

# PLENARY MEETING WITH THE APE BUREAU – SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

## Minutes of the Meeting on 22 April 2025

### PARTICIPANTS

Present at the meeting were :

- Ms. Dalila MESSEGHM, Headmistress,
- Mr. Isadore REAUD, School Manager,
- Mr. Blaise FENART, Primary School Director,
- Mr. Christophe MONIER, Director of Administration and Finance,
- Ms. Nadia ALTAMIRANO-PANZANI, Treasurer of the APE Bureau,
- Mr. Pooripat PRUKSANUBAL, Member of the APE Bureau,
- Ms. Marisa PHIWKHAW, Member of the APE Bureau,
- Ms. Juthaporn COWAN, Member of the APE Bureau,
- Ms. Lalana SERMSUKSKULCHAI, Member of the APE Bureau (via videoconference),
- Mr. Therdsiddhi HOPRASARTSUK-PELLAUMAIL, Member of the APE Bureau (via videoconference),
- Mr. Axel GAUTHIER, Staff Representative,
- Ms. Chuanpit KHAMDEE, Staff Representative.

Apologies from:

- Ms. Lise TALBOT BARRÉ, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs
- Ms. Sirikorn MANEERIN, President of the FFE,
- Mr. Vincent ROUBINET, Vice President of the FFE,
- Mr. Matthieu REYNAUD, President of APE Bureau,
- Ms. Geneviève FAMY, Member of the APE Bureau.

The meeting minutes were taken by Ms. Chanikan BUAKAEW, assistant to the APE Bureau.

### MEETING TIMELINE

Start : 2.05 PM

End : 15.50 PM

### AGENDA

1. Adoption of the meeting agenda and the meeting introduction
2. Approval of the minutes from the 11 February 2025 meetings
3. Declaration of potential conflicts of interest by participants
4. Finance Commission
5. HR Commission
6. Canteen Commission
7. Constructions & Purchases Commission
8. Communication Commission
9. AES Commission
10. Transportation Commission

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11. Follow-up on the LFIB 2032 Project
12. Any other business
  - The APE's operating regulations with suggestions of modification
13. Date of the next Plenary Meeting with the APE Bureau

## **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND INTRODUCTION OF THE MEETING STRUCTURE AND THE NEW APE BUREAU**

The meeting's agenda is unanimously adopted by the participants.

## **2. VALIDATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 7 NOVEMBER AND 16 DECEMBER 2024 MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 February 2025, were approved by the members present.

## **3. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No declarations of conflict of interest are made by the members.

## **4. FINANCE COMMISSION**

The Director of Administration and Finance (DAF) reiterates his presentation method: dividing the annual budget into four quarters and analyzing expenses and revenues for each period to ensure alignment with forecasts and make adjustments if necessary.

He explains that revenues are generally easier to estimate and monitor periodically. On the other hand, forecasting expenses varies depending on their nature. It is simpler for recurring expenses tied to contracts but more difficult for educational expenses, as they depend on specific projects, teachers, and programming, which can change from one month or period to another.

The overall presentation shows that, after the first quarter of execution, both expenses and revenues are in line with forecasts, which is a positive point. Some expenditure items are underutilized for the period (e.g., Chapter 60). However, revenue execution is precisely in line with forecasts, leaving no room for flexibility.

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## Expenses

Nature de charges	1er TR 2025	Exécuté 1er TR 2025	Ecart	Taux d'exécution
Achats				
<b>TOTAL</b>	14 115 000,00	11 758 284,80	2 356 715,20	83,30%
Sous traitance et services extérieurs				
<b>TOTAL</b>	11 730 580,00	11 868 435,38	-137 855,38	101,18%
Autres services extérieurs				
<b>TOTAL</b>	9 719 467,00	9 517 771,52	201 695,48	97,92%
Impôts et taxes et versement assimilés				
<b>TOTAL</b>	194 000,00	165 392,69	28 607,31	85,25%
Charges de personnel (contrats locaux)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	49 209 249,00	48 852 263,73	356 985,27	99,27%
Autres Charges de gestion courante				
<b>TOTAL</b>	43 750 000,00	44 076 769,82	-326 769,82	100,75%
Charges financières				
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	-15775,19	15775,19	#DIV/0!
Charges exceptionnelles				
<b>TOTAL</b>	0,00		0,00	#DIV/0!
Dotations aux amortissements et provisions				
<b>TOTAL</b>	0,00		0,00	#DIV/0!
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	128 718 296,00	126 223 142,75	2 495 153,25	98,06%

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## *Purchases :*

This budget line is currently underutilized, particularly regarding educational expenses, and more specifically, pedagogical projects that were not carried out to the extent initially planned. For instance, within the PROZAP Football project, 19 delegations with 700 students were originally expected. Ultimately, only 14 delegations with 524 students participated, resulting in lower-than-forecasted expenses.

