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Pedagogical Development Unit

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Decisions of the online meeting of the Joint Board of Inspectors of 6 October (afternoon) and 7 October 2020

Approved by the French Presidency 2020-2021

III. ITEMS

III.B. REPORTS

1. **Reports on Whole School Inspections of European Schools:**

A) Final Report on the Whole School Inspection at the European School, Luxembourg II from 2 to 6 March 2020 (2020-03-D-7-en-1)

The Joint Board of Inspectors approved the 'Final Report on the Whole School Inspection at the European School, Luxembourg II'.

B) Reports on the follow-up on the Whole School Inspection at the European Schools:

- Brussels I from 14 May to 18 May 2018 (2020-09-D-2-en-1)

- Alicante from 7 May to 11 May 2018 (2020-09-D-3-en-1)

- Luxembourg I from 12 March to 16 March 2018 (2020-09-D-4-en-1)

The Joint Board of Inspectors approved the three reports on the Whole School Inspections conducted at the Brussels I, Alicante and Luxembourg I European Schools. In so far as the report on the ES, Alicante did not clearly reflect whether it had been possible for the last Inspection's recommendations to be followed, a new follow-up report would be completed by the School, then presented at the JBI's February 2021 meeting.

2. **Summary of the second round of Whole School Inspections (2020-09-D-6-en-1)**

In order best to guarantee their follow-up, the major recommendations would be incorporated into each School's Annual and Multi-Annual Plans. The Joint Board of Inspectors approved the report and sent it forward to the Joint Teaching Committee for its information.

III.D. PEDAGOGICAL RULES/STANDARDS

2. **Guidelines for organisation of the Working Groups coordinated by the Pedagogical Development Unit (2018-01-D-18-fr-7)**

Being aware of the large number of Working Groups in existence, the JBI agreed that the 'Quality Assurance' Working Group would need to be notified before the setting up of a WG was proposed. Furthermore, the JBI wished to give an assurance that the 'Quality Assurance' WG would only have advisory and not decision-making power, as might be understood from the proposed change to point 1.1 'Setting up, planning and running of a working group by the Inspector'. The JBI therefore proposed changing the wording of that paragraph, so that reference was not made to a decision but to an opinion of the 'Quality Assurance' Working Group, prior to the final decision of the relevant Board of Inspectors. In addition, under no circumstances should any new WG create a mandate or tasks which contradicted or conflicted with the pedagogical priorities set by the Presidency.

The Board was also inclined to prioritise continuing to organise meetings of Working Groups online rather than *in situ*, in so far as it had the possibility of doing so, and in whatever direction the health crisis developed.

The JBI approved the changes made to the document, subject to the one requested during the meeting concerning point 1.1, with immediate entry into force.

The document would be presented to the Budgetary Committee and to the Board of Governors, to inform them about the budgetary reductions resulting from giving preference to online meetings.

10. Proposed new mandate for the 'Assessment Primary' Working Group (2020-09-D-27-en-1)

The Joint Board of Inspectors supported the request for a new status for the 'Assessment Primary' Working Group and granted it permanent status, making it a standing WG, like its counterpart the 'Assessment Secondary' WG.

III.F. OTHER ITEMS

8. Pedagogical Development and Quality Assurance of the European Schools (2019-2020) – Follow-up on 30 June 2020 (2019-08-D-11-fr-5)

The Inspectors were invited to make known any additions or corrections to be made to the document prior to its publication for the Board of Governors' attention.

Subject to amendment, the JBI approved the document 'Pedagogical Development and Quality Assurance of the European Schools (2019-2020) – Follow-up on 30 June 2020'. The finalised version of the document would be appended to the 'Joint Report of the Spanish Presidency of the Boards of Inspectors and of the Teaching Committee – 2019-2020 school year'.

9. Pedagogical Development and Quality Assurance of the European Schools (2020-2021) – Short and long-term planning (2020-08-D-1-fr-1)

The Joint Board of Inspectors took note of the French Presidency's priorities, which would be incorporated into the next version of the document.

As regards the Inspectors to be replaced in the Working Groups, one post needed to be filled at primary cycle level for:

- the 'Quality Assurance' Assurance WG;
- the Accredited Schools Steering Committee.

In the case of the latter, as a Working Group dependent on the Secretariat Unit was concerned, the choice of candidate would be a matter for the Secretary-General.

The Inspectors were also invited to make known any comments or requests for additions to the document that they might have.

Subject to the additions and changes requested during the meeting, and any that might possibly be sent to the PDU in due course, the JBI approved the document. Once finalised, it would be brought to the attention of the Board of Governors, for its information.

10. Planning of the Inspectors' 2021 activities (2020-01-D-78-fr/en-2)

It had not been possible for the document to be finalised as no overview of the planning could be envisaged to date because of the health situation. The Joint Board of Inspectors was therefore unable to take a decision. Draft planning with the data available to the Pedagogical Development Unit would be sent to the Inspectors.

11. Areas of interest and expertise of the nursery/primary and secondary Inspectors of the European Schools (2020-02-D-15-fr/en-2)

The Joint Board of Inspectors approved the document subject to any corrections or updates. The finalised document would be communicated to all the Inspectors and published on DOCEE.