Decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its meeting on 22 and 23 May 2002 in Nice

Board of Governors of the European Schools

Meeting on 22 and 23 May 2002 in Nice

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Preliminary items

   (b) Brussels IV

   The President decided to address the question of enlargement by tabling an item on the agenda for discussion at every meeting of the Board of Governors, with input in the form of the latest facts and figures available.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors held in Brussels on 29, 30, 31 January 2002 and 1 February 2002 (2002-D-393, 2002-D-403, 2002-D-503)

The minutes were adopted after amendments by Italy and the Netherlands.
4. A items

A.1. Statutory appointments (2002-D-413)
A.2. Ethics in the primary school (2002-D-423)
A.4. Swedish as Second Mother tongue for Finnish pupils (2002-D-453)
A.5. Programme for Greek, L I (2002-D-463)
A.6. Primary School outings and trips (2002-D-54)
A.7. Reforms of arrangements for implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate (2002-D-483)
A.8. Learning support secondary section, pilot programmes (2002-D-144)
A.11. Implementing Regulations for the functioning of the Board of Appeal - Honorarium in accordance with Article 4 (2)
A.12. Permanent filling of a post by a replacement in the case of long-term absence because of sickness (2002-D-274)
A.13. Reduced teaching hours for "Eurobio" (2002-D-354)


8. B items

B.1. Report on provision for children with special educational needs (SEN) in the European Schools

Measures 6.1. and 6.2. a) and b) in the document were accepted, as was the resource person measure.

Mr RIEFF was invited to outline a 'generous doctrine' to guide the Board of Governors’ future policy-making decisions on SEN. The Board of Governors would make a judgement as to the advisability of the measures proposed under point 6.3. of the document on the basis of this doctrine.

As regards the 2003 budgetary adaptation: the Board of Governors adopted a mechanical adaptation which did not take account of any measure set out in the document.

The following should be added: to point 6.3 c) 'adhere to the medical plan’ and to point 6.3.d) ‘measures without budgetary implications’.

The Board of Governors gave the working group the following mandate:
(a) 811-D-1999: restructuring of the document with a coordinated text
(b) the preparation of documents concerning:
   i. a mandate for one or two inspectors to ensure the harmonisation of analysis of SEN cases in the Schools
   ii. the creation in each school of a SEN Group to provide for SEN prior support and administrative help in organising aid and also the designation in each school of a resource person.
   iii. the clarification of the situation of SEN pupils ‘vis à vis’ their promotion rights
   iv. the listing of the different degrees of handicaps which the Schools must facilitate.
(c) a document recommending a pilot project in two Schools involving the establishment of the SEN Unit and the recruitment of an SEN coordinator
(d) the preparation of a recommendation regarding class size in general and in those classes containing SEN pupils in particular
(e) a short leaving course
(f) an appeals procedure.

B.2. Report on the 2001 European Baccalaureate

A mandate was given to the rapporteur, in conjunction with the Board of Inspectors and the Office, to explore this question in outline and the possible answers, as well as the legal consequences, with the opening up of this system in mind.

This item will be tabled on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Board of Inspectors.

B.3. Appointment of the Deputy Directors of the primary cycles of the European Schools

(a) Frankfurt-am-Main (2002-D-194)

The Board of Governors appointed Mrs PRESSACO to the post of Deputy Director of the primary cycle at Frankfurt-am-Main from 1 September 2002.

(b) Brussels I (Uccle) 2002-D-204

The Board of Governors appointed Mrs CLERGET to the post of Deputy Director of the primary cycle at Brussels I from 1 September 2002.

(c) Alicante (2002-D-224)

Mrs CARRO was appointed Deputy Director of the primary cycle at the European School, Alicante from 1 September 2002.

B.4. Appointment of the Representative of the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors set the following timetable for the procedure for appointment of the Representative of the Board of Governors.

Closing date for the submission of applications to the ORBG: 31.7.2002

Selection Committee to convene on: 26.9.2002
Initiation of the procedure

Rules in force and procedure for inviting applications for the vacant post:

(1) The Office of the Representative of the Board of Governors requested the Heads of delegation to invite applications for the post by advertising the vacancy in their respective countries.