Some IT-related expenditures planned for this quarter were not carried out but are expected to be implemented in the coming quarters. This is simply a timing delay.

As for “electricity and utilities,” which represent a significant portion of expenses, consumption is in line with forecasts. No significant deviations were noted.

Overall, there is an under-execution of 2,356,715 THB in purchases at this point in the year, corresponding to an execution rate of 83.30% compared to forecasts.

## *Subcontracting and External Services:*

In this category, budget execution is close to 100%, with a slight overrun of 137,000 THB. This is mainly due to unexpected maintenance work (damaged tiling in the secondary school, kitchen repairs, plumbing, etc.).

## *Other External Services:*

The execution rate is 97.92%, consistent with forecasts. Catering expenses, which account for 50% of the budget, were accurately anticipated, with no overspending observed. It is also worth noting the internalization of accounting and payroll software, which has generated savings on external service costs. However, these savings are partially offset by software licensing fees and legal fees related to the recovery of unpaid bills costs that were nevertheless budgeted.

## *Taxes:*

Tax execution is in line with expectations, with an execution rate of 85.25%, and no significant issues to report.

## *Personnel Expenses:*

For personnel expenses, the execution rate stands at 99.27%, with a slight surplus of approximately 356,985 THB. This reflects good control over this crucial budget category, which is essential for maintaining overall financial balance.

## *Other Operating Expenses:*

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A budget overrun of 326,769 THB has been recorded under other operating expenses. This is due to an initial underestimation of the AEFE contribution on tuition fees, an adjustment that is expected to be corrected in the second quarter.

The results show a net margin of 2,495,153 THB, with an overall expenditure execution rate of 98.06%. This solid performance is mainly due to savings on pedagogical projects that were not carried out.

### Revenues

Nature des recettes	1er TR 2025	Exécuté 1er TR	Ecart	Taux d'Exécution
<b>Prestations de services</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119 091 500,00</b>	<b>118 974 119,69</b>	<b>-117 380,31</b>	<b>99,90%</b>
<b>Autres produits des activités annexes</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>840 000,00</b>	<b>1 034 345,85</b>	<b>194 345,85</b>	<b>123,14%</b>
<b>Subventions et dons</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 700 000,00</b>	<b>6 700 000,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>100,00%</b>
<b>Produits financiers</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 000,00</b>	<b>10 250,14</b>	<b>250,14</b>	<b>102,50%</b>
<b>Produits exceptionnels</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>
<b>Reprises sur provisions pour risques et charges</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>126 641 500,00</b>	<b>126 718 715,68</b>	<b>77 215,68</b>	<b>100,06%</b>

The overall revenue execution rate stands at 99.90%, in line with forecasts, with a slight shortfall of 117,380 THB. Tuition fees, canteen fees, and extracurricular activity fees have offset the drop in initial enrollment fees (-745,000 THB). However, a concerning trend has been observed: LFIB has seen a continuous decline in the number of new enrollments since 2022, with almost no new Thai student enrollments this year, despite intensified communication efforts.

As for other ancillary activities, a slight positive variance of 194,345 THB has been noted, linked to the rental of premises and parking by the new service provider, who pays a higher fee.

Overall, the planned revenue budget of 126,641,500 THB has been met, with a slight surplus of 77,215 THB. However, close monitoring remains necessary through the end of June, which is a key period for confirming the year's financial trajectory.

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## Investment

### Nature des Investissements

matériel informatique	Budget	Réalisé	Ecart
<i>matériel informatique</i>	4 657 000,00		
Pc portable et video projecteur		140 960,00	
70 chromebooks		1 169 000,00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 657 000,00</b>	<b>1 309 960,00</b>	<b>3 347 040,00</b>

TRAVAUX	Budget	Réalisé	Ecart
rénovation de la cantine	4 500 000,00		
rénovation toilette de la cantine	800 000,00		
Rampe d'accès personnes à mobilité réduite bâti	250 000,00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 550 000,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>5 550 000,00</b>

