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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL ENROLMENT AUTHORITY & THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ENROLMENT POLICY 2008/09 FOR THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS IN BRUSSELS

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I. COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL ENROLMENT AUTHORITY

On 24 October 2007 the Board of Governors approved the following new composition of the Central Enrolment Authority:

- The Secretary-General of the European Schools – President.
- One representative of the European Commission (representing the EU Institutions)
- One representative of the Directors of the European Schools of Brussels.
- One representative of the Parents (on behalf of the Parents' Association of the European Schools of Brussels).
- One representative of the Authorities of the host country.

The above members have voting rights.

The president shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

The following non-voting participants may also attend the meetings of the Central Enrolment Authority:

- The other Directors of the Brussels European Schools.
- One representative of the parents of each School.
- One representative of the Commission's Local Staff Committee (LSC).

In addition, a representative of future parents will be invited to the meeting of the Central Enrolment Authority at which the enrolment policy in the Brussels European Schools for the 2008-2009 school year is determined, in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Governors, in order to enable their viewpoint to be set out.

II. GUIDELINES FOR THE ENROLMENT POLICY 2008-2009 FOR THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS IN BRUSSELS

On the basis of the analysis and the conclusions established by the Secretary General regarding the application of the enrolment policy for the school year 2007/2008 and taking account of the constraints arising from the current uncertainties, it is proposed that the same objectives as for 2007 be retained for the 2008 enrolment policy:

- to fill Brussels IV,
- to ensure balanced distribution of pupils amongst the Brussels Schools and amongst language sections,
- to ensure optimum use of resources in order to meet pupils' needs and ensure pedagogical continuity. In that connection, the trend in pupil numbers needs to be monitored closely in those sections of the Brussels I, Brussels II and Brussels III Schools corresponding to the sections created at Brussels IV in order to guarantee that they continue to exist,
- to relieve overcrowding in the Brussels I, Brussels II and Brussels III Schools.

The guarantee given by the Board of Governors at its meeting in The Hague concerning the grouping of siblings is maintained.

The strictly limited enrolment policy for Category III pupils is maintained.

In addition the Board agrees on the following:

1. Category 1 families returning from assignments on behalf of the European Commission or other EU institutions and requesting that their children be enrolled in their original School, where the pupil spent at least 1 full school year immediately before the assignment will be allowed to return there.
2. Introduce the possibility of voluntary transfers from Brussels I and II towards Brussels III. This possibility is given subject to the available space and optimal utilisation of resources.
3. Continue and promote the possibility of voluntary transfers from Brussels I, II and III towards Brussels IV.

The Board mandates the Central Enrolment Authority:

1. to elaborate the practical modalities of implementation of these guidelines and draw up the enrolment policy for 2008/09.
2. to advertise and promote Brussels IV.
3. to monitor on a regular basis the number of pupils in all language sections in Brussels.
4. to monitor carefully the situation of SWALs pupils in Brussels in line with the Board of Governors decision in April 2007.