

Minutes of the first School Council meeting 2020-2021
Thursday October 30th at 16:30 pm

Present:

- Florence LAUNAY, Headmistress
- Emmanuelle RENAULT, Kristiina GUILLERMIN, Hawa TOURE, Ghyslaine PIGNOT, Véronique LADAN, Miitta JUNTUNEN and Saman SARSHAR, teachers.
- Mme Véronique KAURANIEMI, Executive assistant
- Charlotte AHLSTRÖM, Maria KUOSA, Cynthia COPPEL, Cynthia NIVOT, Anu LEVY-KORVENKONTIO, parents' delegates.

Excused:

- Fanny LAGER, teacher (intraining service)

Agenda

- Attribution and operation of the school council
- Validation of the school rules 2020-2021
- Hygiene and security
- Report on the beginning of the School year: staff, enrolment and classes
- Pedagogical projects
- Extracurricular activities
- Miscellaneous
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The Council is opened by Florence Launay at 16.30 :pm. A secretary is designated: Mrs Coppel
Ms. Launay welcomes the delegates and thanks them for their investment in the school. The school council begins with each person presenting itself to the others and the reading of the agenda.

1 – Attribution et fonctionnement du conseil d'école :

Ms. Launay presented the composition and operating rules of the School Council, governed by the AEFÉ Circular N ° 1548 of July 20, 2017: the School Council meets three times a year. It adopts the school's internal regulations and gives its opinion on issues relating to the functioning of the school (school calendar, schooling of students with special needs, student health and safety, etc.). The School Council is made up of the School Director, the school manager, 8 teachers and 6 elected representatives of the parents of the pupils.

The school council elections took place on October 9, 2020: the parents' association submitted the only candidate list, and won all 6 seats on the school council. Of 182 registered, 84 parents voted, which is roughly the same turnout as last year.

2 – Modification et adoption du règlement intérieur 2020-2021

The school rules were sent to the delegates who read them.

Some modifications are proposed.

The new school rules are validated by the School Council.

Le nouveau règlement 2020-2021 est adopté à l'unanimité, suite aux modifications apportées :

Teaching: Modification "A specific support system in French is offered by teachers as needed"

Recreation and collective moments: additions "and connected watches" "or deterioration"

The library: addition "or replaced identically"

3- Hygiene and Security

a) Hygiene

- CM2 Health check-up

They are done in 2 stages. On October 1st and 2nd, the nurse checked her eyesight and hearing. On this occasion, a summons was given to each child for an appointment with the school doctor. Parents can attend if they wish. The first meetings have already taken place on October 21, for the next ones it will be October 30 and another date will be scheduled for the last ones.

To date, we do not yet have dates for the first grade students.

- A flu vaccination campaign will take place on November 11th with parents' consent only for students from CE1 to CM2.

Send a message to Véronique before November 5th.

- Covid-19 situation

The situation for the school is back to normal compared to last spring.

We continue to apply regulatory hygiene measures and we keep abreast of the latest recommendations regarding travel, testing ... all measures that must be followed by kindergarten and schools.

For the moment, the classes only make local outings since we are not authorized to use public transport and the teachers organize groups to be able to go to cultural spaces if this is recommended.

According to the official instructions, parents have been advised to leave the space in front of the school as soon as they had picked up their children.

Parents are free to stay discussing if they respect the rules of distancing: it is each one's responsibility. Parents can organize something to help integrate new parents. It remains difficult at the moment and unfortunately all the events that allowed parents to meet must be canceled (Halloween party, daddy's party, end of year party ...). We will see if the situation evolves from the month of January.

b) Security

- The specific safety plan has been updated as each year.

- Given the health restrictions, Norssi did not organize a safety exercise this year in the first period (too many students at the same time in one place). We decided to set up one and it took place on September 14th. We will set another date next April if Norssi does not.

- A "child search" exercise will take place on November 4th. A procedure is in place in case a child escapes.

- Reinforced vigilance in schools following the Conflans-Sainte-Honorine attack. The AEFÉ sent a letter to the principals with recommendations and a reminder of the safety rules.

4 – Number of pupils and staff 2020-2021 :

a) Educative team

The teaching team is made up of 8 persons.

We recruited Hawa Touré to ensure parental leave for Fanny Lager and, in continuity, that of Johan Arnaud.

6 assistants are also present in the school: 2 with the PS / MS, 2 with the MS / GS and 2 with the CP class. Laura Martin joined assistants' team.