Investissements travaux non définis	Budget	Réalisé	Ecart
<i>Travaux non définis</i>	500 000,00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>500 000,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>500 000,00</b>

matériels ou autres non définis	Budget	Réalisé	Ecart
	500 000,00		
<i>installation filtres à eau et cuve de stockage à la cantine</i>		81 790,03	
<i>climatiseur</i>		28 500,00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>500 000,00</b>	<b>110 290,03</b>	<b>389 709,97</b>

<b>TOTAL acquisitions 2025</b>	<b>11 207 000,00</b>	<b>1 420 250,03</b>	<b>9 786 749,97</b>	<b>12,67%</b>
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There were few expenditures during the first quarter, which was mainly dedicated to preparing renovation projects for the summer. Major works, particularly those related to the canteen, are currently being scheduled and will mostly take place during the summer break.

To date, 1,309,000 THB has been committed to IT-related expenses, along with 110,290 THB for the acquisition of small equipment, representing 12% of the investment budget.

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## Unpaid situation

As of April 8, 2025, the total amount of unpaid tuition fees stands at 27,364,765 THB, compared to 26,245,094 THB at the same time last year. This marks an improvement in collection efforts, potentially with fewer problematic cases this year.

Two main profiles have emerged:

- Some parents are facing real financial difficulties and have not made any payments.
- Others are gradually regularizing their situation.

The current trend gives hope for a better outcome on outstanding payments by the end of the school year.

### Point sur les impayés à la date du 8 avril 2025

Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2024-2025(élèves non admis)	2 871 582,06
Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2024-2025 (élèves admis)	386 289,02
Impayés sur la période 1er septembre-15 mars 2025 (avant appel dernière tranche)	2 283 434,95
Impayés sur la période 15 mars - 30 juin 2025 (hors DPI)	21 823 459,81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27 364 765,84</b>

### Point sur les impayés à la date du 30 avril 2024

Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2023-2024 (élèves non admis)	1 938 646,03
Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2023-2024 (élèves admis)	340 671,56
Impayés sur la période 1er septembre-15 mars 2024 (avant appel dernière tranche)	4 815 764,36
Impayés sur la période 15 mars - 30 juin 2024	19 150 012,31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26 245 094,26</b>

### Point sur les impayés à la date du 24 avril 2023

Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2022-2023 (élèves non admis)	1 786 493,07
Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2022-2023 (élèves admis)	1 360 259,72
Impayés sur la période 1er septembre-15 mars 2023 (avant appel dernière tranche)	2 536 555,48
Impayés sur la période 15 mars - 30 juin 2023	20 091 303,13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 774 611,40</b>

### Pour info point en 2022-2023 avant restitution T1 2023

Impayés antérieurs à l'année scolaire 2021-2022	7 555 059,13
Impayés sur la période 1er septembre -15 mars 2022 (avant appel dernière tranche)	8 316 844,00
Impayés sur la période 15 mars - 30 juin 2022	20 938 679,08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36 810 582,21</b>

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Ms. PANZANI raises concerns from elected parent representatives regarding the lack of clear communication on the school's financial strategy. She expresses parents' worries about recurring increases in tuition fees and the lack of transparency on the 2032 infrastructure project. She also points out the difficulty of communicating these issues to the school community and mentioned the potential impact of declining enrollment on future costs.

In response, Mr. MONIER clarifies that the school is not facing financial difficulties, but that there are areas that require careful management. He reminds the committee that tuition increases have been limited in recent years (+2% annually), and that a new increase is planned to anticipate changes in payroll expenses and to maintain educational momentum. Regarding the 2032 project, he emphasizes that initial registration fees are strictly allocated to present or future investments, and not to fund daily operations. He also stresses that the school adjusts its financial structure based on enrollment numbers in order to avoid significant tuition hikes.

Mr. GAUTHIER inquires about the reduced number of PROZAP projects. Mr. MONIER explains that the drop in spending is mainly due to a lower number of delegations hosted than initially planned. He adds that the school is working on expanding its range of educational projects by developing interdisciplinary activities, particularly in the scientific and cultural fields, so as not to focus solely on sports.

Ms. KHAMDEE asks about the organization of tuition payment schedules and whether it would be possible to invoice before the beginning of each term. Mr. MONIER responds that, due to the management of scholarship commissions and the very low default rate (around 1%), the school has chosen to maintain its current billing calendar. He explains that the situation is under control and that this system allows students to continue their education even when families experience temporary financial hardship.

