly (head), Rasmus Egelund, Mateja Prajs

2023/2024 members

MC members Mateja Prajs, Silvie Gregorová, Mirela Dragota

The challenges continue

After several years of decline, the SWALS situation has unfortunately not changed. As stakeholders, we - the parents have very little influence on the proposals and decisions from the Office of the Secretary General, mainly because of financial savings under the pressure of the Commission and the member states.
Despite several intervention by the InterParents representatives (SWALS L1 Common Position paper - June 2022 - to Board of Governors being one of the latest), we are sad to report that in the previous school year no improvement was made regarding the SWALS status.
The inequality was increasingly visible, especially in the L1 situation, where the number of lessons and exposure to the language were unsustainable and could not offer equal preparedness for the L1 BAC exams.
As other schools are applying the general rule for class creation established in paragraph 1.5 of the "Revision of the Decisions of the Board of Governors, concerning the organisation of studies and courses in the European Schools", by grouping SWALS L1 classes vertically, in both primary and secondary (to achieve the minimum number of seven pupils in the class), our School has gone even further and is currently grouping classes with more than seven pupils.

Bright future?

Fortunately, the future is looking brighter. If/when the proposals to the Pedagogical Reform are confirmed, we are hoping to finally have better conditions especially for the S6 and S7 L1 lessons, which should/will not be merged – as per the InterParents written input to "Pedagogical Reform WG" as a follow-up to the meeting of 20 September 2023, "The European School Curriculum: Structure and Organisation of studies and courses in the European Schools – Update".

If you are interested, here are two more documents about the European schools which also mention the SWALS conditions:

- System of European Schools – state of play, challenges and perspectives:
  European Parliament resolution of 12 September 2023 on the system of European Schools: state of play, challenges and perspectives (2022/2149(INI)):
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0306_EN.html
- Study requested by the European Parliament's CULT Committee:
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2022/699647/IPOL_STU(2022)699647_EN.pdf

Ombudsman

Our SWALS Working Group has decided to support the Lux1 initiative and inform the Luxembourgish Ombudsman for Children and Youth (*Ombudsman fir Kanner a Jugendlecher*) about the disparities in teaching L1 and L2, integration issues and general schooling conditions of SWALS.

Future Plans

We will continue to raise awareness about the differences and difficulties of SWALS education versus the Language Section education. Considering the current situation is a result of the decisions of the Office of the Secretary General, we will continue to address the issues in meetings with the School and at InterParents level. Not forgetting the insufficient L2 teaching in the first 3 years of Secondary cycle, the lack of integration of pupils in their new section when transitioning to secondary, the isolation of SWALS pupils in Secondary and having class teachers who have no contact with the SWALS pupils.

