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## Schulberatungsausschuss 03.02.2026 / School Advisory Council 03.02.2026

### Participants:

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Excused: Martina Rinneberg, Blair Namnoum, Cathrin Fiedler,

Schülervertretung: Greta Schmitt, Doga Ersin, Mathilda Walser

Excused: Eva Gutu,

Elternvereinigung:

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Excused: Tim Uhle, Felicitas Janik-Allen

### Agenda / Tagesordnung:

#### Points from school management / Punkte der Schulleitung

1. Short introduction round
2. Follow-up der letzten Sitzung. Keine Kommentare
3. Furniture for study areas will be delivered in February
4. WLAN: wird in diesen Tagen verbessert. Sollte man direkt merken.
5. Fitness equipment (7 x 4 m<sup>2</sup>) has been ordered and will be installed on the volleyball pitch asap. The school is very grateful to the Friends of ESRM / Freunde der ESRM, who have contributed generously to this.
6. Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy will be available in near future.
7. An expansion of the sports facilities is currently being reviewed.

#### Points from Students' Reps / Punkte Schülervertreter

1. Student Lounge: see point 11 Secondary meeting
2. We will be attending the CoSEEA meeting in Lille next week with representatives from all AES. CoSEEA = Conseil Supérieur Des Élèves Des Écoles Accréditées
3. The corridor on the bridge is too crowded between lessons because all 4 classrooms are let out at the same time. The Director suggests that teachers should look out of the door first and only let students out if the corridor is not too full. Students



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express that 4 minutes are sometimes not enough to go from one classroom to the next.

TZ: this existing problem needs to be investigated. Students are encouraged to use the staircase near security to change floors. According to the students, this staircase is also very crowded.

4. Students suggest additional fire drills for new students. TZ: information on what to do during fire drills is part of the standard list of information buddies to new students should pass on to them.
5. Teachers' absences are posted too late. Ms Bebb clarifies that absences are always posted at 4 pm on Teams. Cover is always provided for period 2. If an absence is known about the evening before then cover is also provided for period 1.
6. Request for teachers' absences to be posted the evening before, if possible. This way, students who would have a free period due to the absence in period 1 could come to school later. Often, they find out about the absence that morning. Ms Bebb clarifies that absences are always posted on Teams at 4 pm the day before, if the school knows of them. Cover is always provided for period 2 (S1-S5). If an absence is known about the evening before then cover is sometimes also provided for period 1.

#### **Points from Parents' Reps / Punkte Elternvertreter**

Verschiedenes

1. Parents Reps share the practice that as much as possible, normal lessons should take place on days with bad weather warnings even if some classes only have few students present. Many parents think that there won't be much teaching (film/Kahoot etc.) anyway, so they do not send their children to school.

Primary School: 70% of students were present, normal timetable

For Secondary School, material is posted on Teams. The teacher decides what they do in the lesson. Feedback from parents is that instead of lessons sometimes students play games or watch movies.



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### Points from Secondary School

1. IB Track:
  - a. European School RheinMain is now an officially recognised IBDP school for Germany. This means that students who have completed Math at a Standard level (SL) have general access to German universities, provided that all other criteria listed in the document are fulfilled.
  - b. The MYP Personal Project exhibition was very successful
2. Science:
  - a. Very impressive chemistry shows held today with **Dr. Andrew Zbigniew Szydlo**, internationally known as "*The Chemistry Magician*".
3. Mathematics:
  - a. Participation in international competition with students from 140 countries.



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1. 92 eligible students from S5 and S4 have been informed extensively about the upcoming PISA test. Practice questions for Science, Math and languages have been uploaded. Three groups of 30 students will be tested for 2.5 hours on 26/27<sup>th</sup> February. Brussels has highly praised our school's involvement. The testing language is determined by OECD. Most students will be tested in L2. The challenge is to keep the students' motivation high, as they will not see their results after the test.
2. MEC (Model European Council) conference  
The conference will be hosted by ESRM on 24.-26.03.2026. Coordinators are Ms. Duvier and Mr. Nickel. More than 200 participants are expected. There will also be a student press as well as a logistics team.
3. Political Discussion with members of parliament of the state of Hessen on 11.05.26, 9 to 11 am.  
The event will feature 5 members of 5 different political parties and will end with a voting for 5 parties of the Hessischer Landtag (parliament). Students are to decide which MP to give their vote. Parents are also invited. The theme is democracy and human rights (Demokratie und Grundrechte). The event is linked to the celebration of Schumann Day.
4. Philosophy Day: Mr. Senie is taking students to Philosophy Day in Brussels (March 4-6, 2026).
5. The Spring Concert is EU-themed and will take place on 23.04.2026.
6. The BAC Concert and Vernissage will take place on 24.02.2026.
7. S2, S3, S4 and S6 trips  
S2 + S3 Parent meetings have been included in the school calendar  
S4 + S6 Parent meetings are not yet in calendar but will take place  
Room sharing is a difficult topic. Assistant Deputy Director will work on it.  
Rules for trips will be communicated to students after the Easter holiday.
8. Mental Wellbeing  
A small working group has been formed to develop our wellbeing policy based on the Brussels documents. It will be expanded to include staff and other stakeholders of the school.  
On a European level Wellbeing is seen as continuing to be the priority. A current new initiative is called the "Kindness collective". It builds on diversity ambassadors.



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Ms. Albericio will be in library once a week leading this low threshold student group.  
In Lower Secondary, 2 assemblies about kindness have taken place.

9. AI Cooperation

digital training and tools for teachers are being offered by FOBIZZ (<https://fobizz.com/en/>). It is also used by other European Schools. Cooperation with University.

