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

DATE: **March 28, 2024**

PLACE: **Remote meeting via GoogleMeet platform.**

PRESENT

1. James Cathcart (St. Germain), President
2. Elisabeth Lau-Vanchet (Sèvres)
3. Laura Martin-Clark (Ferney-Voltaire)
4. Xavier Vuiller (Colomier)
5. Lauren Thepot (Balzac parent association)

ABSENT EXCUSED

6. Nicola Hill
7. Sandrine Hurst
8. Alan Geary (Lyon)
9. Shaun Corrigan (Fontainebleau), Treasurer

MEETING

Welcome to the busiest time of the year...

1. Presentation of April 2 training CDM (James)

In an effort to generate standards materials and manage expectations for the first year of Connaissances du Monde (CDM) evaluations, a day of partial mock orals is organised. A series of 10 min presentations, not including Q&A, but providing a platform for the study of what type of questions would/should be asked by examiners.

Other beneficial projects preparing students for the CDM:

- Xavier shared details about the **project fair** that was organised in Toulouse as a “BFI Event” with a great buzz. Public, press and Academic members were invited. The 20 students present had an opportunity to present their subject and be questioned by attendees. Publicity for the BFI, practice for the students. Will post more details on the website.
- James shared the **poster presentation** organised at Saint Germain. Provided positive acceleration on preparing subject matter !

2. Follow up to DRAGONFLY TV (www.dragonfly-tv.co.uk)

Reminder : This on-line platform for Continued Professional Development (CPD) for educators provides broken-down course modules including lecture series presented by expert trainers, comprehension feedback quizzes, chat forums, options of live zoom with certain trainers, team collaboration/tracking.

A counter offer has been sent. While the concept is engaging, it is hard to project how it could be integrated into the BFI programs since it is outside of the British cursus, as such. Requesting a 6-course module at a fixed rate for one year to see how/if it is integrated.

James suggested a poll for the interest level on modules (ex. dyslexia, study skills, cognitive load theory, english lang/lit as relevant to BFI)

3. Side point / New Schools Liaison

Paid compensation for BFI consulting in the larger community.

4. New Convention with New Partners

With a new partner, a new convention is being formulated taking into the account the benefits and risks of having more intervention on standards and demands from the ministry if accorded more funding. Need firm definition of ASIBA role, which previously has been stated in the MOU by CIE designating ASIBA as the *interlocuteur privilégié*. which should be formalised by the ministry in this new convention. Need fees endorsed without losing control. James proposes a working group on this subject. Xavier recommends consulting legal team to weigh in on rights as an *association*.

Side point / updated conventions for individual schools.

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Some more discussion for individual cases is required. Xavier has just updated theirs. All should be aware of automatic renewal of terms and consider update.

6. CEI Inspection Fees

James sent note to Celia to get fees approved.

7. Schools Forum

Determined that combining it with ACL subject meeting would have prohibitive time constraint for participants.

Barcelona strong possibility to encourage the larger ASIBA community. Expense and accessibility to investigate. Aim for full debrief on CDM during forum.

In February meeting, the timing of January was deemed better than December. Still debating.

8. AudioPi

Contract up. Determined to renew with new modules. James negotiating the increased rate 5000/ 2y. Deemed worthwhile by those that use it. Encouraged to advertise access and availability in classes. Feedback on numbers from platform may hinder rate negotiations.

Encourage broadcasting speakers and sessions, for example Lufthansa in Toulouse.

James Cathcart, President

Elisabeth Lau-Vanchet, General Secretary