



## School Council Report of Monday April 12

### SCHOOL COUNCIL OF MONDAY APRIL 12 2021

Present (staff members): Mrs. Hersent, Mrs. Ferdy-Gueye, Mrs. Okafor, Mrs. Sow Ba, Mrs. Nkeze, Mrs. Cissé, Mr. Mboup, Mr. Thiome, Mr. Thiaw, Mrs. Diawara, Mrs. Sagna, Mrs. Esiaba, Mrs. DasyIva, Mrs. Colin, Mrs. Theunis, Mrs. Coulibaly, Mrs. Faye.

Excused: Mrs. Bouba, Mrs. A. Diatta, Mrs. Sène

Parents representatives: Mme Pardon, Mme Garcia.

Those missing were excused.

The meeting started at 4:00 pm.

#### AGENDA

Mrs. Hersent read the agenda.

1. School calendar for school year 2021/2022
2. Job map for school year 2021/2022
3. Opening of the new campus of Ngor
4. End of year events
5. Questions from parents representatives

**VOTE:** *The agenda was accepted unanimously.*

#### **School Calendar for 2021/2022 (Item 1 of the Agenda)**

Mrs. Hersent reminded everyone that the school calendar is common to all Dakar schools accredited or partially accredited by the French Ministry of Education. The rhythm is 7 weeks of classes followed by 2 weeks of vacations. Mrs. Hersent read the calendar (attached).

Remarks: There were no particular remarks on the calendar.



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#### **Employment Map for school year 2021/2022 (Item 2 of the agenda)**

Mrs. Hersent reminded about the opening of classes on the Ngor campus due to the transfer to the new buildings: Pre Kindergarten, Grade 1 classic track, Grade 2 classic track, Grade 3 classic track, Grade 4 classic track, Grade 5 classic track, Grade 4 bilingual track.

She gave an update on the departures and recruitments known to date:

#### **Departures :**

- Mrs. Cécile Colin (Grade 1 classic track)
- Mrs. Lucile Theunis (Grade 3 classic track)

#### **Recruitments :**

Corniche Campus:

- Mrs. Jeanne Mender (Grade 1 Classic track): French National Education teacher, she has been teaching for 5 years in France in Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes.
- Mrs. Camille Combe (Grade 3 classic track): French National Education teacher, she has been teaching for 4 years in France in Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 classes.

Ngor Campus :

- Mr. Jarron (CP classique): French National Education teacher, he has been teaching in France for 4 years.
- Mrs. Elisa Dourlen (Grade 2 classic track): Holder of a Master's degree in Teaching, Education and Training, she currently teaches in Egypt, in Grade 1
- Mrs. Romane Patané (Grade 3 classic track) : She has been teaching in France for 3 years, in cycle 2 classes.
- Mrs. Philomène Faye (Grade 4 classic track): Senegalese teacher, she has been teaching for more than 10 years in accredited classes at Institution Sainte Jeanne d'Arc.
- Mr. Ngom (Grade 5 classic track): He currently teaches at the Franco-Senegalese school of Fann
- Ms. Afaf Baddou (English classic track): she currently teaches in a Canadian international school in Morocco, and holds an ESL degree.

Mrs. Hersent thanked the teachers leaving for their work during the school year.

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#### **Opening of the new Ngor campus (Item 3 of the Agenda)**

Mrs. Hersent recalled the opening of the new Ngor campus. Mr. Bonardi had sent an e-mail to present the new campus. The new buildings will house the following classes

- Kindergarten: Pre Kindergarten/Kindergarten
- Classic track: Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5
- Bilingual track: Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4

The current building will host the Pre Kindergarten and Nursery classes.

The new buildings will include, from the beginning 2021 school year, an infirmary, a library, a sports field and a computer room.

The presentation video of the premises is shown.

#### **End of year events (Item 4 of the agenda)**

In spite of the sanitary constraints, many projects have been realized this year and will continue at the end of the year.

- Circus: the bilingual classes Nursery, Pre K, Grade 1 and Grade 4 continue their circus project.
- Photography: Grade 2 classic track will begin their photography project, which will end with an exhibition.
- Countries special days will be held on both campuses at the beginning of June.
- The classes are also preparing an end of year show (exhibition, songs, dance, theater...) that can be shared, depending on the class, either by inviting parents to attend the show or by filming it and sharing it with parents.
- A graduation ceremony will be organized for Grade 5 and Kindergarten students.