TRANSPORT

https://www.apeeel2.lu/transport-to-lux-2/

2022/2023 members

MC members Stefan Wunderlich (head) & Hom Saihkay, Tibor Tuboly

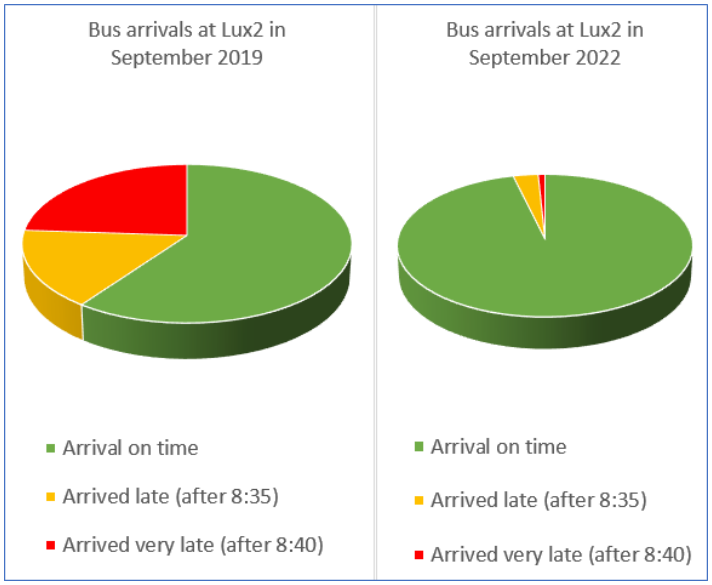
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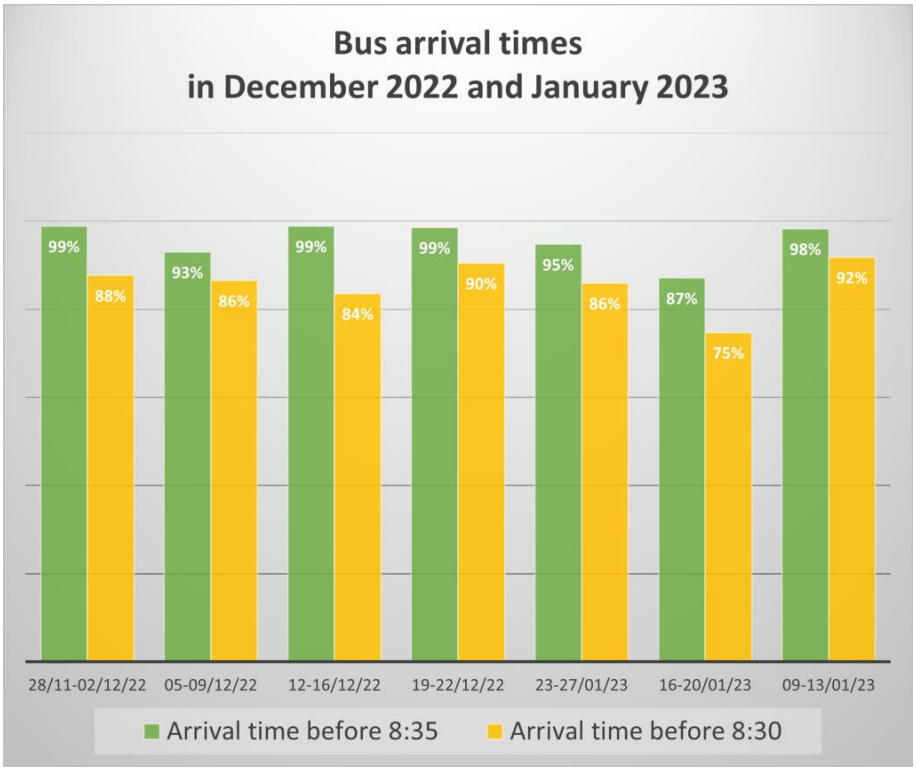
It has been a long-running issue that School buses could not arrive or leave our School premises on time, since they had to share the same road as private cars. To resolve this issue, the Luxembourgish authorities developed a new concept for School access and decided to separate bus access from road traffic and parking and we were all pleased to benefit from these road improvements from September 2022. This work was the subject of lengthy discussions with the Ministry of Transport and APEEEL2 has been following these discussions in collaboration with the various directors of the School since 2016.

A couple of months after September 2022, we communicated with parents about the marked improvement in the arrival times of the buses at the School in the morning.

Comparing the last 2 weeks in September 2019 with the same period in 2022, we can see that only 60% of school buses (ATSEEE, MDDI and buses from the Communes of Bertrange and Mamer) arrived on time in 2019, as opposed to 96% in 2022. Results have been similar during recent weeks and significant buses delay causing students to miss the start of their first lesson remain very rare.



In September, weather conditions are usually still good enough to encourage many pupils to come to school on foot or by bike. This is less the case in December and January, with darker mornings and afternoons and lower temperatures. However, a quick look at the high percentage of buses arriving on time at School in December and January shows a real improvement compared to what we experienced in previous years.



Some parents complained that this new road made things more complicated for the car access to the School and we had to remind that the Luxembourgish authorities were always very clear that their intention was to promote public transport and soft mobility. Consequently, APEEEL2 always referred to this project as an improvement for bus access – not cars – in their communications. This political decision from the Luxembourgish authorities is perfectly in line with transport policies for all schools in Luxembourg, and therefore does not only concern our School.

The 2nd phase of the project to extend and better secure the bus platform and the pedestrian crossings was done during Easter holidays in April 2023.

Extension of two bus platforms to allow access for the additional school bus allocated by the Commune of Bertrange, and possibly one more bus.





Between platforms, **the asphalt covering the bus lanes has been replaced** and the zebra crossings repainted, which will be safer for pupils using the school buses.



