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

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**PLACE:** By video conference

#### **PRESENT**

- 1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
- 2. Alan Geary SLL HG (Lyon)
- 3. Betty Lau-Vanchet (Sèvres)
- 4. Laura Martin-Clark (Ferney-Voltaire)
- 5. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, SLL History-Geography
- 6. Nick Baker (St. Germain), SLL English
- 7. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
- 8. Katharine Axten (Balzac parents)

# **ABSENT EXCUSED**

1. Xavier Vuiller (Colomier)

#### **MEETING**

The meeting started at 16H

# 1. Agenda

- Finance
- Preparing AGM
- Schools Forum/BFI Update

- Campaign to differentiate between OIB and standard French Baccalaureate
- CFR mapping

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#### 2. Finance

- 1. SC detailed the ASIBA's financial situation:
- 2. Just over 20,000 euros was received last year (this was before the increase in fees).
- 3. ASIBA finished the 2021 financial year with reserves of 12,715 euros.
- 4. Income should increase to 22,000 euros this year, 11,000 euros of which will be paid to Saint Germain for administrative fees.
- 5. Reserves have increased because less money has been paid in examiner's fees.
- 6. 65-75% of schools have paid and reminder letters will be sent to the others.

# 3. **AGM preparation**

1. JC suggested that the AGM go ahead on the revised date of the 10<sup>th</sup> February even though many people will be absent because of the sanitary situation. There are no resolutions to be passed.

# 4. Schools Forum update

- 1. JC suggests that two meetings be held: one on the 2<sup>rd</sup> February and another in April/May to inform teachers about BFI updates.
- 2. ELB says that ASIBA have a voucher for a Dragonfly training session which could linked to the new 'Connaissance du Monde' module of the BFI.

# 5. OIB/Standard Bac differentiation

- 1. JC says that this project is in a transition phase as the BFI is brought in and the focus will switch to recognition of this new exam.
- 2. JC asks RM if Unifrog have any information about access to English speaking courses. RM says that Unifrog representatives will come to the Schools Forum and that they are keen to pursue a long term project with ASIBA
- 3. ELV says that an audit is in progress to find out which universities take the OIB into account. A shared document is available to allows this data to be collated.
- 4. Everyone agrees that the amount of students applying to the UK is decreasing and that many are staying in France.

#### 6. <u>CEFR mapping exercise</u>

- 1. JC suggest that this has become even more important if children are applying to Universities outside France and the UK and that applying for CEFR recognition might be a good use of the surplus.
- 2. NB says that *Education Nationale* is preparing an attestation for students who have completed the BFI and that we need more clarity on what this might contain.
- 3. JC suggest that the French *Education Nationale* want to create a lot of publicity around the BFI and it might be an opportunity to increase awareness of the enhanced nature of the exam compared to the standard bac and indeed the OIB.

James Cathcart, President	Betty Lau-Vanchet, General Secretary