



Verein der Eltern und Freunde
der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.
Society of Parents and Friends
of the John F. Kennedy School Berlin e.V.

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Minutes of The Verein Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
at: 19:00 in Filmroom GR117 JFK Schule Teltower Damm

Board Present: Tracey Tober, Katrin Lührs, Buck Chisolm, Theresa Helou, Karrie Riemer, Vanessa Hansen, Nelly Heidbrink

Excused Board: Melissa Cattarius (Buck Chisolm took the minutes in her place), Vinh Beinholt-Pham, Fionnuala Hoffmann, Adrian Ludwig

Representing School Administration: Brian Salzer absent

Also present: Eva El-Alfy

Meeting opened at 19:00 by chair Tracey Tober.

1.) Approval of agenda

- Request to add a funding request to the agenda coming from Herr Martin. Agenda approved.

2.) Approval of minutes - of January 2019 meeting

- Minutes approved.

3.) Principal's Notes – Brian Salzer

- Lernmittelfund. All is in order regarding the administration of the Lernmittelfund. Mr. Salzer hopes this word spreads as fast as the rumors currently abounding. He wishes this be put behind us. He states The Verein helps the school in many ways. A complement to the Verein. He mentioned the new funding request for €150 for costumes (re. Herr Martin noted above). The students and teachers have good things to say about the Verein.
- Bicycle riding school. Cost of the stop light may be absorbed by Senat? Use by other schools should be considered, not only JFKS. Bike riding school in Steglitz will be closed for renovations for approximately one year. This may provide an

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opportunity for the police (assigned to the Steglitz facility?) to support our bike course. Possibility of funding from the police/Senat/other schools for use which may be used to fund additional needs. (i.e. purchase bikes or traffic light).

- Construction of an outdoor classroom . . . another school has one. Mr. Salzer shared his vision of a pavilion along these lines.
- Frustration with HS kids and Fun Run. Need to find a way to get them involved. Theresa Helou related a recent trip to pinball hall which might be a fund-raising opportunity. Grades 9-12 pinball instead of running. Each grade goes for 45 minutes to an hour. Developing opportunity. SC meeting on 6 March. Mr. Salzer's idea is a – dance-a-thon – with a hip hop instructor to help.
- Haus Reil counselors are putting together a synopsis of what they currently do regarding education of students in non-core activities. This synopsis is to be shared with the SK, Verein and perhaps PC.
- Vanessa Hansen had a question about increased school (grounds) security. The managing director noted that funding for increased security was first requested in 2008. A brief outline of current funding and initiatives. (Note: on 28 Feb the PC distributed an update on security from the managing director to the parent reps for cascading to the class parents.)
- The managing director thanks The Verein and departed the meeting at 19:17.

4.) Treasurer's report – Buck Chisolm

- Current cash balance is €92,372 with firm obligations to spend €40,575. Expected addition membership income estimated at €14,250. Based on this we are looking at a balance of €65k without further spending.

5.) Projects

- **Thank You reception.** Only positive comments. Theresa Helou reported that another teacher came up with compliment today. Time of this party (directly after school hours) seemed to be perfect.

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- **Flea Market** – Veronica Strange is willing to take over. Needs help. Maybe just JFK families. Herr Werner does not want to work that day. We will figure it out.

6.) Requests

- Librarian requesting €267.50 for book reading on May 15th, 2019, by German author Lena Hach. Consensus that the requester be asked to assure this book reading would be for all 2nd graders. Disposition: Once assurance is received that all classes are covered, an email vote will be distributed.
- Request by Herr Martin to cover the cost of costumes for a play to be given on March 8th and 9th. Approved by a vote of 11 – 0.

9.) Miscellaneous

- March 7th Film Room at 8:00am to sort the SEPA forms. Email to go out to seek support.
- Buck Chisolm commented on membership that Veronica Strange is taking over with Buck backing her up.
- Nelly Heidbrink commented regarding traffic committee radar sign.
- Webmaster to update - who can do this? Student? Sam has volunteered to update the German side.

Meeting adjourned at 19:34.

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