The zebra crossing for cyclists and pedestrians near the Primary building has been finished, with added red paint on the ground which makes it much more visible for car and bus drivers.

Grass embankments and large rocks have also been added between the parking lots and the bus lanes to avoid illegal parking and make the pedestrian and cyclists' paths much safer.

Regarding school access, APEEEL2 continued to work in parallel on the following areas:

- After several discussions with Bertrange communes and with the great help from parents living in Bertrange, the Conseil Communal of Bertrange finally agreed to put in place a second school bus "Bertrange 2" in addition to the existing "Bertrange 1" bus to serve various districts of Bertrange and increase the capacity.
- For MDDI and Communes buses, APEEEL2 supported and answered parents' requests on any problems occurring on these bus lines (lost items, missed stops, delays, change of itinerary due to roadworks…)
- APEEEL2 supported the different initiatives from parents living in Bertrange who alerted the local authorities to the risks of the railway crossing in Bertrange. Many of our pupils living in Bertrange,

walking, or cycling to school, are indeed using this dangerous crossing on a daily basis. The Commune now commits to build an underpass for cyclists and pedestrians at the railway station. The building of the underpass will take a few years but is planned. In the meantime, some gathering like “Kidicall Mass” were organized in March to remind to the Commune of the continuing need for safe, active and sustainable mobility.

- APEEEL2 also supported the project of adding **a Vel’OH! station** on the European School site and this project is now becoming concrete with the installation in October of the station.
- **ATSEEE**, *l’Association de Transport des Elèves des Ecoles Européennes*, continued to run a number of dedicated buses and navettes to the School. APEEEL2 representatives regularly attend ATSEEE AGM as guests to show our support to all their work. For more information, please visit their website https://atseee.eu/.



EVENTS

https://www.apeeel2.lu/events-lux2-and-luxembourg/

2022/2023 members

MC members Enza Petrone, Hom Saihkay & Tiziana Tamborrini, assisted by APEEEL2 General Secretary Delphine Ballaguy and APEEEL2 Administrative & Communication Assistant Florence Birrell and Christelle Yeandle as a volunteer parent for Careers Day.

The pandemic has clearly changed everyone's habits, and certain traditions such as the School Fete have not regained the momentum they enjoyed in the past after Covid. However, APEEEL2 was very happy to play an active part, and in some cases to organise from A-to-Z certain events for the benefit of our school community.

Careers Day on 23 March 2023

After a pause of 3 years due to the Covid crisis, our annual event, organized in collaboration with the School could be organised again at Lux2. Our Careers Day aimed to better inform our students on study choices and available career opportunities. For this, **65 experts & professionals** volunteered to present their working and studying experience, offering our students the possibility to attend 2 sessions out of the **25 proposed different fields**. 350 students from S4 to S7 attended our successful event. Our school director, Mr Maurice van Daal delivered a very inspiring opening Ceremony Speech to our students and could also be inspired by watching a video of former Lux2 students. This initiative from APEEEL2 for the school 10th anniversary of the school was very appreciated and allowed our current students to get inspiration through practical examples in their difficult and challenging moment of making a choice for their future education and career. Special thanks to Lux2 former students and to the 65 experts and professionals who volunteered.

A few statistics from the post-event Students' survey:

- **88%** were happy with their choice of sessions.
- **87%** found the speakers interesting, with some students asking for more interaction with the audience.
- **88%** confirmed that the contents and the information provided during the sessions were useful or will possibly be useful to them in the future.
- **78%** liked the buffet, but many commented that the good food went too fast.
- **More than 90%** answered they would recommend the event to other S4-S7 students for next year.







Bee Secure Conference for parents on 20 April 2023

As Bee Secure regularly intervenes with our primary and secondary students in prevention workshops, APEEEL2 decided in collaboration with the school secondary advisors to organise a conference for parents. Around 50 parents attended the evening and appreciated the speaker's warnings on website cookies, weak passwords, fake news, as well as issues relating to AI generated photos or videos. The meeting started with a presentation by **Mrs Sofia Mysirlaki,** Lux2 ICT teacher and Digital Learning Coordinator in Secondary. She explained to parents the various safety goals developed by ICT teachers as part of their lessons.

