

2013 Yearly report St. United World College Maastricht

Things are going extremely well and the United World College Maastricht is growing by over 10% a year, although demographic figures in the region are going down.

The Board of St. UWC Maastricht met twice together with St. UWC Nederland and the Head of College Peter Howe, one of which also with the Taskforce Fundraising, and once in its new composition together with the leaving treasurer Barthold Boreel.

After the summer 2013, United World College Maastricht first accessed the new school buildings at Discusworp 65, specially built for UWCM (founded as a cooperative venture by LVO, Mosa Lira and St. UWCM in 2009). In October 2013 H.M. the King officially opened the school. The King arrived in Maastricht in the Royal Train together with many sponsors who together contributed € 149.041 for scholarships during the trip and alumni doubled that amount! Festive speeches were held and the students gave impressive performances.

The Board of St. UWCM had for some time envisaged stepping down once this milestone was achieved. Therefore, at the very end of 2013, the Board of St. UWCM passed on their responsibilities to four new Board members.

Until the opening of the new campus (OF summer 2013?), the chair of St. UWCM Frans Corpeleijn was also member of the School Board. In the course of 2013 and 2014, all representatives from the original founding members of the Cooperative UWCM successively stepped down from the School Board and were replaced by independent Board members, so Frans Corpeleijn was not replaced on the School Board by a member of St. UWCM.

The founding members are all represented in the ALV of the Cooperative UWCM. Arnold Reusken represents St. UWCM in the ALV of the Cooperative. He is also 'linking pin' and member of the Board of St. UWCNL. When Frans Corpeleijn stepped down, Arnold Reusken became member of the Board and chair of St. UWCM in December 2013.

Topics treated by the Board of St. UWCM in 2013 included:

- further development of the school
- temporary facilities until the summer of 2013
- new campus and its financing
- festive opening after the summer of 2013
- finances St. UWCM, including further alignment with the Cooperative UWCM, St. UWC NL and St. Beurzenfonds
- results Taskforce Fundraising
- offers for places and funding to UWC National Committees
- raising of the school fees, which also affects St. UWCM as it pays for the boarders
- cash flow at St. UWCM

- cooperation within the Cooperative UWCM
- nominations for the School Board, independent of founding members ('the mothers')
- change of Board members within St. UWCM
- adaption of the Statutes of St. UWCM, which originally aimed at 'setting up a UWC in Maastricht'. As this task has been fulfilled and St. UWCM has become member of the Cooperative UWCM, it now aims to participate and support the school in the broadest sense.

In 2012/2013, there were 247 students in Primary and 377 students in Secondary at the start of the school year.

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Besides funding for many scholarships –amongst which scholarships designated for students from special countries– a large extra donation was given for the Counsellor programme at UWCM.

For 2014, the intention is to invite a parent from the school community on the Board and to define what the added value is of the Foundation UWCM, apart from providing the funds for scholarships for the boarders. It is the aim to serve the school as a whole. A concern is the fundraising, for which new ideas are being developed.