

MINUTES MEETING MOST – MEPPEL

JANUARY 2006

Attached you find the minutes of pleasant discussions held on January 20th in Most. These fruitful discussions are certainly the starting point for a positive continuation for the coming period of time of the twinning between our cities Most and Meppel.

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Jan Snijders

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Willem van Esch

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Leo Scholte ter Horst

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Bert Straatman

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Eric Starre

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Attachment 1

Subject: EXCHANGE SCHOOLS MOST MEPPEL

The EU education programme at the school in both Most and Meppel was considered very successful. In particular the visit of delegations of the schools from Meppel and Most to Brussels was a special summit!

Participants and Mr. Weis agreed that a programme as proposed by Jan Sniijders (not present) should be continued:

Yearly appr. 25 students alternately will pay a visit to the twinning city.

Agenda for the discussions / actions during the visits could be:

- * European issues, topics to be determined in cooperation with 2 or 3 parliamentarians (NL + CZ).
- * Exchange of information of both cities Most and Meppel.
- * Exchange of information of both countries.
- * Students to have time/possibilities to get to know each other .
- * Students have the task to inform fellow students and other classes of their school about the received information.

Proposed was to establish in Most and in Meppel small working groups (about 3 members) to set details for this programme, to cooperate with experts on financing/EU subsidy grants and to set a time programme for the activities.

Mr. Weis supported this proposal and suggested that Stepanka Dekastellova and Milan Rybak (both members from CVC) should be member of the working group.

Likely a third member will be added later.

Jan Sniijders to propose the members of the working group in Meppel.

Working group to meet in springtime / early summer to discuss and finalise details and agree on the timing for the different actions.

Action points:

- Jan Sniijders to invite a Most delegation to visit Meppel in springtime 2006 to discuss details.
- Most and Meppel delegation to investigate possibilities during period March – springtime to prepare for discussions in Meppel and to determine details for grant application.
- Jan Sniijders to apply for a grant for this project before April 1th-2006.
Most working group to investigate possibilities for a grant a.s.a.p.

Jan Sniijders

Attachment 2

Subject: YOUTH EXCHANGE

At first Mr. E. Starre apologizes for the action of STAMM in Assen sending a claim to Most for the costs of an incident with fireworks during the youth exchange in Drenthe. Most was not responsible and had the permission from the Dutch organisation. Mr. J. Hasil and Mrs. S. Dekastellova explained that the firework was not used by the group of Most. Jan Timmer, a Dutch youth worker, lighted the fireworks.

During the celebration of five years partnership between Most and Meppel in 2004 both municipalities agreed to give more attention to 'youth' and 'youth policy' in the coming years.

In 2005 Most and Meppel, and in person among others Mr. P. Weiss, Mr. J. Hasil, Mrs. S. Dekastellova and Mr. W. van Esch, were involved in the preparation and realisation of a youth exchange between four European countries in the Province of Drenthe. The exchange took place in October 2005. The evaluation is not ready at the moment. The youth had a good experience. Mr. van Esch likes to hear more details of the experiences with the exchange after this meeting.

In April 2005 a small delegation of Meppel visited Most and had meetings with Mr. P. Weiss and Mr. L. Steiner (Catholic Charity Organisation). In the meetings we discussed more possibilities with 'youth' and 'youth policy' exchange. In the meeting with Mr. Steiner we discussed more possibilities with programs of the European Union.

In Meppel the Municipality of Meppel works together (coordinated youth policy) with all the organisations who play a role with youth. The cooperation has two main targets: prevention and youth participation. The project called 'Jeugd Aan Zet' (= Youth on the Move) has a great effect on education, crime, youth care, youth unemployment, and so on.

Mr. van Esch sees more possibilities and opportunities for international cooperation and exchange between Most and Meppel.

1. Continuation of youth exchanges together or not together with other countries and municipalities ('Program Youth' action 1 of the European Union)
2. Exchange of volunteers ('Program Youth' action 2)
3. Expert meeting(s) of functionaries in the field of youth policy in Most and Meppel ('Program Youth' action 5)
4. Cooperation between Most and Meppel in the 'Equal program'. 'Equal' is an antidiscrimination program of the European Union. Equal chances: men-woman, race, young-old, disability, (un)employment, ... In Most the Catholic Charity Organisation works with Equal. In Meppel the Equal Program is planned in cooperation with two Italian and three German municipalities. It is curious that Most and Meppel as partners did not find each other in this project.