More details about this meeting can be found on Feedback from the "Bee Secure" conference for parents @ Lux2 – 20/04/23 – APEEEL2



School 10th Anniversary

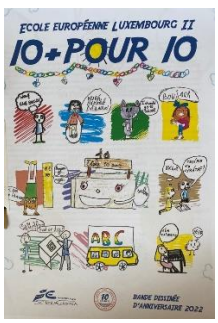
Our European School Luxembourg 2 celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2022/2023, it 2 was created a few years earlier on a temporary site (the pedagogical village in Kirchberg) before moving to the brand-new premises in Bertrange/Mamer in September 2012. The first class of the European Baccalaureate at Lux2 Bertrange Mamer graduated in June 2023.
The School Management decided to organize a number of activities in the various cycles through the school year in which many pupils and teachers were involved. The APEEEL2 regrets that no major event involving students and their families was organised for the occasion. The APEEEL2 would have been happy to collaborate and to financially support the event.
Various celebrations punctuated this Anniversary year:

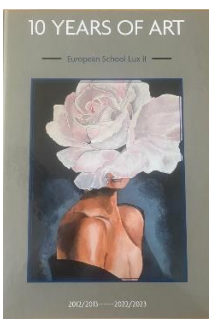
- **A bookmark competition** on the theme of the 10th Anniversary was organized in February 2023 and financially supported by APEEEL2. All Primary and Secondary students were invited in to participate and create an illustration for a bookmark on the theme of the 10th Anniversary. The 2 Primary winners received a voucher prize each, offered by APEEEL2 during a ceremony organized on 28/02. In Secondary, many students also participated in the competition and the choice was very difficult to make but our 2 winners (Mijin Lambert S3FRC and Andrei Ilie S6ENA) respectively received the first and second price with a prize voucher offered by APEEEL2.



Winning bookmarks from primary and secondary

- 10 Primary school classes worked with Romanian author Mihai Ionut Grajdeanu to produce **a collection of comic strips** on the theme of 10 for 10.
- The Pupils Committee in Secondary organized **a sale of hoodies** marked with a 10th Anniversary logo created by pupils.
- **An art book** featuring the finest works of art created by Primary and Ssecondary school pupils over the 10 years of the school's existence has been published and was available to order.
- **An official ceremony** in the presence of Mr. Andréas Beckmann, Secretary General of the European Schools and Mr. Emmanuel de Tournemire, Director of the European School Luxembourg 2 at the time of its opening on the Bertrange / Mamer site was organized on 03/05/2023. In addition to raising the 10th Anniversary flag and the symbolic release of 10 balloons, a panel in 3 languages on the mission statement of the European Schools was inaugurated in the hall of the School's Administrative building. A time capsule, containing the speeches made by the Director and the students of the Pupils Committee, a copy of the newspaper L'Essentiel, a photo of the School's staff in 2022/2023, the Christmas cards from the Cards Competition, and the competition winning bookmarks were buried on the School's site by the Director and the students.
- **A football derby** was organized in P5 with the Lux1 team in May 2023.
- **Another football derby** was organized, this time in the Secondary school. Lux2 supporters created such a great atmosphere, helping their team win the tournament.
- **A music gala** was held at the Salle des Fêtes on 23 May 2023.
- **Many pieces of artwork** were created by pupils and exhibited in Primary and Secondary schools on the theme of the 10th Anniversary.
- **A school run** was also organized in Secondary in May.
- A large gathering of all P1 classes took place in the Primary school playground in June, where the pupils put on **a wonderful show with colourful parachutes** on which they danced and twirled.





Secondary second-hand schoolbooks sale on 22 June 2023

With a view to sustainability and to financial considerations, APEEEL2 was pleased to organise the second edition of our second-hand schoolbooks' sale for secondary. Between 30 and 40 students/parents attended our sale to sell their Secondary schoolbooks at Lux2. Some stands sold out, while other sellers left with a few unsold books. As this was only the 2nd edition of the event, we are quite satisfied and very hopeful that that our students will get into the habit of recycling their old schoolbooks in the future thanks to this type of event. Buyers and sellers enjoyed refreshments and snacks, courtesy of APEEEL2.

