
Dear parents and members,
Following our last newsletter, here are the latest developments which we would like to share with you.

► **The financial condition of the LFKL**

The audit of the 2012 LFKL accounts ended at the beginning of April. A preliminary report was sent to the Board on 15 April, which shows both the results and a few observations. This report was very satisfactory since the goal of significantly raising the available reserves with regard to the building project was achieved: the preliminary 2012 annual net income is a little over RM4,500,000 obtained both by management efforts and higher than expected student arrivals. This very healthy situation reinforces the financial model that has enabled us to obtain a loan on good terms.

A big thank you to the accounts team whose high quality work was highlighted by the auditors.

► **The School Bus Service**

The Aeroline contract terminates at the end of the current school year. The LFKL is in discussions with this company to renew the contract for three years. We have high hopes of seeing a positive end to these discussions very quickly.

The company Wecome2U which has proved entirely satisfactory, and which has shown up to now a real will to collaborate with the LFKL, has informed us recently of financial difficulties as a result of problems in recovering payment and to the fact that some of their routes (Mont Kiara and Sri Hartamas) are experiencing a structural decline.

In order to reduce this decline without any financial impact on the families, it has been decided to put in place, on the routes concerned only, a double morning round. A lesser evil we have opted for in order to avoid a complete break in service for the children.

In addition, we ask everyone to ensure their payments are made on time.

Finally, of course, we are currently considering all the measures to put in place to evaluate the difficulties experienced by this company better, including the possibility of a replacement by a competitor if the difficulties are not able to be resolved easily.

Rest assured that the LFKL is currently doing everything in its power to maintain a satisfactory bus service.

► **Developments in the bilingual stream**

Following a directive from the AEFÉ in Autumn 2012 and with strong encouragement, the Head of the Primary School and the teachers concerned have completed a study started at the end of 2012, regarding the evolution of the bilingual teaching system at the LFKL.

In view of the end of the obligation in the bilingual stream for an equal ratio of teaching hours, but also the fact that the children's environment in Malaysia is essentially an English-speaking one, the LFKL plans to maintain a bilingual stream in line with the School Development Plan, while moving towards a modular bilingual course of instruction which takes better account of the needs of the children in French as well as in English.

The fundamental background work consisted of a long needs assessment process, followed by construction of a working proposal to correspond better to those needs.

These changes being prepared, which should come into force from the beginning of the 2013 school year, will of course impact on the students, but also on all the teachers concerned. Everything has been done today to implement a more supple system, one that is better adapted to the children's needs, by personalizing their linguistic path.

A letter presenting this work carried out was sent to you on Friday 12 April. A meeting was held on Thursday 18 April in the LFKL's auditorium to which you were invited. It was the opportunity for Mr Pérème, Mr Martinez and the bilingual coordinators to explain the particulars of the project in more detail and to answer the numerous questions asked.

We would like to praise the efforts made and the work carried out by all the teachers and Mr Pérème to produce a project which, we hope, will allow us to offer the Primary School students a quality education at a level that meets their diversity.

The expansion projects:

► **Expansion of the "D Enclave" building for the Lycéens**

We are currently working on the expansion project of the "D Enclave" building which involves constructing an additional floor on the current building.

This project involves opening 6 additional classes from September 2013, enabling the LFKL to absorb the increase in numbers expected in the new school year, which seem to be confirmed by the first enrolment returns.

The architect was chosen in March, the plans were signed by the Board at the beginning of April.

The next stage will be the application for the building permit.

This is a small project, not requiring a large investment but will provide a rapid gain in space for the students.

➤ **Additional laboratories**

In preparation for the increase in numbers in the secondary school, Mr Martinez's proposal to start expansion work on one of the existing laboratories and the creation of an additional laboratory has been approved by the Board.

➤ **LFKL 2020**

CIMB Bank has given its financial approval to the project. This is a key step which has just been taken.

A committee to monitor the project, made up of parents with experience in the construction field and members of the Board was created in January 2013.

Recruitment of a "Project Management Company" to help the LFKL teams and the Board to monitor the project in the detailed concept phases then in the carrying out of the work, is in progress.

The concept phase is extremely important; its aim being to achieve an advanced definition of the project, to ensure its overall feasibility in respect of the allocated budget and the agreed financial terms.

At the same time, discussions are continuing with the architect to anticipate better the conditions for carrying out the building work.

Finally we are considering temporary solutions for the 2014 and 2015 school years in case the numbers continue to increase significantly.

Miscellaneous:

➤ **Formalizing the name Henri Fauconnier**

Results of the vote:

27.61% participation

55.12% voted FOR and 44.88% voted AGAINST.

The School Board confirmed the favourable vote against the opposition to linking the name Henri Fauconnier (winner of the Goncourt Prize 1930) to that of the Lycée Français of Kuala Lumpur.

There are still numerous administrative steps to be taken by the Administration of the LFKL in order to inform all the ministries and organizations concerned and have the name ratified by them.

At the same time the Principal has contacted the writer's direct descendant, Professor Bernard Marie Fauconnier of the Academy of Medicine, to inform him of this decision. He declared he was "very honoured that the name of (his) father was to be attached to the name of the Lycée" and has sent in return two signed works to the LFKL which retrace the life of his illustrious father that he has published himself.

➤ **The International Swimming Competition**

The Lycée Français of Kuala Lumpur hosted the 1st Asian-Pacific Swimming Championship for French schools from Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 March 2013.

This event is a wonderful initiative and success for the school as indicated by the very positive feedback written by the participants form here and elsewhere.

We too would like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to this great success and of course, to congratulate the students of the LFKL who carried the colours of the school to the podium.

Bravo everyone !

➤ **The Website**

For several months already the IT department and the school's Administration have been working to redesign the school's website.

With a better designed structure, more precise and more easily identified content as well as a powerful search engine, this new tool, the window to the school, will be more easily navigable.

More modern, interactive and also designed to be supported by tablets, the new LFKL website should be available for all in mid-May 2013.

➤ **The General Assembly**

Finally, please note the date of the next General Assembly which will be held on Thursday 13 June.

The School Board
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