Mr. J. Hort (Catholic Charity Organisation):

The expert meeting is a good idea. In the region Most the youth organisations already work together. They organised four theme meetings, the first is 2 February. He invites Mr. van Esch to visit the meeting.

Mr. P. Weiss:

The municipality of Most is local coordinator of 'Equal', the Charity Organisation is one of the partners. Most works together with, among others, Hoorn in the Netherlands. It is a good idea that Most and Meppel try to work together in Equal, when possible to connect the both networks. He is positive about looking for more possibilities in the cooperation and exchanges between Most and Meppel.

Mr. L. Steiner (Catholic Charity) and Mr. J. Hasil (Leisure Centre) will be the contact persons for further actions. Mrs. S. Varhulikova and Mr. M. Fedic will also support further contacts and be helpful in case of language problems. Mr. Weiss and Mr. van Esch will exchange more detailed information about Equal to each other.

Small workgroups afterwards will work out further steps: sports and youth.

Mrs. S. Dekastellova and Mr. W. van Esch discussed afterwards in more detail the exchange in October and the eventually continuation of this multilateral exchange. The youth leaders have to discuss some disagreements in methods and maintaining the rules.

Action:

-Exchange information about program EQUAL and YOUTH

-To set up a framework for a joint programme.

Commitment for this framework to be ready springtime 2006.

-To set up in Meppel and in Most working groups to realise the agreed programmes.

-Most to inform Willem van Esch about the Most TCA number

Willem P. van Esch

Attachment 3

Subject: SPORT EXCHANGE

Open positive discussion in general about possibilities of different sports: athletics, baseball, swimming, volleyball, baseball, handball, tennis and golf. Reactions and feelings at both parties very positive.

To establish optimal communication between Most and Meppel to further explore and to work out possibilities Mr. Weis suggested to have Eva Martinovska and Milan Rubac as contact persons.

Eva Martinovska will approach the clubs and experts in Most to discuss the possibilities in detail. Eva will report appr. end February/March.

Jacob Hasil, co worker from CVC and promoter of a new sport named Billiard Hockey explained this novelty to us.

Leo Scholte ter Horst and Harm Jan Lanjouw will investigate the possibilities of this billiard game in Meppel.

Action points:

- Eva and Leo to investigate further the possibilities for exchange of athletics and baseball in Most and Meppel with emphasis on youth sport exchange.
Aim is to start end 2006 / early 2007.
- Leo and Harm Jan Lanjouw to investigate possibilities for billiard hockey in Meppel.
- Reporting on possibilities May 2006.

Leo Scholte ter Horst

Attachment 4

Subject: ART and CULTURE EXCHANGE

Friday morning the 20th of January representatives of art and culture from Most and Meppel had a meeting.

The meeting took place in Hotel Cascade in Most and the following persons were in attendance:

Most

- School of Music –Mrs. Milena Bittnerova
- Primary School – Mrs. Daniela Emmerova
- School of Arts – Mr. Josef Zednik

Meppel

- Representative Foundation Most- Meppel – Mr. Bert Straatman (former director of School of Arts in Meppel)

The subject was to organise a kind of CZECH ART FESTIVAL in Meppel in 2007.

A Festival where all kinds of Art are cooperating.

- music (solo, ensembles, bands, choirs, etc.)
- art (sculpture, painting, etc.)
- ballet, folkdance
- popular music (bands; groups)
- puppet theatre
- expositions
- visiting teachers
- master classes

All these possible forms of art are cultivated in Most and therefore we wish that all the participants and groups come from Most or District Most.

This proposal led to an interesting discussion about the possibilities and possible problems to organise such an ambitious Festival.

We established that it is needed a financial security to both sides to have success.

Time is an essential factor and of course co-operation with all the possible participants.

We agreed that the three above-mentioned representatives from the three schools in Most are going to investigate the possibilities for organising this Festival.

Mr. Josef Zednik will lead this investigation and will also report in the end of February if there is any chance to do so.

After this meeting Mr. Straatman took part in an other meeting in the townhall and also there he informed the participants of the plans to organise a Czech Art Festival in Meppel.

Mr. Weisz and all the others were enthusiast about the plans.

Actions:

- Representatives from Most investigate the possibilities for organising the Festival
- Mr. Zednik will report end of February
- Mr. Straatman then will discuss the possibilities in Meppel
- Mr. Straatman will try to organise the necessary funds, in co-operation with Most
- To have a successful Festival, money from Brussels is needed.
We will try to get money from Brussels with support of the communities Meppel and Most

Bert Straatman