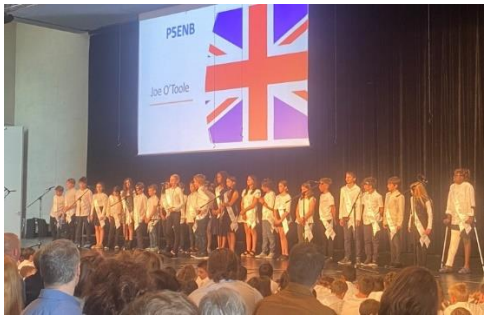



P5 Ceremony on Wednesday 5 July 2023

The Ceremony was rich in emotion and linguistic diversity, with all the language sections well represented. The audience listened to poems, songs and texts written by pupils in French, English and German, as well as Italian, Greek, Danish, Czech and Hungarian!
Mr Maurice Van Daal, our School Director, and Mr Philippe Richard, our Deputy Director of the Nursery & Primary schools, congratulated the pupils on their success and their transition to Secondary school. They also warmly thanked all the parents and teachers for supporting the children so well.
It was quite clear from the pupils' speeches that they were ready and eager to move on to Secondary school, but also very happy with their years spent in Primary school with their teachers and friends.
A video including many photos from the P5 school year was also shown, remembering the assembly of the wealth of activities the children have enjoyed during the year, including a ski trip to Zinal, visits to museums as well as sporting, musical & artistic activities.

The Ceremony ended with a vibrant speech from APEEEL2, represented by Mr André Schmutz, President of the Parents' Association, and Ms Areti Vasiloglou, Vice-President of the Association for the Nursery and Primary classes. After congratulating the children on their success, they invited everyone to enjoy the buffet set up outside the Salle des Fêtes, courtesy of APEEEL2.







The 224 P5 pupils at their ceremony in July 2023

Bac Ceremony on Friday 7 July 2023

On Friday 5th July 23, the Bac Ceremony started at 16:00 in Chapito at Mondorf les Bains, attended by our students' teachers, parents, and families.
The event, with Mr Aibhistin O'Coïmin as master of ceremonies, welcomed the participation of various Member States ambassadors. The event has required a lot of preparation and organization during the entire school year from our School Management, School administrative and technical staff, your representatives from the Parents' Association, as well as pupils from the Bac Committee.
With a pass rate of 99.5%, the students were warmly congratulated by **Mr Koen Lenaerts**, *President of the Court of Justice*, who presented them with their diplomas on stage with the help of **Mr Maurice Van Daal** and **Mrs Leene Soekov**, both members of the school management.
The Ceremony was interspersed with various excellent performances from our students, including the following:

- S7 students with music option, Jonathan Bennett-Bywood, Thomas Cremmer, Eva Puc and Tudor Rusu, greatly performed *Slipping through my fingers* from ABBA.
- Students Michail Aglamisis, Filip Demian, Ioannis Mitsouridis and Styliano Xirouchakis formed a band for the occasion and electrified the hall with their electric guitars.
- Théodore Tavernier impressed the entire audience with his professional opera singing skills, performing *Lascia ch'io pianga* from G.F. Handel's opera *Almira.*
- Elisa Cedano Prometti wowed the audience with a superb choreography of her own composition to the music of *Let's dance our last dance*.

Anna Orlando and Siméon Peltier, respectively *Bac Committee President* and *Pupils' Committee President* both congratulated their schoolmates in a warm and heartfelt speech.
The prize for Lux2 best Bac 2023 mark was awarded to a Slovenian student with a mark of 96.3.
Mr Andre Schmutz, *APEEEL2 President*, presented the APEEEL2 Bac prize to the Pupils' Committee & Bac Committee elected S7 students to thank them for their volunteer work and commitment.
Everyone present reveled in this very special moment and enjoyed a drink in Chapito's garden, kindly offered by the School and APEEEL2 to celebrate all together.









Congratulations to our 2023 S7 Lux2 cohort!

APEEEL2 OFFICE PERMANENT STAFF

 https://www.apeeel2.lu/contact-us-2/

The APEEEL2 office, located in the School Nursery building, has currently 4 permanent staff:

- **Delphine Ballaguy:** Secretary General, working full-time.
- **Florence Birrell:** Administrative & Communication Assistant, working part-time.
- **Quitterie Pickart:** Administrative & Accountancy Assistant, working part-time.
- **Yann Gendron:** Periscolaire on-site Coordinator, working part-time.

