

## A. Rimbaud – Secondary School Council Meeting 2

Date: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Venue: Classroom 1 (college)

Session: 18.05 – 20.05hrs

1. **Nomination of the secretary for the session:** Mr Arnaud Loizeau (teacher).
2. **Agenda for the Secondary School Council Meeting 2 approved.**
3. **Minutes from the First School Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015: approved.**
4. **School Life:**

- **Teaching News:**

- **School calendar 2016-2017:**

This calendar must follow the criteria set by the MEN (French Ministry of National Education) and the AEFÉ (Agency for French Education Abroad): 900 teaching hours a year over 5 working terms.

**Proposal 1 (First day for teachers on September 01<sup>st</sup>, 4 breaks of 2 weeks each, the end of the school year: July 07<sup>th</sup>) was adopted** with the following results:

Proposal 1: 4 votes from the 2 teachers and the 2 parent representatives from the nursery and primary schools + 2 votes from the administration;

Proposal 2: 1 vote from the representative of the secondary school teachers.

Abstentions from the disciplinary supervisor and the secondary school parent's representative.

For your information, according to the MEN and AEFÉ criteria, it is not a requirement to submit the school calendar to a vote. In France, the MEN has authority to decide on the calendar. There may be the possibility that next year's calendar is directly chosen from the criteria and recommendations of the MEN with no internal votes from the School Councils. Nevertheless, the school director will check this with the Inspector of National Education and the Agency.

- **Schedule of Events for the current 2<sup>nd</sup> term 2015-2016:**

4 classes (CPB, CM2, 4<sup>ème</sup> and Seconde) divided up into 3 categories will represent the Arthur Rimbaud School on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of March at the Francophonie contest at The Alliance Française.

- **Career choices:**

On March 14th and 15th 2016, Mrs Agnès Dugué, the AEFÉ Careers Counsellor and Advisor, led a training course, the first of its kind at The Arthur Rimbaud School, aimed at the Secondary School core teachers and the Oysterbay Librarian, on careers counselling for 3<sup>ème</sup> students and above. Mrs Dugué also met with these students and their parents.

In order to address the new opening of 1<sup>ère</sup> and Terminale classes, the School will apply for an APO – Educational Aid for Career Counselling – so as to purchase new informative material and software and to train the teachers on the new post-IB admission procedure (APB).

- **Second Term Class Councils:**

Due to some teachers being away, the Class Councils will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of March instead of the 16<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled.

- **Vocational training in a work environment for the 3<sup>ème</sup> students** from April 11th to 15th 2016

- **Mock DNB<sup>1</sup>** on April 04th and 05th 2016

- **School trip to Paris for 4<sup>ème</sup> and 2<sup>nde</sup> classes** from April 09<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2016:

A state of emergency has been extended in France until May 26<sup>th</sup> 2016. The School, via the Embassy, is expecting formal instructions from the AEFÉ and the Embassy's official decision before this school trip will be confirmed or cancelled.

- **Events Committee:** an evening party for both teachers and parents will take place on April 01<sup>st</sup> (date and topic to be confirmed)

• **Language Policy:**

In partnership with The Alliance Française, the Cycle 3 students (CE2, CM1, CM2) who are **not** French native speakers, will sit a French language test on March 30th 2016. This test has been offered and led by The Alliance Française to assess their French level. The purpose is to offer these students a preparatory test for DELF Prim certification – to be taken on a voluntary basis for the students and their families. This offer may be extended to Secondary school students for the DELF exams (A1 to C2).

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<sup>1</sup> DNB (Diplôme National du Brevet) is sat at the end of Secondary School (3ème).

Likewise, preparation for language certificates in English (Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS) or in other languages (Cervantes) could also be considered in the future for the Secondary school students.

## **5. Administration:**

- **Teachers turnover 2016-2017:**

- **Resident teachers turnover:**

A position of AEFE resident teacher (PE) is likely to be vacant (if it is, the position will be taken by Mrs Pascale Bonnetti-Hanlée, currently a TNR (tenured non-resident teacher) in CE1).

As for the Secondary school, the Commission CCPL has established a list of 9 candidates for the position of resident, qualified, mathematics teacher, which is vacant for 2016-2017. The first three candidates on the list have now turned down the position after accepting positions in other schools. Mr Alex Genet, fourth on the list, confirmed by email his intention to take on the position. The formal procedure for recruitment has now been launched.

- **Local contracts:**

Nursery: 2 positions likely to be vacant.

Primary: 2 vacant positions + 1 new position created for the opening of a second CM2 class.

Secondary: 1 vacant position in P.E. + 2 new positions for a Literature/French teacher and a Mathematics teacher for the opening of the 1<sup>ère</sup> class in ES and S courses<sup>2</sup>.