(2) The closing date for the receipt of applications at the Office of the Representative of the Board of Governors was set at 31 July 2002.

(3) The applications would be forwarded to the Heads of delegation, together with an invitation.

B.5. Discharge to the Administrative Board of the ES and to the Representative and the Board of Governors for implementation of the 2000 Budget

The discharge was granted.

The Board of Governors decided that a study should be carried out by the AFC into the effect on the budget of different levels of fees for Category II and III pupils, covering also the question of fee exoneration and with particular reference to the small Schools.

B.6. Improvement of the budgetary procedure

The Board of Governors gave the AFC the following mandate:

– to improve the methods used to draw up and examine the budgets,
– to produce official guidelines for the drawing up of the next budget,
– to make multiannual financial forecasts of the development of budget revenue and expenditure,
– to examine the possibilities for producing an activity-based budget nomenclature,
– to revise the European Schools’ budget forecasts with EU enlargement in prospect and to scrutinise them in terms of their affordability.

B.7. Preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 2/2002

The Board of Governors approved the Schools’ requests, with the exception of the EUR 36 000 which had been requested for redesign of the canteen of the ES, Bergen.

Minus EUR 36 000, SAB 2/2002 now amounted to EUR 1 756 315.

The Commission’s contribution to the 2002 budget was reduced by a total of EUR 1 932 631, to EUR 106 092 129.

B.8. Preliminary draft budget of the ES for the financial year 2003

New, converted and discontinued AAS posts

The Board of Governors approved, as set out in on pages 6 to 9 of document 2002-D-234,

– the presidency’s compromise proposal regarding new posts,
– the post conversions in the Brussels I establishment table,
– the decisions taken in principle in April 2001 on post creations at Alicante and Frankfurt,
the correction to the Luxembourg School’s establishment table and confirmed that the two posts granted to the Brussels III School in April 2001 were graded as secretaries and that the post-holder, who had transferred from Brussels I to Brussels III, was classed at grade II in this category, with the same salary as hitherto.

B.9. Response to the Luxembourg authorities’ request for the setting up of a second European School in Luxembourg

The Board of Governors confirmed its full agreement to the setting up of a second European School at Mamer so as to have two Schools of roughly the same size in Luxembourg.

B.10. Troika

a) Status of the Troika’s work: progress report

The report was accepted by the Board. It was noted that no decision was required at the moment but including this as a B item was welcomed as a step which ensured maximum transparency.

It was acknowledged that the Troika had yet to address itself to an evaluation of the effects of Article 29(a) (9-year rule) of the Teachers’ Statute.

b) Pilot project on the integration of pupils for whom there is not in their school a language section corresponding to their mother tongue

It was acknowledged that the approval of the Inspectors’ Boards had been secured by written procedure. However, there was an inspectorial presence (Mr ZALON) on the working party which produced the proposal and of course also in the Troika, to which this working party reported. As a considerable momentum had been building in the three Schools through the process of planning for this pilot project, the Board accepted that its application should not be delayed. The Board approved the proposal. The pilot project would begin in September 2002.

B 11. Extension of the new school reports procedure to all the European Schools

The Board of Governors agreed to general introduction of the new school report in all the European Schools from the 2002/2003 school year and to granting the teachers a communication day with parents completely with flexibility.

The Board of Governors gave the Primary Board of Inspectors a mandate to provide logistic follow-up, pedagogical support and the in-service training required in the Schools.

B.12. Financing of the Italian section at the European School, Frankfurt am Main

It was decided that once all the conditions were met the agreement could be signed by Italy, the Central Bank and the acting Representative of the Board of Governors.

B.14. Date and place of the next meeting:

- 4 November 2002 : Heads of delegation
- 5 and 6 November 2002 : Enlarged Board of Governors meeting in Brussels.
B.15. Other Business

Written communications

b) UK proposal about Inspection

The proposal was accepted as a pilot project.
MANDATES GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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2. to the AFC the following mandate:
   - to improve the methods used to draw up and examine the budgets,
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3. to the Primary Board of Inspectors a mandate to provide logistic follow-up, pedagogical support and the in-service training required in the Schools.

4. to the AFC : effect on the budget of different levels of fees for Category II and III pupils, covering also the question of fee exoneration and with particular reference to the small schools.