Working very closely together to improve effectiveness, their involvement is necessary in the following APEEEL2 major roles and duties:

- **Informing ALL LUX2 PARENTS** on all aspects of the events, programmes and activities organised by APEEEL2 or our partners.
- **Providing individual counselling to ALL LUX2 PARENTS** on various aspects of life in our School.
- Managing the registration and renewal process for more than **1 080 APEEEL2 member.**
- Managing an average of **200 class representatives** for the 3 cycles.
- Managing **a full Periscolaire programme** and **60 group/private activities instructors.**
- Providing support, communication, and organisation for **21 Management Committee (MC) members.**
- Attending and reporting on **10 major School internal meetings.**
- Liaising closely with **the School Administration & Students Committees.**
- Liaising with all the **MDDI and local bus lines** for Transport to our School.
- Managing & regularly updating **our Periscolaire platform**, as well as the **increased number of publications on our APEEEL2 website (more than 130 posts on our website).**
- Managing the publication of **our regular APEEEL2 Newsletters. 6 newsletters were published in 2022/23.**
- **Performing all legal administrative obligations,** managing all contracts with our **multiple external providers.**
- **Managing APEEEL2 financial accounts and payments.**
- Endeavouring to obtain answers from our School Management or APEEEL2 representatives on queries raised in parents' emails.
- Managing and accounting for the "Accueil Periscolaire" service for Primary pupils, as well as the "Accompaniment Service" for Nursery pupils. 2 educators (1 permanent contract + 1 temporary contract) were working for the Accueil Periscolaire in 2022/23 and 4 accompanists with a temporary contract were working for the Accompaniment Service.

Let's Work Together To Make A Difference

GET INVOLVED WITH APEEEL2!

OUR APEEEL2 FOR OUR SCHOOL

Our mission as APEEEL2 is to continue building a multicultural school community based on trust and dialogue in order to nurture each pupil's skills, talents, and aspirations.

ANNEX 1 - REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne de Luxembourg 2 (Mamer-Bertrange) A.s.b.l.

Annual accounts as at 31 August 2023

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023 (IN EUR)

ASSETS	**Note**	**31/08/2023**	**31/08/2022**
Debtors		599,81	29,81
Cash at bank and in hand	3	616.790,82	557.149,83
Deferred charges	4	10.696,56	4.009,09
TOTAL ASSETS		**628.087,19**	**561.188,73**

LIABILITIES		**31/08/2023**	**31/08/2022**
Results brought forward		522.344,86	524.821,58
Result for the year		32.732,05	- 2.476,72
Creditors	5	51.040,28	24.393,87
Deferred income	6	21.970,00	14.450,00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**628.087,19**	**561.188,73**

The notes are an integral part to these annual accounts.

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023 (IN EUR)

		01/09/2022	**01/09/2021**
INCOME	**Note**	**-**	**-**
		31/08/2023	**31/08/2022**
Memberships		57.895,00	57.221,00
Sale calculators		4.499,50	-
Periscolaire activities		669.836,00	566.001,00
Periscolaire summer camps		62.050,00	50.406,00
Subsidies		45.000,00	45.000,00
Miscellaneous		166,79	788,76
TOTAL INCOME		**839.447,29**	**719.416,76**
		01/09/2022	**01/09/2021**
EXPENSES		**-**	**-**
		31/08/2023	**31/08/2022**
Events	7	5.444,56	3.361,23
School projects	7	4.420,85	1.245,22
Social fund	7	5.954,53	1.245,22
Interparent membership and travel costs		2.563,01	890,00
Bank and credit card fees		15.731,95	12.828,19
Suppliers	8	541.371,36	507.880,48
Staff cost		231.228,98	195.688,36
TOTAL EXPENSES		**806.715,24**	**721.893,48**
RESULT FOR THE YEAR (GAIN (+)/LOSS (-))		**32.732,05**	**- 2.476,72**

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NOTE 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Association des Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne de Luxembourg 2 (Mamer-Bertrange) A.s.b.l. (the « association » or "APEEEL 2") was founded on 25 April 2012 and is organised under the law of Luxembourg as an 'Association sans but lucratif'.

