

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Euro School Net 2000 held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 at the Great Hallingbury Manor Hotel, Great Hallingbury, Essex, UK.**

**Present:**

**Jos van Eyk** Chairman, (Head teacher, Charlemagne College ,The Netherlands)

**Hans Luesink** , Treasurer, (Charlemagne College, The Netherlands)

**Graham Hesketh**, Secretary, ( Coordinator, Teacher, Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport, UK)

**Gordon Farquhar**, (Head teacher, Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport, UK)

**Gabriella Osti**, ( Coordinator, teacher, Liceo Statale “Celio Roccati”, Rovigo, Italy)

**Marisa Fernandez Sanz**, (Coordinator, teacher I.E.S Santa Maria La Real, Aguilar De Campoo, Spain)

**Karen Van Buren**, (teacher, Charlemagne College, Netherlands)

**Giuseppina Valenti** ( Head teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> Istituto Comprensivo Statale “Danilo Dolci, Priolo Gargallo, Syracuse, Sicily, Italy).

**Giuseppina Garofalo Maria Gaudino.**

**Margherita Nobile Carmela Gianninoto**

(all teachers 1<sup>st</sup> Istituto Comprensivo Statale “Danilo Dolci, Priolo Gargallo, Syracuse, Sicily, Italy).

**Barbara Draper** (Bursar Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport, UK)

1. **Jos opens the meeting.** He warmly welcomes old and new members. He thanks **Gordon and Graham** for organising the meeting.
2. **Apologies** received from **Anita Martikainen**, Tornion, Yhteislyseon Lukio, Tornio, Finland, **Richard Priestly**, Honorary member, **Sue Hembry**, Honorary member, **Rafa Muxika**, (Deputy Head teacher- I.E.S Urola Ikastola Azkoitia, Azpeitia, The Basque Country), **Salvo Di Stefano**, ( Coordinator, teacher, Liceo Scientifico Statale Ettore Marjorano , Scordia, Sicily, Italy), **Sally Pembleton**, (Deputy head teacher Sweyne Park School, UK), **Caterina Musumeci** , (Liceo Scientifico Statale “E Boggia Sicily, Italy), **Concetta Manola**, (Head teacher, Istituto Comprensivo “San Giorgio” Stradale San Giorgio Catania, **Julia Barnes** (University of Mondragon, The Basque Country, Spain). Invites to attend and apologies received from **Sir Alan Hazelhurst MP** Saffron Walden, Leader of Uttlesford Council Cllr **Keith Artus and The British Council**.
3. **Minutes of previous AGM** held at **Santa Maria La Real Aguilar De Campoo**, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 read out and approved.
4. **Matters arising.** Chairman draws attention to the agenda and states issues arising from the last meeting will be dealt with under the sections of the agenda as they are discussed.
5. **Treasurer’s report.** After last year’s report members were asked to contact the treasurer with any ideas as to how the money accumulated could be spent to benefit the students. None were received. The Treasurer now reported all schools have paid their fees and that there is a positive balance of €3262.34c on the account. The only bill is for the website of €33.47. Hans believes after payment of this year’s fees there will be €4000 available to the network. The question is how do we spend it?
6. **Secretary’s report.** Secretary thanks all those who have attended and replied to his constant e-mails in the process of organising this AGM and thanks to Gordon for support. Reports that as well as receiving apologies (already listed No 2) correspondence received from Tony Colella (former head teacher of Immaculée Conception Villeurbanne, Lyon, France and now head teacher at a new school in Lyon, Anita, Concetta, Rafa and Salvo.

To be discussed at next committee meeting

	<p>All correspondence is to do with membership developments and new projects which will be matters discussed later. Agreed by membership to deal with these matters when they come up on the agenda. Secretary reports that he has been in contact with Iker (University of Mondrago) over his plans from last year about a secondary school training programme with members from the network. The latest news is that he is still working on the scheme. Secretary asked to contact him in order to know the up to date situation. With the departure of Baya and now Tony Colella from Villeurbanne secretary reports that e-mail correspondence he sent to the school has been returned so we have no contact with them. Secretary will ask colleague at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport who has contact with a member of staff there to get in contact with them. The Polish school that Salvo and Rafa had contact with in another project last year had still not contacted the secretary with an application to join the network despite his and Salvo's efforts to get them to contact the secretary. Hans said he would contact Salvo by phone because Salvo is now in Poland with Rafa and that is why they couldn't attend the AGM. Hans will ask Salvo to tell the school to contact the secretary.</p>	<p>Secretary to contact Iker</p> <p>Secretary to contact Helen Ludden</p> <p>Hans to contact Salvo.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Following on from the Secretary's report <b>membership issues</b> which he mentioned were now dealt with.</p> <p>A ) Letter received from Concetta asking that her school be admitted to the network. After a long discussion it was agreed that Jos should send a letter to Concetta informing her that there would now be 3 schools from Sicily in the network. Added to this is Rovigo and now with 4 Italian schools this would be one too many. Regretfully the application would have to be turned down. The members however believed Concetta should be made an honorary member of the network due to her past contributions. This was a unanimous decision.</p> <p>B) Tony Colella's correspondence informs the network that he sees there is an opportunity to expand the international activities in his new school and wishes for his school to participate in a science exchange with members from the network. Membership glad to hear of this development but the school needs to become a member. Secretary asked to correspond with Tony. In the meantime if membership members wish to contact him about exchanges here is his e-mail address <a href="mailto:tony.colella@cslaxaviere.com">tony.colella@cslaxaviere.com</a></p> <p>C) E-mail received from Anita informing us that she has read pre AGM correspondence about attracting new members to the network and she would like to contact 2 French schools. Members agree and ask secretary to contact her. Anita has also offered to host next AGM in Finland.</p> <p>D) E-mail from Sally at Swayne Park saying <b>" I will need to get back to you concerning the issue you raise about whether we will continue to be a member of the group, as I need to discuss this with colleagues here. We have always valued networking with others schools and feel we have a lot to learn from organisations and colleagues in other countries. It is a sign of the times that capacity is very tight here and we opened a Sixth Form in September which means that all energies are directed towards this. I am aware that we have not had the ability to be active members for a while, which would not be our choice if resources were more plentiful. Thank you for contacting me and I will contact you soon regarding this"</b>. Members agreed secretary should contact Sally in one month's time to see if there have been any developments.</p> <p>E) With the belief that the membership of the network needed fresh blood it was agreed members should contact various schools they dealt with outside of the network and ascertain as to whether any of these schools wanted to join it. Jos said he would contact German and Belgium schools. Gordon informed us he would approach new members of staff from Ireland and gather information about Irish schools who might want to join. He</p>	<p>Chairman to write to Concetta.</p> <p>Secretary to contact Tony.</p> <p>Secretary to contact Anita.</p> <p>Secretary to contact Sally.</p> <p>Jos, Gordon, Marisa and Karen to contact</p>