10. Sports day

This will be a whole day event for S1-S5/MYP 1-5 outside school at the sports facilities in Bad Vilbel. This will be organised in year groups. Jumping, running, throwing like "Bundesjugendspiele"

11. Student lounge

Refurbishment has been organised by students. There is now seating for 35 students. Students have put a lot of work into this.

**Points from the Parents' Association**

**1. Prüfungs-Daten 2. Halbjahr**

Nachfrage nach dem Zeitpunkt der Veröffentlichung der

- S4, S5, S6 B-Test/Examens-Daten
- BAC Prüfungs-Daten

Will be announced today

**2. S6 Fächerwahl**

- gibt es noch eine Infoveranstaltung/-Mail, in welchem Zeitraum ist das Fächerwahl-Portal offen, bis wann muss gewählt werden?

The presentation for S5 was held on 17.12. choices to be made by 09.02. The presentation was posted on the Secondary Students channel.

**- Subject choice change requests during September**

S1-S5: a QR code will be available

S6-S7: a physical form must be submitted to the Deputy Director Upper Secondary for a decision by the Director.

**3. Idee Anschaffung eines Screens**

- Screen im Bereich Fishtank/Aula um die SuS über Wettbewerbe, Aktionen, Highlights zu informieren - siehe Beispiel in der Primary.



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AB: Maybe not necessary as information is posted on Teams (channel “involved”) which is easier to find for students. There is also a specific channel for competitions. A sports channel is in the pipeline. If we install a screen, it would be in the entrance area near the fishtank.

Because students are not allowed to use mobile phones, they sometimes miss things happening during the day. They cannot communicate amongst themselves about activities. A suggestion was made that they should have a separate channel and a public computer to view general MSTeams channels during the day. The director answered that if there is a feeling of non-communication, we will have to look into it.

4. **Update Umgestaltung/Erweiterung Study Areas/Learning Center** etc. – see text above.

5. **School Trips** – see text above.

#### **6. Handy-Nutzung/-Pouches**

- Feedback eltern- und schülerseits

One effect of the pouches is that students do not bring mobile phones to school.

The use of mobile phones on trips should be made clear and the same on all trips.

TZ: Die Erwartung ist, dass die Telefone während des Ausflugs nicht genutzt werden.

#### **7. Verschiedenes**

1. Derzeit erfolgt die Prüfung der Möglichkeiten für einen Pavillon/ eine Überdachung/einen Wetterschutz vor der Mensa. Dies wäre dann auch ein weiterer Multifunktionsraum für Ausstellungen, Konzerte, Feiern.....



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It was agreed by the committee to present the Primary points via written procedure due to the excused absence of the parent representatives.

### Agenda / Tagesordnung Primary meeting:

#### 1. Upcoming Events Primary.

- The Primary section has many events scheduled between February and Easter. These include the usual two Maths Competitions, as well as two Spring Concerts, in which all children will have the opportunity to perform.
- Other upcoming events include St Patrick's Day and the finals of the Poetry Competition, which is a new initiative this year. Looking further ahead, an Irish storyteller will visit P1–P3 EN classes for World Book Day. In addition, a Teacher Meets Parents event focusing on Educational Support and Additional Needs, led by three external speakers, will take place on 15 April. Invitations will be sent after the break.
- A Parents' Q&A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, 9 February, to address questions from the first semester and to present points linked to the school report.

#### 2. Spanish Provision 26-27

- A parents' meeting for families identified as having a Spanish-speaking background will take place on 11 March 2026. All relevant parents have already been contacted. The school aims to offer further opportunities for Spanish-speaking parents, and different options will be presented at this meeting. Frau Torrealba and Ms Diaz are leading this Spanish project and its development.
- In addition, Spanish language opportunities will be available for pupils in P4 and P5 who have an interest in the language next year, following the success of the P2 and P3 club this year. This project will be led by Frau Torrealba and Ms Costa.
- The school also aims to introduce French as an intensive club in the 2026–2027 school year, with one club planned for P2–P3 and another for P4–P5. This is not yet fully confirmed, and a further update will be provided at the next SAC.



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### 3. Reading P2 and P3DE 26-27

- The *Teach the Parents* session for the *Book in a Bag* programme was very successful. The project will begin in P2 DE after the February holiday. All books have been received, and the P3 books have also been purchased to allow the project to continue across the two-year cycle in September 2026–2027.
- The identification and tracking of reading levels is currently a major focus in both language sections, with the aim that children reach *free reader* level by the end of P3. The first outcomes of this work will be presented at the next SAC

### 4. Wellbeing Policy Primary

- A team of seven teachers is currently working on the Primary School Wellbeing Policy. The draft document will be presented at the next SAC.
- The Steering Committee is reviewing documentation and resources from Hessen (Germany), the UK and Ireland, UNESCO, the United Nations, and the European School System to ensure a comprehensive policy for all stakeholders.
- The policy will come into effect in September 2026, with teacher training planned during Induction Week and a *Teach the Parents* evening scheduled for October 2026. While many elements of good practice are already in place, this policy will formalise these practices into a clear and functional working document.

### 5. AOB

There were no AOB points.

## Points from the Parents' Association

### 1. Verschiedenes

- Die Resonanz der Enrichment/IX Ausstellung im Dezember war außerordentlich positiv. Ein großes Dankeschön an alle Beteiligten.
- Ebenso bedanken sich die Eltern für die vielen Möglichkeiten bei denen SuS an Wettbewerben, Konzerte und Ausstellungen teilnehmen können.