

School Council EIFA - 9 June 2015

Elected Parents Representatives attending:

Mme Nguyen Quang, Mme Maisant, Mme Mis, Mme Breynaert, M. Llabres, Mme Guiroy, M. Delorme, M. Frisch.

M. Moizant is excused

Staff representatives attending:

Laura Aichroth, Vanessa Garcelon, Sebastian Moppel, Mathieu Nioche, Bonita Regan, Aurelie Ricard, Fanny Cousin Schwab, Frances Redding, Marlene Fossey, Lise Monjarret, Amelie Rolle, Camilla Smitham, Audrey Godaron, Flore Ducruy, Nathalie Slimi, Carole White, Fella Benabdallah. Carole Chartier, Isabelle Faulkner.

Excused: Mathilde Crimee, Czarek Trzcinski, Kamile Lukosiunaite, Toma Vaiciunaite.

Chair: Mme Dehon.

Meeting Secretary: Mme Panhelleux.

Mme Dehon opens the meeting at 5:10 PM.

1) School calendar 2015/2016

School will reopen on 3 September 2015 for the pupils; teachers will start on 27 August.

School will break up on 1 July 2016.

Holiday calendar:

From 19/10 to 30/10/15

From 21/12 to 01/01/16

From 15/02 to 19/02/16

From 25/03 to 08/04/16

From 02/05 to 06/05/16

Bank Holiday on 30/05/16

2) The new timetable 2015/2016

After a survey of the parents, the majority chose the following timetable:

8:40 am to 3:20 pm from Monday to Thursday

8:40 am to 3:30 pm on Friday

This new timetable is definite and won't change in the future.

The Secondary School will open its doors at 8 am to let the Secondary pupils in, bearing in mind that their lessons will start at 8:30 am and the doors of the Portland Place building will open at 8:25 am.

Afterschool clubs will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, after which parents can choose to enrol their children in garderie or homework club until 5 pm.

3) Recruitment for school year 2015/2016:

Leaving:

Mme Audrey Godaron (Teaching Assistant) is leaving EIFA to go and live with her spouse in France.

Teachers:

Mme Lucy Krtenova is leaving EIFA to go back to studying.

Mme Vanessa Garcelon is expecting news regarding possible further study at university.

New teachers have been hired:

Miss Helen Smith will replace Miss Krtenova

4 new teachers have been recruited, 3 of them men

M. Stephane Kuhn Swiss/English

M. Romain Keltz, French, from the Lycée International in Los Angeles

M. Anh Tuan Duong Van from the Saigon Star International School in Vietnam

Mme Delphine Homand will work part-time in Primary and will teach SVT (Biology/Geology) in Secondary.

Mme Regan becomes full-time head of English curriculum.

Mme Chartier remains head of French curriculum.

The college staff recruitment is complete with 6 teachers plus one part-time.

A Maths teacher from the Lycée Charles de Gaulle

An English teacher from the Lycée International de Lemman in Switzerland

A French teacher from Paris

A History and Geography teacher from the Lycée Charles de Gaulle

A part-time Biology and Geology teacher from Lycée International in Chicago

A part-time Physics teacher from the Lycée Charles de Gaulle

Class sizes on 09/06/2015 for 2015/2016

PS/Nursery: 20 pupils

MS/Reception: 26 pupils, 2 classes with 13 children each

GS/Y1: 20 pupils

CP/Y2: 23 pupils including pupils from CP/CE1//Y2/Y3

CE1/Y3: 22 pupils including pupils from CP/CE1//Y2/Y3

Creation of a CP/CE1//Y2/Y3 with 12 pupils

This CP/CE1//Y2/Y3 class is aimed at self-sufficient children, a meeting will be organised for the parents of those future pupils.

CE2/Y4: 22 pupils, 2 classes of 11 children

CM1/Y5: 15 pupils

CM2/Y6: 22 pupils, 2 classes of 11 children

The new pupils arriving into CM2/Y6 will have to sign a letter agreeing to be on the waiting list for CFBL and LIL, as the Plan Ecole only grants a limited number of 20 places. These new pupils won't necessarily be first in line on the list of enrolments into CFBL or LIL.