The association aims to:

a) represent the educational and family interests of the parents of the pupils of the European School of Luxembourg 2 (Mamer-Bertrange);
b) collaborate with the parent associations of each European School, while respecting the specificity of this school;
c) take and encourage any initiative which allows the widest possible participation of parents in the life of the School in all its forms;
d) inform the authorities of the School of the wishes of the parents and their suggestions concerning the aims and content of education and the school organisation;
e) organize, in liaison with the School Board, all extra-curricular activities and/or any supervision after school;
f) collaborate in the solution of the problems raised by parents regarding the education of their children during their studies;
g) represent the parents in the joint bodies created for the proper functioning of the School;
h) promote, organize and/or collaborate to any pedagogical or European project in the pupils' interest.

The financial year starts on 1 September and ends on 31 August of each year.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The annual accounts have been prepared principally in accordance with the law of 19 December 2002, as amended, relating to the preparation of the annual accounts and the significant accounting policies outlined below. The presentation of the balance sheet and the income statement have been adapted to reflect the specificities of the association's activity.

The association maintains its accounting records in Euros (EUR) and its annual accounts are expressed in this currency. All transactions are carried out in EUR.

Debtors are recorded at nominal value. A value adjustment is booked when the amount to be received by the association is lower than the nominal value.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

Provisions cover expenses or debts the nature of which is clearly defined and which at the date of the balance sheet are either likely to be incurred or certain to be incurred but uncertain as to their amount or as to the date on which they will arise.

Creditors are recorded at nominal value.

Deferred charges and deferred income relate to expenses and income paid or received in the current year but referring to the next financial year.

Income and expenses are recorded in the financial year to which they belong.

NOTE 3 – CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand comprise the following as at the closing date:

All amounts in EUR	**31/08/2023**	**31/08/2022**
BCEE current account	615.629,72	556.201,08
Cash	1.161,10	948,75
TOTAL	**616.790,82**	**557.149,83**

NOTE 4 – DEFERRED CHARGES

Deferred charges as per 31 August 2023 relate to the IT licenses and insurance contracts paid on a yearly basis, as well as the invoices for the purchase of calculators, and relating to the year ending 31 August 2024.

NOTE 5 – CREDITORS

Creditors comprise the following as at the closing date:

All amounts in EUR	**31/08/2023**	**31/08/2022**
Suppliers	28.001,72	7.029,11
Canteen for Ukrainian families (Sodexo)	687,65	400,97
Social security	6.973,91	2.343,82
Accounting and audit	7.900,00	8.060,97
Reimbursements to parents for Summercamps	2.897,00	1.979,00
Various	4.580,00	4.580,00
TOTAL	**51.040,28**	**24.393,87**

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NOTE 6 – DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income relates to 2023-2024 membership fees paid in advance in June, July and August 2023, as well as sales of the calculators for the year 2023-2024.

NOTE 7 – EVENTS, SCHOOL PROJECTS and SOCIAL FUND

"Events" includes the expenses incurred for the organisation of the various activities scheduled during the school year; during the school year 2022/2023, we could resume events like Careers Day, Coffee meetings for the parents, a books' sale, and, as every year, we financially contributed to the P5 and Bac Ceremonies.

"School projects" includes the APEEEL2's financial participation in projects organized by the school (such as Christmas Card Competition) as well as projects coming from our CPF (Community Projects Funding) like the Pink Day or the purchase of Lego boxes for the Educational Support.

"Social fund" usually relates to support families for paying the school trips. In 2022/23, only requests from Ukrainian families with a refugee status were received. APEEEL2 supported these families for the canteen costs, the APEEEL2 membership, one periscolaire activity per child and one registration to summer camps.

NOTE 8 – SUPPLIERS
The caption comprises the following as at the closing date:

All amounts in EUR	**31/08/2023**	**31/08/2022**
Periscolaire instructors	414.331,44	355.884,33
Periscolaire material	19.941,97	26.121,77
Summer camps suppliers including instructors	54.061,25	40.350,92
IT and administrative external expenses	62.902.11	88.884,69
TOTAL	**551.236,77**	**511.241,71**