

## A. Rimbaud – Primary School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Venue: Classroom (CM2)

Session: 18.15 – 20.20 hrs

1. Nomination of the Secretary for the session: Iris TAM TSI (administration)
2. Agenda for the First School Council Meeting approved.
3. Minutes from the Third School Council Meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015: approved.

*NB: Minutes (in French): email approved by members of the School Council, English translation posted on the School's website.*

Current First School Council Meeting hard copy circulated. Further circulation by email with link to school website.

### 4. School Life:

- Internal Rules (IR) in French\* and English (pending). The production of Secondary School link books, where the IR shall be printed is subsequently pending.

\* French version of the IR is binding - Added to the IR during Third School Council Meeting 02<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015): fees for study room / nursery (€10 p/hr ). Time: 13.30 hrs **after** class, or **after** ECA. Suggestion made: **before** the ECA starts? To be examined during the coming School Council: adding the phrase "before or after the ECA" (in case of an early arrival before an ECA).

- *Ways of controlling the adults in charge of picking up the children from school at 13.00 hrs. A system of badges / entry passes, as discussed by the School Council. For: 3 votes, against: 26 votes. There is the possibility it will be re-examined with the increasing number of students. All parties reminded to communicate everyday to the administration team (Terry for nursery, Khadija for elementary) the identity of who is going to collect your child from school.*

- *It is NOT the School's responsibility to impose penalties on parents and/or drivers who park recklessly or drive fast in front of the school (Oysterbay). As a matter of safety, parents/drivers advised to leave enough time to accompany their child/ren to and from the school site (Msasani). Respectful behaviour expected by all drivers, parents asked to communicate this to their drivers.*

*Rubble located outside the Oysterbay campus, on the right-hand side of the gate, to be removed for more parking space, and maintenance of the alley along the outside walls at this very place.*

- *Increase security at night (parking area) during meetings (Oysterbay). 2 security night guards currently work at each campus + additional security guards during General Assembly Meetings and events.*

- **Vie scolaire<sup>1</sup> :**

*Study held between 13.30 hrs - 14.00 hrs? → children were gathered twice when ECA begun, in order to introduce the ECA instructors as well as to create groups for each workshop. To be repeated start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> terms.*

- **Teaching news:**

- Arthur Rimbaud: a school of the AEFÉ network (Agency for French Education Abroad), curriculum certified by the French Ministry of National Education → annual visits by the Teaching Counselor (March 2016) and

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<sup>1</sup>Pastoral care, discipline, behaviour and conduct, late arrivals and absences.

Inspector for National Education (June 2016) are paramount so as to guarantee and to extend the School's certification. These visits regularly review and assess this certification, and validate or not the conformity of the educational ways at the Primary School. For the first time, two certification visits have been obtained for the Secondary School this year.

- New curriculum for French Nursery Schools implemented at the beginning of the school year, contents available on <http://eduscol.education.fr/> (several languages available).

A new preschool report for students, elaborated for Southern and Eastern Africa, is being produced with pictures for easier reading along with the child (twice a year for PS-MS, 3 times a year for GS).

School reports for Elementary School: no change for 2015-16.

English Dept have school reports in line with new English curriculum programme as communicated during the English teachers-parents meeting (September 2015).

(Follow-up with the teaching news in France: new curriculum and secondary school reforms in France. Common national school reports from CP to 3<sup>ème</sup>.)

- School reports for GS → CM2 distributed to families end of each term. Term 1: Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.

- School reports for PS and MS handed out to families on a biannual basis. Semester 1: Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015.

- Language Policy:

French: initial language assessment and enrolment, FLSco (French as a School Language) and FLE (French as a Foreign Language) lessons taught to non-French speaking students since September 2015.

The partnership between the French School A.Rimbaud and Alliance Française, Dar es Salaam (soon to be finalised) shall offer, among others, French classes for both children and adults with preferential fees.

Under this new partnership, a dance (hip hop) company from France (Nantes), « Chute libre » is to come to the School on November 18<sup>th</sup>, under Alliance Française.

English: New curriculum books purchased by the School.

- Education to environmental protection: waste management on the 2 campuses and recycling bins (7 bins to be used at the Oysterbay campus) following the agreement contracted with The Recycler.

COP 21 and topic of climate change to be developed during events on November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

- Day school trips, overnight trips.

*Terms and conditions applying for school trips in a French School (Tanzania):*

- *Day school trips: permission must be granted by the School Head.*

- *Overnight trips: Primary → permission to be granted by the School Head followed by Inspector of National Education and the Embassy (COCAC); Secondary → School Head, followed by Embassy (COCAC).*

*School trips are designed to fall in line with teaching programmes / curriculum helping greater depth of understanding – all trips are at the teachers' discretion.*

- Calendar and school holiday: adopted by the School Councils after it was elaborated by last year's Calendar Commission. In line with France's system, the school routine of the youngest – primary school – children prevails. Therefore members of the School Council chose and widely adopted (School Council 2, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015) the current calendar (a 2 week-Christmas holiday) – decision then approved by the Inspector for National Education. Should the request rises again, the 2 options could be submitted to vote again for next year's school calendar.

• **Information:**

- *Dates for teacher training are recorded on the terms schedule which is communicated to families.*

- *Substitutes for teachers in training or others included unplanned leave: Oriane Magnin then Laurence Declerck. Maternity leave (Marion Wunschel, GSB): the teacher will be replaced from December 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> by Oriane Magnin – ongoing search for a substitute teacher from January 04<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016.*

- **Events news:**

- Schedule of events for the current First Term and events of the year 2015-2016:

- **Christmas Party:** after a discussion revealing opinions and views of various perspectives, **Friday 18th December at 08.30 hrs** was confirmed. Students' school materials can return home as of Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Carnival, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** procession followed by class parade from 10.00hrs to 11.30/12.00hrs (to be specified at a later stage), thematic meals depending on the various communities in the School.
- **Francophonie week**, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- Friday, April 01<sup>st</sup> 2016: adult party (raffle).
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 (**? date to be confirmed**): charity awareness run for children and adults + other workshops?
- **Bazaar**, Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016
- **End of the year show** (primary school) at the « Little Theatre », **Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

Cake/Food sale suggested by the Events Committee (7 sales over the school year, held on Fridays). Aim to generate revenue for the School. Organised by each class (Elementary and Secondary School) during the first break (10.00hrs to 10.15hrs) with the remaining food sold at 12.45hrs.

- **ECA:**

The supervised study supervises / supports students with their homework, to help understand the wording and to follow-up given work. This support is for all students attending the supervised study, in particular non-French speaking students but note it is not a personalised support programme.

For the youngest students (CP), one hour is a long period to concentrate for this age group. Drawing, reading for fun or quiet board games are allowed after the homework is completed.

As a reminder, written homework is forbidden by French law at primary school level: they can only be beneficial to the student as practicing a skill already studied in class. They shall never introduce new materials for the student. This is to safeguard against causing anxiety and removing any issues regarding family learning support at home.