### **5. HR COMMISSION**

Recruitments for several positions have recently been finalized: a Life and Earth Sciences (SVT) teaching position, a Technology teaching position, a homework support role, as well as three positions in English at the primary level — two permanent positions and one one-year replacement.

The situation regarding certain positions discussed at the previous meeting has also been clarified. The Point Écoute position, which was initially said to be potentially vacant, will ultimately not be: the staff member concerned has confirmed their intention to remain in the role. However, the current Conseillère Principale d'Éducation (CPE) has confirmed her departure, justifying the ongoing recruitment process. Interviews have already begun for this position, but the process has not yet been completed.

### **6. CANTEEN COMMISSION**

The Canteen Committee met on April 3 to review the aftermath of the recent food incident, assess the measures that have been implemented, discuss contractual issues with the catering provider EPICURE, and consider future prospects for the upcoming year.

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Several concrete actions were taken in response to the incident:

- Daily monitoring of chlorine levels was carried out in the water tanks supplying the kitchen to ensure continuous chlorine saturation.
- A reverse osmosis water treatment system with a 5,000-liter capacity was installed. This system covers all water points used for cooking and food washing, ensuring high-quality water. Since its installation, chlorine measurements are no longer necessary.
- A new sink was installed to separate the washing of utensils, minimizing the risk of cross-contamination with food.
- Serving tongs were added to prevent students from handling bread directly with their hands.
- Old open trash bins were replaced with closable ones.
- Utensil storage was reorganized to ensure separation by size and to strictly prohibit storage on the floor.

From a health perspective, the school has acquired equipment to allow for the collection of stool and vomit samples through the infirmary, in the event of a future incident. In this context, a second freezer for storing food samples will be installed in the LFIB canteen to ensure independent quality control.

Ms. PANZANI raises the issue of the contract with the catering provider, questioning the possible contractual and insurance implications of the incident. She stressed the importance of having a written framework to define responsibilities, noting that even though this incident did not result in serious consequences for the school, it should serve as a formal precedent to prevent future issues and to safeguard student safety.

In response, Mr. REAUD explains that, to his knowledge, the current contract does not include specific clauses for such incidents but does mention the possibility of immediate termination in case of serious misconduct. However, this option has not been considered at this stage. Mr. MONIER adds that the current reflection is part of a broader initiative to clarify responsibilities through the creation of a "proof charter." This includes the upcoming installation of the second freezer for secure food sample storage, allowing the school to gather reliable evidence in case of future problems.

Mr. GAUTHIER inquires whether there was an official document assigning responsibility for the incident to EPICURE. Mr. REAUD confirms that EPICURE has not issued any such formal statement acknowledging liability. Health investigations did not establish a formal link between the food poisoning and the spaghetti served on the day in question. Despite strong suspicions, no irrefutable evidence could be presented.

Ms. MESSEGHEM emphasizes that this lack of clarity is precisely what needs to be addressed going forward, by establishing a solid protocol to objectively determine responsibilities. She reiterates that the measures already taken aim to ensure the school will not be left without any means of proof in the event of another food-related incident.

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Ms. PANZANI stresses the importance of documenting this situation in writing, both to protect the school and to frame future contractual relations with service providers.

Mr. REAUD also reminds the committee that the current contract will expire at the end of next school year. A new call for tenders will be issued, allowing for the inclusion of stricter health and safety requirements.

A meeting with the EPICURE management team will be scheduled to obtain an official response and to re-establish a trust relationship.

Ms. MESSEGHM informs that a request had been submitted to EPICURE regarding the possibility of extending canteen service for high school students beyond 1:15 p.m., potentially until 2:00 p.m. A response is awaited. However, it was specified that any potential price increase would be problematic, as next year's canteen fees have already been approved.

### **7. CONSTRUCTIONS COMMISSION**

The committee met to review the status of several ongoing projects.

Regarding the canteen renovation project, the contractor responsible for the design phase has been selected, and two working meetings have already taken place. These discussions laid the groundwork for an initial proposal, which will be refined at the next meeting scheduled for Friday, 25 April. On that occasion, broader choices regarding furniture and decoration will also be presented. The need to involve students and staff more closely in the process was also raised — particularly through consultations or surveys to encourage their engagement with the project.

As for improving accessibility to the secondary school building for individuals with reduced mobility, work is scheduled to take place over the summer. This project turned out to be more complex than initially expected, as it requires solid foundations to support the ramps. These works cannot be carried out during short school breaks, as they require a longer intervention period than 15 days.