#### **Questions from the parents' representatives (item 5 of the agenda)**

Mrs. Hersent reminded everyone that, as written in the modified rules of procedure and at the first school council, the number of questions is limited to 5. They must also be sent at least two working days before the date of the school council.



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#### **1. Update on orders placed at the end of 2020 for sports equipment for the Corniche campus? What about the theft of the computer equipment**

##### **During last vacations on the Corniche campus: Is the equipment complete now?**

PE equipment was indeed ordered at the beginning of 2021, for both campuses. Last week we received hoops, foam balls of various sizes, skipping ropes, badminton rackets and shuttlecocks, chasubles, basketball hoops with balls, 20 sports mats. The parents pointed out that the number of mats should be increased.

Concerning the computer equipment, it was immobilized for several weeks because of the investigation conducted by the police after the theft. The computer specialists then had to check each workstation to ensure that no malicious software had been installed. The missing elements were bought back, and the room will be operational again at the beginning of the spring break.

#### **2. On future re-registrations, the mandatory re-registration fee is due on April 14, 2021, and coincides with the last instalment to be paid for the current year, which is economically burdensome for some families, would it be possible to partition the re-registration fees?**

We are aware of the burden that this represents for families, but unfortunately there is no other solution because only financial commitment allows us to secure a place. Without this, the school could find itself with artificially full classes and refuse new registrations. Furthermore, re-registrations must necessarily take place before new registrations.

The parents asked if it would be possible to offer two payment times to facilitate payment for some families. Mrs. Hersent reminded that parents with financial difficulties can approach the administration. It is difficult to block a place with a deposited check that would be debited later because of many unpaid checks.

#### **3. Parents do not understand that a fee of 12,000 FCFA /term are charged for lunches, especially since many families who use lunch boxes do not families do not do so by choice but because of allergic or financial constraints, and would like to know how this fee was established?**

This fee takes into account the supervision of the students (a new person was recently hired), as well as the material provided to the students: cutlery, plates and glasses if needed. The parents pointed out that the fee seems excessive in relation to the service provided and would like the fee to be removed or at least lowered, given that on the basis of 100 students who have lunch boxes, the amounts are 1,200,000 CFA francs per term and 3,600,000 CFA francs per year.



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**4. As part of the construction of the new campus in Ngor, will all the furnitures and material be available at the beginning of the school year, taking into account the supply difficulties already mentioned?**

The material will be available at the beginning of the school year, to guarantee the opening of the new premises in optimal conditions. The order deadlines have been anticipated to ensure that there will be no delays. The parents asked about the origin of the material, Mrs Hersent answered that to her knowledge some suppliers are from Turkey, others from China. The parents wanted to know if a delivery date had been set early enough to anticipate and avoid delivery delays. Mrs. Hersent explained that the deliveries should be made at the end of July.

**5. Are there any plans to build a small library/reading room in Ngor for the beginning of 2021 school year? The library/reading room in Ngor (current campus) for the very young, that is to say a space with books (the current offer being very limited)?**

There will indeed be a space available to install a small library. It will gradually be supplied with books from the library of the other two campuses. In addition, the classes will have a library, as it is the case now.

**6. On the decisive information requested by parents regarding re-registration choices:**

**(i) On uniforms: most parents are in favor of color code, which is less restrictive and more economical, for all subjects (including sports); if uniforms are mandatory, when will it be communicated and how much will a complete set of uniforms (6 T-shirts) be valued? (6 white T-shirts or polo shirts - 5 shorts or skirts - 2 pairs of pants- 2 sportswear)?**

Many parents indicated that the cost of uniforms could be a decisive factor in the decision to renew school registration, if they were to be mandatory.

**(ii) On school transportation: most other schools have already re-established school transportation and school buses are running in town, is Administration committed to reinstating school transportation, this service is indeed very important in the choice of some families for the re-registration?**

**(iii) Some people were not able to attend the meeting of presentation of the new campus, would it be possible to see a replay of the meeting or to access a presentation, plans etc... of the future campus?**

There is no change regarding the uniform and color code for next year: the color code is allowed, the sports uniform is still mandatory.



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School transportation will resume in September. A survey will be sent to parents on both campuses to find out how many families will be interested and to identify routes.

Concerning the information on the new premises, parents with questions can contact Mrs. Ferdy or Mrs. Hersent. They will show them the video presenting the facilities and will answer their questions.

The agenda being exhausted, Mrs. Hersent thanked the members of the school council and closed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.