Solène Lehmann is doing an internship as part of her studies. She will be at school all year round and provides support in French for GS, CP and CE1 students. She also works in relation with teachers on projects about Multilanguage.

Question from Ms. Hanski: Has there been a change in the PS / MS assistants?

Answer: There has been a change. Helen is on leave. She is replaced by Augustine Peny, who has been with us since last year and already knows the children.

b) Number of pupils and classes

Currently, 118 students are enrolled in the school. There were 123 at the start of the school year. 2 pupils had to leave last June and had to stay in Finland because of the health situation. They finally left on October 15th. 1 student has moved and 2 others have left for a few months and will come back next February. 5 registrations are planned: 1 for November 2 and 4 for January. There are 4 double-level classes and 2 single-level classes: CP and CE1.

Class groups are as follows

PS/MS: 18 pupils, 12 PS and 6 MS

MS/GS: 19 pupils, 5 MS and 14 GS

CP: 22 pupils

CE1: 15 pupils

CE2/CM1: 22 pupils, 8 CM1 and 14 CE2

CM1/CM2: 22 pupils, 6 CM1 and 16 CM2

5 – Projets annuels (sorties, activités, événements) :

Many projects have emerged since the beginning of the year. Collective projects like class projects.

Some highlights of the year:

- La grande Lessive: artistic event that took place on Friday, October 9
- The French week language: from March 13th to 21st , 2021
- Science days in April (dates to be defined)
- The Sports Day at the end of the year (if possible to organize)

Given the restrictions related to Covid-19, many events will have to be canceled such as Father's Day, the November 11th ceremony organized by the French Embassy, the Independence Ball for CM2s is postponed to 2021, the Winter Circus, the end of year party....

The Independence Ball for fifth graders is expected to be postponed until next March. If it should be canceled, Ms. Levy Korvenkontio asks if something can be organized at school for CM2 students (dances, dresses and costumes...).

Alongside these unifying projects, each class carries out its own projects:

- Comic strip workshops were held in the CE2 / CM1 and CM1 / CM2 classes. The students' work was exhibited during La Grande Lessive. This project was funded by the French Institute.

- The CE1 class went to see the Moomin exhibition at the National Museum

- The Journalism Museum offers an exhibition about life in the countryside in the 18th century through an album by Mauri Kunnas, "The seven dog brothers".

The MS / GS, CP and CE1 classes went there. The PS / MS class will visit it in November.

- Since the start of the school year, every Wednesday morning, when the weather permits, the CP class has been doing class outside. Once a month, they also go to the Rikhardinkatu library.

- The CE1 class corresponds with a CE1 class in France, in Brest and follows the Vendée Globe race and more particularly the Finnish Ari Huusela who should come to see them after the race.

Students will read albums on Monday and Tuesday morning in the PS / MS and Thursday and Friday morning in the MS / GS class.

- Projects on multilingualism are taking place or will take place in certain classes throughout the year.

- As part of a sustainable development project, donation boxes have been created in certain classes.

Soon:

- Visit of the exhibition on ancient Egypt at Amos Rex in November for CE1 and in January for CP.

- Visit of the firemen museum in November by the CP, during the year by the MS / GS.

- CM1 / CM2 will go to the Rikhardinkatu library in November as well as Oodi.

- The Maternalbum project will be renewed in GS this year (Collaborative creation of a book with other French kindergartens in the world).

Teachers will give you more information about these projects.

School project

The project started in 2016 and is now finished. The new school project will be centered on the climate at school.

It will revolve around several axes focused on the well-being and success of pupils. We already have a few lines of work. This new project will be presented at the next school council meeting.

7 – Extracurricular activities

a) Cantine/Goûter

A new firm is preparing the lunches this year: AMICA.

Meals are much better and snack are more substantial.

b) Clubs

We have 5 clubs running: sports, journalism, karate, yoga and circus twice a week.

Art club is cancelled at the moment.

A music and a board-games club were proposed but not enough pupils were interested.

8 – Miscellaneous

Class pictures ?

We contacted the photograph firm and asked to have a different person than last year.

It took some time but we now have a date; the photographer will come on November 13th.

The school delegates asked to create a Facebook group for each class to have a new mean of communication between parents. There will be a parent responsible per group.

The Headmistress gives her assent.

Next School Council meeting on Wednesday February 12th 2021 at 16:30

End of the meeting at 17:45 pm.