



Europäische Schule RheinMain
The European School

Culture Committee

Monday, 11.11.2024, 16:15 to 17:08

Present: Tom Zijlstra, Marcus Adams, Daniella Schmidt, Chanelle Boeldt, Helena Riffer, Adam Wilson, Aiwen Han, Janina Wiebols, Vanessa Schlüter-Haag, Okkert Havenga, Mark Wilson, Teresa Schmidt, Rachel Hamer, Christy Chambers, Kornelia Harskuti, Arianna Zappeloni

Minutes: Parents' Association

Agenda / Tagesordnung:

1. Follow up of the last meeting

No detailed minutes were written. Parents' Association will write the minutes this time, school will write the Library Committee Minutes.

2. Primary topics

2.1. Choir and Orchestra

Adam Wilson presented the primary music curriculum in detail. Please see presentation attached.

Both choirs (PP-P2 and P3-P5) are performing very well and will make their first big appearance at the Christmas Bazaar (on 18th December 2024). Songs are performed in German as well as in English. The music ensemble (16 students) will also perform at Christmas Bazaar stage.

2.2. Children Opera

The children's opera will visit the school on Nov 26th and perform the play "Aida and the Magic Potion". All primary pupils/grade levels are allowed to take part in this great performance.

2.3. Christmas Bazaar / other culture events planned

Ms Riffer and Ms Boeldt report on the events that have recently taken place and those upcoming.

Language Day (Sep 2024), German National Day (Oct 2024) and Halloween (Oct 2024) were duly celebrated.



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The Christmas will take place on Dec 18th (15.30h – 17h). PP-P5 students will again sell their handcrafted treasures and we will have games, food & drinks. Parents' Association/Parents will set up the "Christmas Café" in the Primary Mensa. BAC Students are also involved.

Some classes are participating in the **European competition**.

Writing Fest starts in January 2025. We will also be taking part in the writing fest this school year. Last year we submitted 90 texts. 30 schools took part.

Christmas in a shoe box and **food bank donations** were collected with huge participation from all primary students.

2.4. European Hours Update

Beginning this school year, EU hours starts in PP (gardening, coding, woodworking).

3. Secondary topics

3.1. Developments in Art:

S6 art trip in October 2024 to Vitra Design Museum, in Weil am Rhein, accompanied by Ms Heine-Saabel and Mr Crussel. They participated in a great tour at the Vitra Museum & Campus and then walked from Weil am Rhein to Riehen – Walk Tobias Rehberger "24 Stops". In Riehen they also visited at the Foundation Beyeler Museum the Matisse Exhibition.

Some students visited the Tinguely Museum in Basel.

The decoration for the school ball "Under the Stars" was designed by the art students. The stage projection was designed by a student. 300 students attended, mostly from S1-S3.

2 Vernissages are being planned, one in autumn/winter and one in spring. At one vernissage, only exhibits from the older years will be shown, and at the other vernissage, every grade level will take part.

FAMES: Will take place in Brussel, some S5 students will take part.

Art department/students help to create the sets, decoration etc. for the musical.

3.2. Developments in Music

S1: Introduction to rhythm, singing, basic piano and music notation. Baroque – The Four Seasons, Astronomy and Music, Music in Africa, Basic Ukulele

S2: RAP, suspense music; small ensemble: piano, ukulele, xylophones; Art-emotion music

S3: The Blues; Ukulele Christmas, EDM, Videogame Music, Rock Music



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Planned Music Events: Winter Concert (Nov 2024), Christmas Chaos (Dec 2024 – auditions will take place after the Winter Concert), Art Vernissage Winter (Nov 2024), FAMES (Spring 2025), Musical, Art Vernissage (Spring 2025), Karaoke at Summerfete (June 2025), BAC Proclamation (July 2025)

Extracurriculars: Music ensembles (2 violins, cello, tuba, 4 pianos), Rock Band, Musical, S5-S6 Concert after the exam period

3.3. Developments in Languages

Writing Fest: Ms Hamer explained that this school year, the secondary will also take part.

- Two topics – “Discovery” and “What sustains us?”
- S1-S4 will take part in L1, L2, L3 but students can also write in other European languages
- Students will begin to write their essay in class (Nov – Mid January)
- up to 1,500 words
- if the students use Chat GPT, they have to mention it at the end of their document in the disclaimer.

Theatre visited our school and performed **Goethes “Faust”** for L1DE S6 and S7 students.

S7L1 Advanced EN made a trip to Bamberg and met Hugo Hamilton.

EDL – **European Day of Language** – great event in the Aula in September.

TEDx Youth Event also took place in October 2024.

4. Topics from the Parents’ Association

4.1. Presentation Band Coach

Parents’ Association introduced Jasper Hanel (www.jasperhanel.de) as a potential band coach. He is a very well-known musician, band coach and instrumental pedagogue. He would be happy to form and teach our Rock band and develop a wonderful band project with them. Mr Zijlstra is open to the project and would be delighted if school could implement it together with the parents



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(Parents' Association). The Parents' Association will forward the offer and draw up a cost plan/budget.

4.2. Winter Concert

Q: Why will only S1 perform at the Winter Concert?

A: Mostly the S2 and S3 students and parents are not interested in taking part in music concerts. Also, the students are often excused by parents. Number of students is too high, so only the S1 will perform because it is part of the curriculum.

Q: Were there auditions? How was this communicated?

A: No auditions, all information were communicated via MTeams (Student Team) and via the music teachers.

Q: Will the secondary choir perform at Winter Concert?

A: No, because the school has no secondary choir at the moment.

The musical is going well, everything is on schedule.

4.3. Miscellaneous

End: 17:08

