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

DATE: 26th March 2021 at 8:00

PLACE: Remote meeting via Zoom platform.

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
3. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, SLL History-Geography
4. Betty Lau (Sèvres)
5. Laura Martin-Clark (Ferney-Voltaire)
6. Katharine Axten (Balzac parents)
7. Xavier Vuiller (Colomier)

ABSENT EXCUSED

8. Nick Baker (St. Germain), SLL English
9. Alan Geary (Lyon)

MEETING

The meeting started at 8:00

1. Agenda

- 1.1 The items on the agenda were the ASIBA website, an update on school membership, a University OIB recognition survey and the running of ASIBA associate school examination centres for iGCSE with Covid restrictions.

2. The running of ASIBA associate school examination centres for IGCSE with Covid restrictions.

- 2.1 JC advised that a decision would be made by Cambridge International on or before the 17th April with regards to the cancellation or not of the iGCSE exams.
- 2.2 It seems unlikely that all schools will be able to meet the Cambridge health and safety criteria for running exams.
- 2.3 JC is in liaison with the Europe Director at Cambridge.
- 2.4 Only 8 or 9 ASIBA schools take the Cambridge iGCSE exams.

3. OIB Oral exams and covid restrictions

- 3.1 Currently there are three scenarios for the orals: internal examiner who has not taught candidates this year or external examiner via distance platform.
- 3.2 JC organising audit of individual schools to understand which scenarios are possible for them and will continue to liaise with MEN and Cambridge.

4. School Membership

- 4.1 BLV sent 12 reminders in February and only 5 schools have not yet paid. 3 of them are new centres. A second reminder will be sent.

5. Website

- 5.1 KA indicated that she had had a very limited response from parent groups about the parent area of the site. KA also said that she not been able to find anyone to become a parent board member. It was suggested that the current health crisis meant that people were reluctant to get involved and that this situation might improve.
- 5.2 BLV asked about the possibility of a forum for college teachers. She will get in touch with Kim Bertho who was interested in setting this up. The possibility of setting up a forum outside of the site was discussed. It was decided to ask for a quote from Boldset and that an action point for the next board meeting would be approve the budget for this project.
- 5.3 JC has updated the pages on university entrance, but the university entrance pages for teachers still need updating.
- 5.4 It was suggested that the tweets section be deleted as it is not updated regularly.
- 5.5 RM will investigate adding a link to Greenes and Unifrog and will work with BLV in the coming months to update the teachers' pages.

6. University recognition of English language level survey

- 6.1 SC advised that not all universities recognised the OIB as proof of an adequate level of English and so students were being forced to take additional language exams. This is especially a problem with Dutch and Irish Universities.
- 6.2 Some students in European sections that have taken the Cambridge Proficiency exams may currently be better placed to get into Dutch universities.
- 6.3 ASIBA board to consider mapping OIB English Language and Literature against CEFR.
- 6.4 XV proposed to revise the text for the LV1 describing the language level (seen by Parcoursup)

7. Conventions collectives and recruitment of certified teachers from UK

- 7.1 LMC raised the question whether schools' 'conventions collectives' specify that UK trained teachers should be recruited (to avoid schools having to go via Pole Emploi to seek out and appoint teachers). The 'convention' at Ferney-Voltaire does state this as LMC has been

checking recently in the context of Brexit and as they are moving to adopt a ‘convention collective’.

8. CIE promotion of their primary programmes

8.1 JC reported on a potential partnership between CIE and ASIBA in the context of the CIE’s plans to develop their primary programmes in France. This development role could possibly be combined with the roles of the ASIBA OIB coordinator/administrator. JC to make proposals

9. ‘Masterclasses’

9.1 JC shared his experiences at St Germain of a series of online ‘Masterclasses’ with high profile alumni and parent speakers organised by the British Section, which has been met with great success.

9.2 Idea was proposed to organise an event or programme of events along these lines for next year, mutualising ASIBA networks and offered as a forum of career orientation and study insights for students of ASIBA member schools. To establish a calendar of events at the next board meeting.

9.3 Each school could perhaps propose a speaker; question of asking for a small participation fee or contribution.

James Cathcart, President

Betty Lau-Vanchet, General Secretary