- **Everyday running of the school and investment:**

Construction(s):

- Oysterbay Campus: the Embassy acknowledges the reactivity of the Management Board in its decision making process and its achievement in building a new banda during the Christmas holidays. However, restoration of the facades must be planned to improve the everyday environment for school users, as well as its external image. It is wished to undertake more frequent cleaning of the areas close by the surrounding fence and around the School, as well as the removal of the rubble.

Improving the layout and safety of the playground is still needed, as well as a more accessible way through the main gate in case of heavy rains – permission must be given by the Tanzanian authorities to make any changes. The basketball playground also needs coating – ECA expenses and possible funding partly from the events committee. The events committee is also likely to fund stage and music material for both the primary and the secondary schools. Finally, adequate and sustainable maintenance on the rooftops is an absolute necessity: holes in the ceilings of the 1<sup>st</sup> level

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<sup>2</sup> Economics and Sociology (ES) and Scientific (S) courses are chosen for the second year of Lycée (1ère class).

appeared when first storms occurred earlier this year, despite the roof being repaired during the summer holiday.

No new classroom is liable to be built at Oysterbay. The School is very much aware that the students will be tight next year with the opening of a new CM2 class – that will be located in the current study room, number 6 – as well as two new 1<sup>ère</sup> classes (S and ES). The timetables will have to be adjusted based on an optimum use of the classrooms. To be continued.

- Msasani campus: 3 quotations were made for the new banda/sandbox; adjustment of the toilets to turn into children's toilets.

- New school: the AEFÉ agreed for a loan of 200,000 € to be granted in two payments to the School. The Embassy is acknowledging Mr Erwan Hanlée, the administrative and finance manager, for his work on this file and the follow-up of the ongoing request for a complementary loan with ANEFÉ.

Textbooks: the order for the new textbooks for the Secondary and the Primary School was postponed until May/June as the new textbooks which include the new reform of the Secondary School and of the cycles in France remain yet to be published.

Development of the IT stock at Arthur Rimbaud: internet connection is still random and the material is old– owing to both internal and external issues.

In order to improve the material working conditions for the teachers and the administration, the School must now follow-up with French MP Alain Marsaud for a 10,000 € grant that he had committed to for the year 2016.

## **6. Safety:**

The Embassy remains involved and in touch with the Tanzanian authorities to ensure safety around the School.

Finally, to guarantee the safety of the children when leaving the School and to minimize the existing, confusing system, families of the Primary school students' will receive, at most, 3 School ID cards for each child. Information and documents will follow.

Regarding Secondary school students leaving the School, they already own a card allowing them to leave during lunch break. In order to leave after the classes without an adult, the parents must contact Mrs Bernadette Mande. If this is not the case, the School administration will see to it that a double permission to leave is indeed mentioned on the Secondary school students' cards:

- Permission to leave during lunch break,
- Permission to leave after the last class of the day according to the student's timetable.

The families are reminded of their contact persons on each campus:

- Khadija, the director's secretary in Oysterbay for Primary school students,
- Terry, the nursery school's secretary in Msasani for Nursery school students,
- Bernadette, the Disciplinary Supervisor (*Vie scolaire*) for Secondary school students. The *Vie scolaire* is indeed a part of the Secondary school system and not of the Primary school in the French system. The teachers and the secretaries are the contact persons for the parents in a Nursery and Primary school.

### **7. Preparation of the next school year 2016-2017:**

The parents will soon receive a form where they are asked whether they wish to enrol their child(ren) to the School next year. The parent representatives are required to make sure that every family understands the importance of collecting this information, so that a common project can be drawn – especially on the financial side, as coherent as possible – for the coming year.

### **8. Information:**

For French nationals only: a first campaign for scholarships is ongoing until March 24th 2016. A second one will take place in September-October 2016 for the newcomers.

\*Points raised by the CM2 and Secondary school students were looked into at the end of the session:

- Enhancing maintenance of the washrooms/toilets (the students must also take part, at their own level, in keeping the washrooms/toilets clean and hygienic)
- Safety on the playground (cf. **5. Everyday running of the school and investment**)
- Waste management (the waste recycling project is ongoing; each student must also promote the use of garbage bins and keeping the playground clean)
- Flooding issue on the playground (still being examined)
- Plastic glasses to drink water (personal bottles should also be genuinely favoured).

\*Miscellaneous points from Mr Boncour, Counsellor Head of Cooperation, Development and Cultural Affairs, French Embassy:

Mr Boncour called for caution for any personal plans to go to Zanzibar, due to the elections boycotted by the opposition party held on Sunday March 20th.