The safety of the secondary building was also discussed. A structural report confirmed the building's solidity, and this report was shared with staff. Additionally, in the post-earthquake context, another assessment was commissioned by the school and conducted by a provider who had previously inspected the Alliance Française buildings. This second report also concluded that there was no structural risk. The signed report is pending official transmission.

Ms. PANZANI raises a concern regarding air quality. She recalls that, in Thailand, the Ministry of Education had explicitly imposed air purification requirements on international schools during high pollution periods — an obligation not extended to public schools, which are often less well equipped. She stresses the importance of ensuring the school complies with current official recommendations. This issue is raised frequently, especially by parents of kindergarten students. She also notes that locally recorded data does not always match figures from

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Singapore, often used as a regional benchmark — raising questions about the reliability or sensitivity of air quality sensors based on their placement.

Mr. REAUD responds that the school currently follows an air quality monitoring protocol based on sensors installed outdoors, and that Filtrete filters (by 3M) have been installed in all air conditioners in every classroom and enclosed space. Air quality readings taken in classrooms during pollution peaks have not justified the purchase of additional air purifiers, as the air quality measured remains good. He presented air quality monitoring tables from classrooms to the committee members, noting that this data is shared with staff during pollution events.

Ms. PANZANI suggests improving communication with families, for example through a regular bulletin or by installing visible sensors in certain rooms, so that everyone can follow the data in real time.

The school Board remains attentive to these concerns and is considering equipping certain rooms if necessary. The School Manager highlighted a key point: while outdoor air pollution cannot be reduced, awareness efforts on mask-wearing need to be reinforced, as compliance remains low — even among some students and staff. This constitutes a health vulnerability. The school administration plans to assign the Health, Safety, and Working Conditions Committee (CHSCT) the task of revising and clarifying the air quality protocol to make it more accessible and to strengthen awareness across the entire school community.

### **8. COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

The Communication Committee met on April 10 to discuss various topics related to the LFIB's communication strategy.

A key point concerned the school's website. A meeting was held with the provider in charge of developing the website to implement new tools that facilitate the writing of more substantial articles. The goal is to offer content on the site that is more comprehensive than the posts shared on social media, while maintaining links to those platforms. For major events, it will now be possible to read a detailed article on the website, complemented by access to the corresponding social media posts. Work is also underway to offer a Thai-language version of the website. It was decided to use automatic translation tools such as Google Translate or artificial intelligence, using the English version as the base text for translation.

Regarding the visual presentations of LFIB's governance bodies (the APE Board, the School Council, and the School Board), simplified graphic proposals were shared within the committee. However, differing opinions led to the decision to submit the matter to Mr. Raynaud for arbitration. The finalization of these visuals is still pending before they can be published online.

Mr. REAUD also addressed the LFIB's advertising displays in various Bangkok neighborhoods. These billboards have generated positive feedback in terms of visibility, but there has been no noticeable increase in student enrollment so far.

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As for the influencer hired to enhance the school's visibility, a weekly content plan structured around various themes was proposed at the start of her assignment. However, several members express disappointment at the limited impact of this initiative. Although viewership has increased, it has not led to a significant rise in enrollments.

Ms. PANZANI notes that some major events, such as the PROZAP football tournament, were not covered at all on the influencer's platforms, despite these events mobilizing significant school resources. She stresses the need for better supervision of the influencer's activities and highlighted the importance of a consistent content planning process. It was recalled that during the call for proposals, it had been recommended that the school communicate key events to be covered in advance. The influencer's absence from certain initiatives, despite their potential impact, raises concerns about the effectiveness of the current contract.

Ms. MESSEGHEM explains the internal challenges linked to the replacement of the communications officer, who is currently on maternity leave. The interim hire ended her contract early due to difficulties in managing the workload and a lack of experience. Until the communications officer returns, expected in early June, the responsibilities have been redistributed among several staff members to ensure minimum continuity. She also confirms that the administration is planning a meeting with the influencer to clarify expectations.

Mr. REAUD acknowledges that the PROZAP tournament had not been included in the influencer's content calendar due to a lack of foresight. However, Mr. MONIER notes that a press kit had been prepared for the event and sent to a local TV station, though it did not yield any results. A professional videographer was nonetheless hired, allowing for delayed coverage. He also notes that the influencer had mainly focused on primary and early childhood levels, and highlighted that image rights, particularly during sports events, complicate certain types of visual content.

