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

DATE: 1st July 2021 at 8:00

PLACE: Remote meeting via Zoom platform.

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer
3. Alan Geary SLL HG (Lyon)
4. Betty Lau-Vanchet (Sèvres)
5. Laura Martin-Clark (Ferney-Voltaire)
6. Katharine Axten (Balzac parents)

ABSENT EXCUSED

7. Nick Baker (St. Germain), SLL English
8. Rob Miller (Lyon), Vice President, SLL History-Geography
9. Xavier Vuiller (Colomier)

MEETING

The meeting started at 8:00

1. Agenda

Membership Fees Update, Schools Forum 2021-22, Communications with Universities, Project for series of ASIBA Masterclasses, Succession planning, Greene's courses, BFI reform, Subject meetings financing.

2. Membership 2020-21 Update

1. BLV reported that after reminders for payment of membership fees in February and June, fees are outstanding for only 2 schools
2. JC proposed a meeting in the autumn for BLV to meet with the IT Manager and Accountant at St Germain to coordinate and streamline the collection of membership fees for next year.

3. Board Meetings 2021-22

1. JC and BLV to consult calendar of key meetings and date previously established by David Gage

4. Schools Forum 2021-22

1. Consensus that ideal time of year in January (rather than in December)
2. Dates: Thursday 13th – Friday 14th January 2022
3. Potential Venues: Fountainebleau (SC), St Germain (JC), St Cloud SIS (BLV) Balzac (KA). To be decided in September.

5. University Entrance – OIB recognition

Objective: to ensure universities differentiate between the OIB and standard French Baccalauréat in offer levels, both in terms of overall offers and English Language requirements

1. JC to create a 'communication toolkit' for ASIBA board members to contact admissions and recognition officers of universities in the UK, Ireland and NL and identify sponsors from universities which already make the distinction between OIB and French Bac.
2. BLV to create list of universities based on previous Russell Group survey to record offer levels
3. Timeframe: each board member will be assigned a list of unis to contact from September to November?

6. CEFR equivalence

Objective: university English Language requirements (in UK and abroad) to assess the need for the CEFR mapping project

1. AG will research on CEFR level of LVA English/specialité English to make appropriate recommendations
2. Contact British Council (JC) & Unifrog (RM) to see if they can help

5&6. Review need for mapping project in light of research & lobbying efforts ideally, findings and recommendations need to be presented to the board before universities review & establish offer levels for 2022 entry

7. ASIBA Masterclasses

Series of 6 Masterclasses running from January through June 2021. Programme will cover a range of subjects from science to arts to inspire curiosity by enabling students to engage with experts in their field & give them a taster of university study

1. Planning timeline:

Sept: recruiting & coordinating of speakers (via OIB teachers liaising with their alumni and parent community) with communication toolkit for recruiting volunteer speakers (JC) and promoting programme to schools & students (LMC). BLV to collect proposed speakers and collate by subject.

October

by 7th : finalisation of speakers and programme

Toussaint: launch to all schools with registration information to participate

2. SC to look at the licensing fee for ASIBA for use of ZOOM for the Masterclasses
3. Zoom format adopted: video with just the speaker; need for a moderator for safeguarding and hosting each event
4. Contribution of 5€ minimum nominal fee (with donation tax receipt) for participants
5. KA to consult with D. Milner on how participants can register and pay online via the ASIBA website (creation 'events tab' under news and events ?)
6. KA will create webpage and upload content to include photo of speaker, bio, title and brief description of masterclass
7. AG to feedback to RM about possible sponsorship of Unifrog for Masterclasses

8. Succession planning for ASIBA administrative role

1. JC in ongoing discussions with CIE developing ASIBA partnership to include primary syllabuses. This could have implications for ASIBA's administrative succession planning
2. Possibility of internal solution in the current administration team of St Germain. Many tasks and data relating to OIB examinations and ASIBA membership are already managed by the IT manager via the ASIBA Database.

9. Greene's Courses

1. Reduced number of registrations this year.
2. Possible effect of Brexit; interest shifting away from UK universities?
3. Most popular courses IGCSE Maths for 2e and 1e students
4. Greene's still committed to partnership with ASIBA despite drop in numbers; special fees (€350 Bridging course/ 150€ Oxbridge).

10. OIB Reform Update:

1. MEN's project to evolve OIB into BFI related to increasing numbers of students in Lycée Français internationally
2. MEN has held confidential consultative meetings with ASIBA (3 meetings since July 2020), Parent associations (AAPE), parent union of the lycées français à l'étranger, & individual national partner authorities.

11. JC wishes to pay tribute to the huge amount of work that the OIB steering group, particularly Nick and Alan, have done this year to:

- a) lobby for aménagements to the épreuves spécifiques
- b) organise contingency plans in case exams were cancelled/maintained.

We continue to liaise with the MEN following the decision to remove Epreuves Communes, announced yesterday...

12. **Next meeting: Thursday, 7th Oct at 5pm after the subject meeting at the CIEP, Sèvres**

James Cathcart, President

Betty Lau-Vanchet, General Secretary