

PC Meeting 21 June 2023

Agenda:

1. Regulatory Framework
2. Relation between PA and PC
3. Appointing an assistant in the kindergarten – Consent required from the PC
4. Grow the kindergarten class sizes to 18 instead of 15 – Consent required from the PC
5. Training for PC members

Notes:

1. Regulatory Framework:

There is an awareness that we need to make a year plan and also a yearly report.

Article 5: Change duration of term to two years. Next election: January 2025. Members can be re-elected.

Article 17: Does not apply, as we are part of Abbenbroekweg and all the Dutch schools have PCs and one member from each school's PC forms part of a Joint Participation Council. This Council meets with the Internal Supervisor. It would be good to build a bridge between our PC and Abbenbroekweg's PC. We can perhaps change Article 17 to state that we have consultation with the PC of Abbenbroekweg.

For a future meeting, we could invite the Competent Authority (Artho) to ask for advice in how to relate to the Dutch school's PC and, in doing so, with the Internal Supervisor (indirectly). The Competent Authority could advise us on how to revise Article 17. We could find out pros and cons. We could also ask him to mention the main concerns for our organisation, etc.

We were not able to go through the whole document. We will need to continue from Chapter 5 at the next meeting.

We will continue to discuss the Regulatory Framework in two future meetings, and we will invite Niels to guide us through it.

2. PA and PC Communication:

This involves how we communicate with the PA, as well as to the parents in general. The role of PA is to organise fun events and to strengthen the social network, etc., not to become the complaint box. Worries about policy should come straight to the PC.

Complaints about a teacher should go straight to the teacher, and, if that is unsatisfactory, then to the learning support coordinator, or to the principal.

There is no direct relationship or formal relationship/communication between the PA and the PC. There is an informal relation only.

It is important to clarify and build up the structures in the school. It is equally important to clarify the correct routes for communication.

The PC could ask the principal on a yearly or bi-yearly basis to give an insight into the type of complaints received from parents – and then talk about it. The PC could ask for a status update. This update could give an indication that a policy should be made.

Question: What systems are in place to track things? How do we get our information?

Note: The class representative and the PA is not the same.

A request from the PC to the principal: Could you share the draft of the communication framework (i.e. roles of the PC, class representative and PA) for advice before it is published?

3. Consent for a kindergarten assistant:

Consent for a kindergarten assistant is given. The question was again raised about an assistant in the primary school/grades. This will be looked at again in October.

4. Class sizes:

We mentioned and agreed that 15 is a guiding principle for class sizes, but sometimes this number may go up to 18 for parts of the year, due to the fluctuating numbers in an international school with expatriate families.

5. Question for Rodette: Is there training for PC members in English? Could Rodette investigate and ask at a DIPS meeting or from her DIPS network, or from the other international schools?

Action points

- Review the rest of the regulatory framework. Next time: Chapter 5: Article 25 and 26.
- Review Calendar/Checklist that Freddy will make.
- School guide. Lindie and Sarah will work on the school guide during the summer break. This guide will be approved by the PC in the first week of the new academic year, after which it will be uploaded to the school website.
- A draft of the communication framework will be shared with the PC for advice before it is published.
- Next meeting: First Tuesday: 22 August at 19h00. Agenda: Regulatory Framework (at beginning with Niels), Approval of school guide, Review Calendar/Checklist.
- Rodette to find out if there is training for PC members in English.
- Regulatory Framework Article 5: Change the duration of the term to two years. (Next election: January 2025, *no date should be written in the RF*).