The LFIB Board recognizes that, while the current communication strategy is underway, it remains a work in progress. Adjustments are needed in both the management of the influencer's contract and the overall coordination of communication efforts, in order to better promote the full range of school activities and enhance the school's appeal, especially among the Thai public.

Mr. GAUTHIER suggests strengthening cooperation with French schools in Bangkok, particularly Acacia and La Petite École. He expresses regret over the lack of systematic connections between these schools and the LFIB and emphasizes the importance of developing regular joint activities between students from these schools and the LFIB, beyond one-off events.

Mr. MONIER responds that several students from these institutions do enroll at LFIB, although that decision also depends on families' professional plans or their interest in other educational systems. He believes the transition process is generally effective. Mr. FENART adds that many initiatives are already in place, such as school visits for parents, regular meetings between partner school leaders, and other collaborative efforts. He pointed out, however, that

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families cannot be forced to choose LFIB, especially when they are attracted to bilingual or English-speaking systems. He notes an improvement this year, with half of the CP students coming from Acacia and La Petite École, compared to fewer in previous years. This increase seems more related to a renewed interest in the French education system than to any major change in communication strategy.

## **9. AES COMMISSION**

The AES Commission met on Wednesday, April 9, to review the quality monitoring of AES activities. An observation tour of the activities was carried out with the AES coordinator. Overall, the quality of the activities was found to be satisfactory: they are not merely childcare sessions but well-structured activities with clear educational objectives. A few organizational issues were identified but were promptly and effectively resolved.

The commission also updated an older document outlining the operating rules for activity leaders. This revised document will be distributed at the start of the new school year in September. Furthermore, as part of the review of the activity teacher contracts, discussions have begun on including specific clauses related to SET Boarding, as well as the addition of a terms of reference. Draft versions have been proposed and will be validated during the next commission meeting, with a view to implementation at the beginning of the next school year.

## **10. TRANSPORT COMMISSION**

The Transport Commission did not meet during this period. No specific follow-up or action was undertaken by the commission

## **11. FOLLOW-UP : LFIB 2032 PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Mr. REAUD reminds that a financial offer was officially submitted to the landowning family in the form of a letter drafted by a lawyer. This offer aims to secure the long-term land tenure of the project. It is more favorable than the one made 2–3 years ago and was jointly decided by representatives of LFIB, the French Embassy, the FFE, and the parents. The offer proposes a maximum occupancy period of 30 years.

The school management has succeeded in scheduling a meeting with the landowners, set for 23 April, with six family members attending, representing the 14 co-owners. LFIB will be accompanied by the COCAC from the French Embassy and the lawyer from the project's working group. Since the family has already discussed the offer internally, an official response is expected during this meeting.

On behalf of the APE, Ms. PANZANI requests that an action plan be defined by the working group as soon as the owners' response is received. This step has become urgent, as both parents and teaching staff are increasingly concerned about the lack of visibility on the project's progress.

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Mr. REAUD states that once the family's response is received, a meeting will be held to review and analyze it and to define the next steps. This response will allow the project process to resume. Regardless of the outcome, an action plan will be implemented to determine how to move forward with the project.

## 12. ANY OTHERS BUSINESS

The discussion focuses on modifications to the functioning of the APE board, particularly regarding their roles and access to the school premises.

During the meeting, two proposed amendments to the APE's internal regulations were discussed:

- The voting procedures within the association, as approved during the meeting on 11 February 2025.
- Access of APE board members to the school, in connection with the LFIB Child Protection Charter.

The school management proposes the addition of a new article under section 11.12 of the internal regulations, relating to the functions of the APE:

*“11.12. In order to effectively carry out their roles within commissions and working groups, parent members of the APE board must be allowed access to the school premises. However, in accordance with the LFIB Child Protection Charter, they must follow the access rules that apply to external visitors.”*

This article was deliberately worded in general terms to avoid the need for further modification in case the Charter is revised in the future.

It was also recalled that any amendment to the APE internal regulations must be approved during an ordinary or extraordinary general assembly. The proposed amendments must first be submitted to the Ambassador of France in Thailand and to the Chair of the Foundation, whose opinions will be presented to the assembly. Both amendments (regarding voting and access) will be submitted simultaneously in order to streamline and expedite the process.

## 13. NEXT PLENARY MEETING WITH THE APE BUREAU

The date of the next Plenary Meeting with the APE Bureau is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 June at 2 PM.

The general assembly is scheduled for the same day at 5:30 p.m., via videoconference.