



L' Association des Parents Indépendants et de Sections Internationales

**ELECTION of PARENT REPRESENTATIVES
to THE BOARDS
of COLLEGES of CIV, EGANAUDE and NIKI and
LYCEE of THE C.I.V
Friday 9th October 2015**

You are about to elect the parent representatives to the Board ("Conseil d'Administration") of your child's Collège or Lycée.

The Board is involved in the following activities:

- Manages the operations of the institution for all pupils - both day students and boarders,
- Administers the Budget,
- Sets rules and regulations,
- Organizes the ad-hoc working committees (e.g. The tenders/Bid committee).

The Board makes decisions affecting the whole school; including all classes from 6^{ème} in Collège to Terminale in Lycée; both the International and French sections, as well as ESDC in Cannes (Rosella Hightower Dance School).

The Association de Parents Indépendants et de Sections Internationales (A.P.I.) is a local and completely independent parents' association. API 's commitment is to work towards the best interests of our children at the schools where we are present and to encourage them to get involved in volunteer activities within their schools. The API is present at:

- Primary : Haut Sartoux,
- Collège (Middle School) : ESDC, Eganaude and Niki de Saint-Phalle,
- Lycée (High schools) : C.I.V.

In 2014/2015, your votes gave us:

- Eganaude: 4 seats out of 7,
- Niki de St. Phalle: 4 seats out of 7,
- C.I.V.: 5 seats out of 7 for Collège ; and 3 seats out of 5 for the Lycée.

In addition to board meetings for the "Conseil d'Administration", our elected representatives take an active part in other committees/boards such as: the Disciplinary Board, the Committee of Education for Health and Citizenship, the Lycée students' association committee, the canteen and the boarding school.

A few examples of how the API has contributed to the schools over the years:

- **Ensuring the value of the International Option Baccalaureate.** A Committee was created to assess the value of the International Option Baccalaureate; the value of which is a large factor in university applications, both abroad as well as in France.
- **In 2014, obtained LVI status in Terminale.** This status of LV1 increases the weight for the student's overall average and is very important in admission applications. The students' extra hours of class and work is reflected in this higher weighted average.
- **Representation of International Section Teachers.** Due to API efforts, **International Section teachers** are now represented and consulted at every Collège and Lycée Board meeting.
- **Annual Career Forum.** The API's request to have "an information forum about careers" led to the "Forum de l'Orientation" which has been held in March every year since 2008, with the participation of many professionals.
- **End of year Prom.** The CIV held its first ever Prom in June 2010 and the Prom has been an annual event ever since. It was organized by the Terminale students, with API involvement and the support of the Lycée CPE, Mme Quenet and API parents.
- **Science Week Presentation.** During "Science Week", the API organized a presentation about the dangers of radio-frequency waves, focusing on a subject important for all students: **"How to use mobile phones safely"**.
- **Charitable activities.** The API has assisted students in raising money for a number of charities including; Course contre la Faim, Course pour l'Asie, Walkathon.
- **Additional bus routes.** The API organized a large survey of the local bus routes and has worked with local authorities and bus companies to increase the number of buses and/or alter bus schedules between the collèges and lycée and surrounding towns.
- **Improved Daily Life at School.** The API has contributed to many improvements in our children's daily life at school, including :
 - **Lighter schoolbags:** API requested a list of school supplies be distributed in September and also requested dual textbooks (one for use at home and one for use at school).
 - **Improved class schedules:** At the request of the API, a **time-table committee** was created and has worked to improve the organization of class schedules.

- **Substitute Teachers/Absent teachers** : the API follows up on absent and substitute teachers. When there have been long teacher absences, the API works with the school to obtain additional class hours so that students can get caught up.
- **6eme International Section entrance exams.** The API has worked to improve the international section entrance exams for 6eme to ensure that the material being tested is pertinent to assessing an applicant's ability to succeed in the international section.
- **Exchange Programs.** Organization of an **exchange program abroad** for students in 4eme, 3eme and 2nde.
- **More study halls.** To ensure students have a place to study when teachers are absent.
- **Additional lockers.** These were obtained at the CIV in 2008/2009 and at other schools, as well.
- **Graduation Cap/Tassel/Scarf:** For the **graduation ceremony in July 2015**, each graduating student received a traditional **graduate outfit** (CIV mortar board, tassel with the graduation year of 2015 and a scarf with the colors of the International Sections). This was organized by the API.

API is particularly active in promoting the quality of an international education within the local French schools. Our presence since the beginning shows our involvement in the life and the development of the C.I.V. and how familiar we are with its organization after years of experience.

In every aspect of your child's life at the CIV, API will support you.
Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or problems

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Some of our goals for 2015-2016:

- **LV-1 status for Première.** Work to obtain LV-1 status for Première, as well as for the ESABAC.
- Organize a **preparation course for the French baccalaureate** for students in Première.
- **Improve** students' preparation for the OIB.
- Make sure the **value of the OIB** is appreciated by academics.
- **Obtain** the note "**Option Internationale**" on the list of baccalaureate results (in the same way as it is noted for the European Section)
- **Improve** the quality of canteen meals and reduce waiting time in the queue.
- Optimize "**Pronote**", including information on teacher absences.
- **Consult** with all collèges to improve the **level of the LV2** option by utilizing the potential of the international sections present in the schools and using the existing international section materials.
- **Increase student involvement** in school life. Encourage volunteering.
- **Language Exchanges:** Develop language exchanges with students in other countries.
- **Schoolbag weight:** Continue to reduce the weight of student bags by; requiring a list of required materials, limiting the number and size of exercise books, sharing books in class, etc.
- **Transport** : Investigate the feasibility of a single bus pass that will be valid for every bus company in the area (instead of needing a separate pass for each network)
- **Meet** with Inspection Academique to review and improve the International Section entrance test.

For more information, please see our website : www.asso-api.org

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