would also contact a school in Milton Keynes. Marisa would contact Czech Republic and Portuguese schools, Karen a school in Switzerland.

various schools

8) The new **website** is now available to the membership and Salvo was thanked in his absence for the excellent work he has contributed to it. He has sent the membership passwords in order to access it and it was agreed by the membership that we as a network need to utilise the website more and insert onto it the international work we do or make links to our own school websites. <http://www.euroschoolnet2000.net/>

All members to enter onto the website relevant information

9) **Current/Future developments concerning Erasmus + and projects** were now discussed in some earnest due to members concerns and letters received from;

a)Rafa who wishes us a good meeting but is vey concerned that the new Erasmus + programme is a threat to the network due to the way funding is now allocated. He asks the membership that we give this matter our most urgent consideration.

b) Salvo also sees the new Erasmus+ initiative from Brussels as a problem but is positive we can deal with it and says he feels with Marisa/ Hans's help and the help of anyone else we can deal with it .

c) Karen reports that the Erasmus + application put forward in April had not been approved.

Projects are vital to this network and funding for them is the lifeblood. The membership was in agreement that we all need to work together on this and to put in a new bid with another project topic for 2015. Marisa has been researching this vehemently and suggests we look at the 'Quality of gender through sport' and apply for a Key Action 2. She also informs the membership that she thinks it is vital Salvo attends any new meeting we have to discuss as he has just been successful in attaining a Key Action 1 for approval. After much discussion n it was decided to hold an extraordinary AGM in January in Landgraaf, The Netherlands and Charlemagnecollege agreed to work on a programme that would incorporate teacher training there for those who attend. Furthermore, it was agreed some of the funds held (see treasurers report) could be used to help members who had little funding to attend this meeting. Moreover, whilst in Landgraaf members work together and produce an Erasmus+ application to send to Brussels. Hans said it might be possible to get help from a specialist from Brussels who has expertise knowledge in judging applications. The proposed dates were 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January.

Members from Charlemagne to work on dates and to send details to secretary who will inform membership. Hans to contact specialist?

10) **The AGM then went on to consider additional network activities of those present.**

a) Karen reported that Charlemagnecollege was involved with exchanges from The Basque Country, Rovigo, Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. They have a new exchange with a school in Rome and did have a contact with a school in Madrid but the exchange was not completed.

b) Maria from "Danilo Dolci, Priolo Gargallo, Syracuse, Sicily, Italy said that as a school for 5-14 year old there were few opportunities for exchanges but they had travelled around Italy with the choir from the school performing in other schools. They were also had projects on the environment and sport.

c) Gabriella said that there had been successful exchanges so far with Charlemagne and Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. They are developing ties with a school from Bavaria, Germany and also have contacts with an American school in Pennsylvania.

d) The secretary on behalf of Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport told the membership that successful exchanges were seen with Rovigo, Charlemagnecollege, Spilimbergo, Italy and that a new exchange had been developed with a school in Madrid. An exchange with Aguilia will shortly take place. Over the summer holidays students went to South Africa and India where they helped to build an eco greenhouse. Recently a school from

Argentina visited us to participate in a series of sports and contacts are being developed in Nepal and Africa. In December 6<sup>th</sup> form students will travel to Geneva to participate in Mock UN debates. The school has been awarded for the 4<sup>th</sup> time the prestigious International Schools Award from the British Council (BC) and that the secretary had been appointed an ambassador for the BC. He added none of this would have been possible if it wasn't for the support of the network and he thanked Hans and Gordon for their references.

e) Marisa informs the members that students from her school have been on vocational training courses in Cambridge and Malta thanks to Erasmus grants. She has enjoyed exchanges with Salvo and is developing the exchange with Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. She also says that she is looking to develop another exchange with a school from the UK.

11) **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the network.** This will be next year and it was agreed by those present that we should investigate this further when in Landgraaf in January. We should also invite new members to this meeting.

12) **There was no other business**

13) **Date of next AGM deferred until after meeting in Landgraaf**

**Meeting closed at 12.30**