In future years, EIFA will have 2 distinct CM2/Y6 classes, one following the international program, one following AEFÉ curriculum.

This year both CM2/Y6 classes will be heterogeneous and will have the same English and French teachers.

4) Sports facilities for year 2015-2016

We have 4 options:

Swiss Cottage
Seymour Place
Elms sport
Porchester Centre

We will organise swimming lessons to take place during one term only, if possible, in the third school term.

PS/Nursery to CE2/Y4 will go to Porchester Place
CM1/Y5 and CM2/Y6 will go to the swimming pool behind EIFA.

We are finalising our organisation. If all goes according to plan,
In the first term, the pupils will go to Regent's Park,
In the second term, the pupils will go Swiss Cottage or Seymour Place,
In the third term, the pupils will go to the swimming pool.

PS/Nursery and MS/Reception classes will go to Jungle Gym once a week over 2 terms, on top of sports and ballet classes. In the last term, they will do swimming instead of Jungle Gym.

We will organise sports activities in Regent's Park during lunch recess for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.
PS/Nursery to CP/Y2 classes will take their lunch recess as before in Crescent Park.

5) Afterschool Clubs:

We will put more activities on offer, including a Football club.

Doodle enrolments will be replaced by the new AGORA online software. We will send an email to parents with instructions on how to use it.

Club diversity being of the utmost importance, we will maintain Mandarin and Spanish clubs throughout the school year.

6) Holiday Club

This year's holiday clubs went well, apart from the Easter club that suffered a lot of last minute cancellations. The July club is now full; we are not taking any more subscriptions. Day trips will be organised, weather permitting.

Subscriptions for future clubs will start sooner than usual; these are the dates for next years' holiday clubs:

From 19 to 23 October 2015 – 1st week of the November holidays

From 15 to 19 February 2016

From 4 to 8 April 2016 – 2nd week of the Easter holidays

From 2 to 6 May 2016

From 4 to 15 July 2016

7) End of year organisation:

12 June EIFA gala

19 June Thank you Cocktail for volunteer parents.

20 June Sports Day

26 June End of Year concert at Hinde Street Church

On the day of the concert, children will be allowed to leave with their parent after the concert, but lessons will be maintained in the afternoon. Lessons will take place as usual on Monday and Tuesday.

A message will be sent out to parents to find out how many children shall be present at school on 26 June afternoon, and on 29 and 30 June.

Athletics meets for the CE2/Y4, CM1/Y5, CM2/Y6 on 15, 16 and 18 June.

Maths Challenge Final on 22 June at the CFBL

Children attending:

Antonio

Wilhem

Valentin

Marcello

Juliette

Lamiss

8) The school's future events

The PS will be going to the zoo on 12 June.

School reports will be handed out, together with the exeats (leaving certificates) in the same file to the children leaving the school. **Parents leaving the school with an outstanding balance will not receive their child's school report nor their exeat (leaving certificate).**

9) Parents' questions

Swimming pool: how to avoid wet hair? Children should all wear latex swimming caps.

PS and MS won't go to the swimming pool together any more, so they will have more time to dry their hair.

Parents should provide adequate clothing and fewer accessories in order for their children to spend less time getting dressed and have sufficient time to dry their hair.

PE kit:

Ideally, all pupils should have their new PE kit at the start of the new school year. However, it won't become compulsory until the end of the November holiday.

It is much easier to spot the children in the park when they are all wearing the same uniform.

The children's clothing should be well marked with their name.

School lunches:

The first term is very long; Wednesdays lunches have been added to it, the price for a meal went from £5.50 to £6.

Library:

Please bring back all borrowed books before 12 June.

There will be a reorganisation in September, together with reading competitions.



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Role of Mme Dehon:

Mme Dehon will be the Managing Director for both schools, Mme Sophie Polin will be the head of the Primary and Secondary schools, Mrs Polin will manage the educational part, and she will unite the primary and secondary teachers through crosscutting projects. Mme Dehon and Mme Polin will work together on all projects.

End of Meeting at 6:50 pm.