

**Minutes of the General Assembly of the
International Stream Parents Association (ISPA)**

Date: 6 June 2000, at 20:30

Venue: Multifunctioneel Centrum 't Groot Profijt, Oegstgeest

**Participants: Mr.Sternberg, Mr.Corpaccioli, Mrs.Vago, Mr.Rando, Mr.Giunta,
Mr.Minster, Mr. Gatti, Mrs. Lopriore, Mr.Silvestrin, Mr.Feliciani,
Mrs.Helmerost**

- 1) The Secretary (P. Silvestrin) opens the meeting recalling that a General Assembly must be held yearly, in accordance with the vereniging law and with the ISPA Rules and Regulations. The Agenda proposed for the Assembly is discussed and approved. In the course of the discussion it is recalled how the ISPA formal position has been discussed and agreed in a meeting in May 1998 with the Elckerlyc School Board. The minutes of that meeting have still to be published by the Board.

- 2) The Financial Report for the academic year 1999/2000 is presented by the Treasurer (G. Gatti). For this year only a summary budget is presented because it was realized at the previous Assembly that the financial report had gone into far too many details. The results show a positive result for approx. 18000 fl for the current year. The reason for this surplus is that the bus fees are fixed at the beginning of the year based on the number of children registered at that moment. However several children are registered at a later stage and it is practically impossible to re-adjust the fees at that point. According to the Treasurer, returning the money to the parents is extremely difficult, also because in some cases the bus fee is paid directly by a company (employer of child's father, typically). After a short discussion, it is agreed to use the surplus funds as follows:
 - 8000 fl. to be used as reserve for following years
 - 8000 fl. to be used to reduce bus fees in year 2000/2001
 - 2000 fl. to be used for a contribution in kind to the IS (e.g., a personal computer). This must be something of educational value. The exact contribution will be decided by a small committee chaired by mrs. Vago after consultation with the IS Coordinator, Mr. T. Blacklock (*note: in the meantime, it has been decided that the contribution will be in the form of books for the IS library*).

The financial report is unanimously approved.

- 3) The need to renew the ISPA Committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer) is introduced. The Secretary and the President explained the reasons why they resign their positions. Mr. D. Giunta and Mr. E. Corpaccioli are proposed as candidates for President and Secretary, respectively. Mr. Gatti is available to continue the work of the Treasurer. No other candidatures are proposed. All three candidates are (re-) elected by acclamation.

- 4) The situation of the IS children and parents, also with respect to recent events in the school, is discussed. Some information is provided by Mrs. Helmerhorst, previously member of the Board, and by Mr. Sternberg, member of the MR. The parents are interested by the possibility that in the future the school management is done by professionals (in charge of several Montessori Schools), but on the other hand are concerned that this would definitely cancel the already very weak influence of IS parents in the school. There is a consensus that the IS is under-represented on the Board and the MR. Mrs. Vago announces her intention to join the Board. The limited number of children joining the IS of the Rijnlands Lyceum is also mentioned. There is an evident lack of primary schools with IS departments in the area. Mr. Sternberg briefly explains the situation with the Interim Director and with the on-going change of Statutes. The MR was involved in the latter until October 1999, but communications stopped then. The possibility that children might remain in lower classes only because of bad planning of class sizes is mentioned and found unacceptable by all presents. If confirmed, it should be cause for firm protest. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to organise a meeting between ISPA and the school management.

There are no AOB items, so the meeting is closed at approximately 23:00 hours.

Attached: Financial report

ISPA FINANCIAL REPORT - 30 May 2000

Last treasure report 11652.6
(11 May 1999)

Income

Bus fees 98626.5
Bus registration fees 350
Account interests 243.65

Total income **99220.15**

Expenses

Payment bus 74464.61
Kamer von Koophandel 71.13

Rent meeting room 50

Total expenses **74585.74**

***Bank account at 15-5-
00*** **36287.01**
(last bank statement)