



**ASSOCIATION DES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES
BRITANNIQUES ET ANGLOPHONES**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROCÈS-VERBAL DE LA
RÉUNION DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION**

DATE: 23rd May 2011

PLACE: Lycée de Sèvres, 21 rue du Docteur Ledermann, 92310 Sèvres (Salle de réunion, Bâtiment D).

PRESENT

1. Paddy Salmon (Sèvres), President
2. Ivan Karaïvanov (EAB Étoile) Treasurer
3. David Gage (St. Germain parents), General Secretary
4. Derek Erb (Balzac parents)
5. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau)

ABSENT EXCUSED

John Cadden (Lyon), Vice President
James Cathcart (St. Germain-en-Laye)
Anna Parry (EAB, Parents)
Peter Woodburn, (Ferney-Voltaire)

IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Potonnier (Chef de Section, Sèvres)

MEETING

The President opened the meeting at 10:00.

1. Website

- 1.1 Derek Erb asked the Directors who had not yet done so, to provide a recent photo and a few short paragraphs of up-dated biographical text. David Gage agreed to send out a reminder with a deadline of one week.

- 1.2 Derek reported that the visits to the website had increased fourfold after the publication of the OIB Brochure and OIB Overview with the latter, which gives a succinct but extremely useful outline of the OIB, being the most read item and much appreciated by parents. Visits also increased after the most recent past exam papers (2009-10) were posted.
- 1.3 Development of the site will continue but, mindful of succession issues in a couple of years' time, Derek proposed not to overcomplicate the programming and move toward as much as possible being quasi automatic. Ideas discussed in the past such as a discussion forum would require moderation and would be time consuming.
- 1.4 It was mentioned that the idea of having videos of mock oral examinations on the site had been discussed in the past. Shaun Corrigan informed the meeting that some of his colleagues had recently been filmed asking typical oral exam questions and he will investigate the possibility of putting this on the ASIBA site. Paddy Salmon added that he would check with Adrian Barlow of Cambridge (CIE) if he and his colleagues had a problem with this concept.
- 1.5 Derek advised that he would start work on some proposals for a new ASIBA logo during the summer months with a view to a decision being made in September.

2. History-Geography

- 2.1 Anne Potonnier, *Chef de Section* of Sèvres, gave the meeting an up-date on developments related to the changes to History-Geography in the OIB. The programme for the *1ère* students is now set but the programme for *Terminale* students remains unclear which is a cause of concern.
- 2.2 A discussion took place on how the various schools were planning to deal with the increase in the number of hours of French H-G. Certain schools were maintaining the same number of hours in the British H-G programme.

3. New OIB Schools

- 3.1 The President raised the issue of ASIBA providing support to new OIB schools at an early stage in the form of a visit by two representatives of ASIBA, perhaps for one day, with a view to providing information and answering questions. The meeting agreed that this type of support and assistance falls within the remit and current budget of ASIBA.
- 3.2 Derek Erb (Balzac parents) gave the meeting a brief up-date on developments at the Anglophone international section at Camille Sée and Balzac.
- 3.3 A discussion took place on the benefits of schools requiring students to take GCSEs or IGCSEs in *3ème / Seconde*. Paddy Salmon commented that IGCSEs in English Literature and First Language as offered by CIE are particularly useful in gaining exam technique, understanding the OIB exam culture and giving the *Seconde* year added meaning and specific goals which were beneficial to students.
- 3.4 The Cambridge ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) exams including FCE, CAE and CPE language exams were also recommended and it was noted that the CPE was rated at C2 level under the European framework, which is extremely high and equal to the level attained at aggregation level.

4. Next Board Meetings

It was agreed that the next Board meetings would be held in Sèvres on Monday 26th September at 10 a.m. with the intention of having one further Board meeting in 2011, after the Toussaint holidays and the AGM taking place in late March or early April and a final Board meeting in May 2012.

5. Handbook

5.1 Derek Erb is following up with Joel Tarel as regards the French translation of the updated parts of the Handbook. This year all the revised parts had been red-lined on the English version to facilitate the translation.

5.2 It was noted, with due appreciation, that Catherine Sagne of St. Germain's administration office has agreed to deal with the translation of the revised parts of the Handbook for the next academic year, hopefully almost contemporaneously with the up-dating in English.

6. Any other business

6.1 Anne Potonnier advised that the next FDEI Congress would now be in October 2012 (rather than March as had been proposed).

6.2 Fontainebleau has now become the second major exam centre for the Paris area with candidates from 6 schools sitting their exams there this summer.

6.3 Paddy Salmon suggested that younger teachers interested in ASIBA should be encouraged to get involved and in this vein he will be inviting his colleague Betty Lau to attend future meetings. This was welcomed by the Board.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 11:45

Signed

Paddy Salmon, President

Signed

David Gage, General Secretary