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Decisions of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee of 18 and 19 February 2016

III. ITEMS

III.A. SYLLABUSES

1. Hungarian Language 1 syllabus – Nursery and Primary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new Hungarian Language 1 syllabus for the nursery and primary cycle with slight changes to the authors listed in the syllabus. The syllabus would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

2. Polish Language 1 syllabus – Nursery and Primary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new Polish Language 1 syllabus for the nursery and primary cycle. The syllabus would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

3. Ethics syllabus – Primary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new Ethics syllabus for the primary cycle subject to the reference to the nursery cycle being removed from the title. The syllabus would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

4. 'Discovery of the World' syllabus – Primary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new Discovery of the World syllabus for the primary cycle subject to incorporation of the suggestions for improvements made at the JTC and the BIP meetings. For that purpose, Interparents would provide its comments in writing. The syllabus would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

5. Danish Language 1 syllabus for the secondary cycle Main course (S1-S7) and Advanced course (S6-S7)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the updated Danish Language 1 syllabus for the secondary cycle Main course (S1-S7) and Advanced course (S6-S7). The attainment descriptors would enter into force in September 2017 for S 1-5 and in September 2018 for S 6. The new example of a written examination would enter into force for the 2017 Baccalaureate session.

6. Baccalaureate/Latin – New structure of the written test – In addition to the Latin S2-S7 Syllabus (2014-01-D-35)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new structure of the written examination paper for the Latin S2-S7 Syllabus (2014-01-D-35). Assessment criteria would be added to the document in June 2016. The new structure of the written examination paper would enter into force on 1 September 2016 for S7 for the 2017 European Baccalaureate Session.

7. Eurosport Handbook - Amendment of point 1.1

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the amendment to the EUROSPORT Handbook. The amendment would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

8. Request for a mandate for the 'School and Careers Guidance' Working Group to produce a vademecum grouping and explaining all the school and careers guidance activities in the European Schools

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the request for a mandate for the 'School and Careers Guidance' Working Group to produce a vademecum grouping and explaining all the school and careers guidance rules and activities in the European Schools.

III.B. REPORTS

5. Follow-up on the 'Careers Guidance' Working Group's mandate to produce a document on Work Experience

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the 'Work experience in the European Schools' document.

III.D. PEDAGOGICAL RULES/STANDARDS

2. Quality teaching in the European Schools – booklet

The Joint Teaching Committee took note of the document and of the favourable opinion expressed by the Joint Board of Inspectors. This document on the evaluation of teachers brought together all the documents concerning the evaluation of teachers previously approved by the various competent decision-making organs. The documents and tools used for evaluation and for self-evaluation of all teachers were now clearly defined by means of this document.

The Joint Teaching Committee wished a harmonised approach to evaluation to be promoted across the system and emphasised the importance of the pedagogical standards on the basis of which the performance of all teachers, seconded and locally recruited, was evaluated also being the basis for the selection of all teachers on their recruitment.

The booklet entitled 'Quality teaching in the European Schools' would enter into force on 1 September 2016.

Following the approval by the Board of Governors at its December 2015 meeting of document 2015-09-D-40 'Evaluation of teachers in the European School system', the Human Resources Unit of the Office of the Secretary-General would produce a memo to accompany both that document and document 2015-09-D-3 'Quality teaching in the European Schools', so as to inform all the interested parties.

4. Harmonised assessment at the end of year 5 and written examinations leading to B marks in year 5

On the basis of the recommendation of the Board of Inspectors (Secondary), the Joint Teaching Committee approved the new proposals, with immediate entry into force, subject to it being stated that it was an 'End of year 5 Certificate' in Annex XI. The present version of document 2013-05-D-34-fr-11 takes this request into account.

The JTC took note, nevertheless, of the fact that a change to the Annex for 'Geography' was in progress. It gave a mandate to the 'Analysis of repeat rates' Working Group to take into consideration the question of the organisation of year 5 examinations over five days, also in relation to the authorised duration of examinations organised in the other years.

5. Introduction of a certificate awarded at the end of the fourth and sixth years of study of Latin: *Latinum Europaeum* and *Latinum Europaeum Superius* certificates

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the document 'Introduction of a certificate awarded at the end of the fourth and sixth years of study of Latin (*Latinum Europaeum* and *Latinum Europaeum Superius* certificates)'. The document would enter into force on 1 September 2016 (2017 Session), cancelling and replacing document 2008-D-4310-en-3.

III.F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Proposal to set up a Working Group for development of Education for Sustainable Development in the ES

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the proposal to set up a Working Group for development of Education for Sustainable Development in the European Schools. The Committee decided that the task of providing the 'Pedagogical Reform' WG with the results of its work would be added to its mandate. A final report by the WG would be presented to the JTC in autumn 2017.