

Information for Newcomers to Interparents

The system of the European Schools is based on a model of European intergovernmental organization.

At central level:

Board of Governors (BoG) governing body (representatives from the national governments of all member states, directors, 2 representatives of parents, 2 teachers, students, European Patent Office, 1 commission vote), meetings 2x year

Budget Committee (BC) – preparatory committee - financial decisions-2x year

Joint Teaching Committees (JTC) – preparatory committee - (primary and secondary) pedagogical advice (2 inspectors each member state, 4 representatives of parents, 4 teachers, students, all directors, 2 representatives of the deputy directors, EPO, 1 commission vote) 2x year

Office of the Secretary-General (OSG) (represents the BoG, managing the European Schools by preparing legal, statistics, annual reports, chairing Admin. Boards, assisting Presidency (Rotating presidency of EU member states of 12 months duration)).

At local level:

Teaching committees - representatives of all sections and levels, direction, teachers, counsellors, parents, pupils and administrative staff members.

SAC – School Advisory Committee (relatively new), only advice. Preparation of multi-annual budgets, preparation of Admin Board, and annual school plan(?)

Admin Board all important financial decisions of a school, parents have 2 votes. Chaired by Secretary General (or deputy) Board of Governors; the Commission, teachers, direction school, parents (2 votes), representatives administrative staff, pupils)

Interparents:

Interparents is an official body in the central government of the European Schools. They meet 4 times a year. Twice to prepare the Board of Governors, twice to prepare the teaching committees. All schools parents' associations are represented in Interparents. Normally send up to two representatives to each meeting. 1 or 2 times a year Interparents meets in a school outside of Brussels, but most meetings are in Brussels. The annual fee for 2011 is 1200 euros. The annual contribution is agreed at Interparents AGM in February of each year. Each Parents association pays the same and has one vote in Interparents. Interparents reimburses travel 4 times 1 person (travel and 1 – 1.5 days daily allowance). The rest will have to be paid by each individual association (eg second person). Interparents working language is English.

Invited to the Board of Governors are the president and vice-president of Interparents. Invited to the Budget Committee 2 delegates from Interparents. And invited to the Joint Teaching Committees are 4 representatives of Interparents from 4 different schools, according to the rota between the

schools balancing the big and small schools. There is a rota signed by each Parents association president to commit to send a representative. This appointment is for two years, the first year as alternate the second year as full member.

Interparents has a Steering Committee: Ana Gorey (Chair), Jose Sanchez Martinez (vice-chair), Rachel Harvey-Kelly (treasurer) and Caroline Hetterschijt (secretary) and many working groups. Each working group is organized by the Board of Governors and Interparents can send one or two representatives. Participation to working groups is financed by the office of the Secretary General. Please see our list of Working Groups, the person responsible, a short description and other relevant documentation in our website: www.interparents.eu

Website of the European Schools: www.eurasc.org

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