



Minutes of the General Assembly 18 May 2006

Number of attendees : 32
Starting time : 20H40

Introduction : Odile

- Presentation of the members of the executive bureau and their role within the parents association.
- Reminder of the structure of the Parents' Association (PA) : we have a Management board of 21 parents, mix of sections, cycles, classes.
- Presentation of the purpose of the meeting : we would like to conclude the school year and explain what we have done this year so far
- Web site announcement : it is operational as from Today. Address is www.agsep.eu. "eu" is the new extension used for all the European institutions. Thank you to Mauro Nocca who worked hard on the site.
- Call for PA new members: please feel free to register to the PA. Min contribution is 10 euro and all parents are welcome.

Presentation of the agenda of the day : Odile

- Parents' Association Annual Review
- School Updates
- Extracurricular Survey
- School Year 2006-07
- Spring Picnic Party

Parents' Association Annual Review: Chiara

- Review of we have accomplished this year so far: see list in attach. Chiara explained that this year has been difficult on some levels as it was the first year of existence of the school and PA.
- Call for volunteers for the Info desk : the info desk has been put in place to answer questions of parents. But we miss people to do the permanency

Q : on the fact that the PA held meetings with the schools, what are the subject approached ?

A : day to day issues, example of the level of English in primary EN section which worries parents.

- Presentation of the bimonthly meetings with Mrs Zanatta: the purpose is to meet with the school management every 15 days to present the concerns of the parents and address open issues. Next year, we would like to better inform parents about those meetings so parents can better communicate their ideas and concerns to us and we can let them know about the outcome of our discussions .
- Explanation of what we did with the Carnival funds : we bought toys for the kids... have a look in the courtyards.

Q : what will be activities of the end of the year? Hesitation of parents to register their kids as they had no info.

A : all requests about the end-of-year activities should be made directly to the school.

Raising of the calendar issue: school may not cover all the holiday periods with activities as this year. Issue for the school : lots of kids were registered and a few showed up.

As soon as the calendar is made and published, the PA can decide if they will organize activities during some of the non-covered period.

Parents worry about the calendar; they assumed that it was the same as this year. One info is confirmed by the school : the first day of school will be the 5th of September 2006.

Debate about the fact that the calendar is not a decision of the PA or even not of the parents and how much it should follow the European school rules versus the local Italian ones.

Debate about the EU politics regarding school, the purpose of the school, the program and the quality of the school.

School Update - Inspection next week : Odile

- Announcement of the venue of the inspectors next week : parents asked for more details.
Inspectors will come next week and will build a report. This report will be the key for the School accreditation. The decision should be taken in October 2006.

Extra curricular survey : Caroline

- Explanation of the purpose and history of the survey : to know what parents are expecting for their kids next year, a survey has been made by the extra curricular TF. The school created a tempo scuola commission and made changes to it.

A : Intervention of a parent : the questionnaire was difficult to answer, too many things were approached.

Q : school has made changes and took advantage of the survey to have answers to questions they had (garderie, ...).

- Today's update : compilation of the results is done, analysis has to follow, then PA should meet the school
- Clarification : activities proposed in the survey are NOT the ones which will be proposed to kids next year. They are only suggestions and could orientate the choice of the school in choosing activities.

School year 2006-2007 : Odile

- School starts the 5 September 2006
- More classes, more kids
- The call for the teachers' open positions will be published the 19th of May.

Responsibilities of the PA regarding the school for next year : Odile

- Garderie : should be organized by PA but we need more volunteers.
- Activities after 16H30 : will be organized if we find volunteers. School doesn't want to be involved (last year, school organized it)

Q : what about the time before school starts.

A : we have to ask the school if they will offer the service and at what time.

R: for palestras for activities next year, requests must be done before the end of June at the Commune.

What is working and is not working within the PA : Odile

(Question asked to the participants of the meeting)

- Working well : work done so far, internal communication
- Not working : communication between PA and parents : parents do not know well enough what we are doing, what is happening with the school. Interactivity with the city and the city events.

Proposal : make working progress sheet addressed to parents, build reports of the meetings, keep a web site up to date.

Spring Picnic on 20th of May: Giovanna

- Description of the event : where, what, and explanation of the activities during the day. Ask parents to bring a plaid or cover to be in a picnic spirit. Bar and Torta frita will be paying. Friends are welcome in a limited number. Parents of kids registered for next year are encouraged to come and meet everybody.

Call for volunteers for 2006-07

- Ski-trip
- Social events
- Coordinator between the school and the city
- Activities for weeks of holidays
- Garderie
- Activities after 16H30

Please contact any member of the PA or send an email to marielle.sauvage@mac.com

Thank you for your participation!

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