Call for signatures for organising an Extraordinary General Meeting of the association of parents of pupils at the European School Brussels II Woluwe (APEEE)

Dear class representatives of the EEB2, Dear Parents,

It is particularly crucial in the times of pandemic, that the various and often conflicting interests of the parents, including minority positions, are properly represented and included in the decision making process and actions of the APEEE.

For example, some parents are concerned about **the extension of the school to Evere site** and have received more information only after explicitly requesting for it, and not by the APEEE actively and timely disseminating it before taking positions.

Individual APEEE Board members have always played and still play a key role as the direct link between the parents and the Board. They also themselves represent sections through their experience and community background. The members of the Administrative Board should be as free as possible to discuss any matters related to the functioning of the Association with the members of the APEEE. In particular, it is vital that they are able to express a position without fear.

In <u>November</u> the Board took a simple majority decision to deny two members' access to information. The decision was based on the two members not signing a confidentiality agreement voluntarily. The agreement would have severely limited and changed the role of the members in discussing and informing about matters with the parents. By the statutes only the General Meeting can choose members, or redefine the mandate of the members of the Board.

We call for an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the governance of the Administrative Board, the role of the members in general, and, the violation of the mandate given by the General Assembly, in particular.

We believe this discussion needs to take place prior to the election at the AGM 2021 for the following reasons:

- 1) The decision to limit access to vital information affects one Board member's possibility to execute her mandate that continues until AGM 2022.
- 2) The legality of setting an additional confidentiality directly redefines the mandates of all future Board members.

The agenda of the meeting proposes the discussion and vote for adoption of <u>two resolutions</u> that aim at clarifying the boundaries of the APEEE Board's activities in the area of **transparency**. It is foreseen that this discussion should take place separately and before the upcoming Annual General meeting in order to devote a proper time and attention to these most pressing issues.

According to the <u>statutes</u>, 10% of the APEEE's class representatives can call a meeting. Therefore, we kindly ask you to **lend us your support by signing the call for the Extraordinary General Meeting.**

To do this please fill in this online form.

The role of our parents association is vital for the good functioning of our school and for the education and wellbeing of our children and we take this initiative because we care.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at: egm-2021@eeb2parents.be.