



Verein der Eltern und Freunde
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der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.
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Minutes of The Verein Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

at: 19:00 in the Film room, GR117, JFK Schule Teltower Damm

Board Present (11 total): 10 present: Tracey Tober, Katrin Lührs, Buck Chisolm, Eva El-Alfy, Theresa Helou, Vanessa Hansen, Lynn Brinda, Karri Riemer, John Mask, Nelly Heidbrink

Excused Board: Vinh Pham-Beinhold (Tracey voting rights for her)

Representing School Administration: Brian Salzer

Also present: Jacqui Bespolka, Melissa Cattarius, Lia Rigamonti, Veronica Strange, Kristen Winkler, Fionnula Hoffmann

Meeting opened at 19:00 by chair Tracey Tober.

Changes to the agenda:

- New request for 40 mugs for career day
- The French exchange program bbq request was voted on via e-mail and approved
- The treasurer requests 1440 EUR for locker cleaning

1.) Approval of agenda

Yes, approved (11 yes)

2.) Approval of minutes - of February 27, 2019 meeting

Yes, approved (11 yes)

3.) Principal's note - Brian Salzer

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- Thanks Tracey for her leadership of the Verein and all she does for the school
- Praises the **Verkehrsschule** as a wonderful addition to the school and the wider community
- **Campus improvement** should not be the Verein's responsibility, but neither Senat, nor District took it on. Could the Verein therefore please consider to do something here, f.ex. new basketball hoops? Maybe the company who did the Verkehrsschule could be asked to do some of this work. Lynn suggests to try to find a sponsor. We can make suggestions and Mr. Salzer would send them on to the Senat.
- **Büchergeld/ Lernmittelfund**: the parent money for books will definitely not be done next year. We will hopefully have enough money to cover all the needed books. It is planned that the school purchases all the books. Tracey asks, if we could close the account and transfer all the left-over money to the Senat. At the moment this is not possible, since there is not such an account or partner on the side of the Senat. The left-over money can only be used by the school for books.

4.) Note from the Student Council - JaNeil Wehr

No news to report. She suggests that Fun Run should be made more like Fun Day;

5.) Treasurer's Report – Buck Chisolm:

60.000 EUR in the account

Membership: still 75 members /5.300 EUR are outstanding, but 80% of those are high schoolers, so we will get these fees because of the lockers. We are well ahead of the membership fee collection in comparison to the previous years.

a) Merging of the different Verein bank accounts

See Appendix 2

b) Locker policy

Kristen Winkler reads out a proposal from the people who do not want to be a Verein member, but use the lockers. They suggest that the Verein changes it's policy to renting the lockers out to everybody, then this would not challenge the Vereins tax exempt status.

Buck explains the Verein's position on this. See Appendix 1

6.) Projects

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Fun Run update: Sponsors only cover 1.500 EUR, should the Verein cover the remaining 4.000 EUR for the t-shirts? We lost our sponsor for the t-shirts two years ago. Last year the kids were very disappointed not to get t-shirts. Buck explains that we make around 80.000 with Fun Run.
Voted on: 10 yes, 1 abstaining

Flea Market 2019 update: Still looking for volunteers. We have lots of registrations for 15 EUR for a table. We need set-up, bake sale, clean up, front gate; the community service kids will also help out.

7.) Requests

Interrupting Oppression Workshop an empowering and beneficial workshop about interrupting oppressive language for all staff and students- Myriah Day

She has done this workshop already several times. She elaborates how you should react to offensive language. Not just either saying no or insulting the speaker, but also not ignoring it, but talking about it, explaining why it is not okay and start meaningful discussions. This workshop is wanted by teachers and the administration.

In November are two development days. An expert, Sally Eck, would fly in from Oregon; 20-30 JFKS students would be trained as peer mentors, then all elementary and all high school teachers would be trained and then all the 8th graders would be trained on another day.

Finnoulla questions if this would be in competition with "positive discipline". Myriah says no, it will be complementary.

We will do an e-mail vote about this, because Myriah says that she will know tomorrow if and how much she would get from other sources.

John suggests to favorably vote on this but not on how much.

All yes (11 votes)

Water fountain project - Beate Neumann

The project "Save the future" from 5e; the 5e started a cup rental to convince people to use reusable coffee. Idea: offer reusable coffee-to-go-cups with JFKS logo. People would get it for free if they sign a contract that they would not use a plastic one for a certain time; same idea for reusable water bottles for free for signing a contract

Asks for :

500 water bottles from IKEA - 250 EUR

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Water fountain workshop with tiptap - 950 EUR

Inside water fountain - 2000 EUR

Reusable bamboo or porcelain cups with JFKS logo - 1000 EUR

Total: 4200 EUR

They already received 2000 EUR funding from Stiftung Bildung, leaving 2200 EUR she asks from the Verein. We encourage her to come back with a request for more water fountains

All yes (11 votes)

40 mugs for career day for the speakers; plus 20 for the teachers who are leaving at the end of the school year (12 American and 8 German teachers are leaving). The Verein sponsors mugs as a farewell gift.

All yes (11 votes)

Jason Ablang is the new designer of the school shop; the old graphic designer got an Ehrenamtpauschale , 720 EUR per year. This is also decided for Jason.

All yes (11 votes)

JFKS French exchange program bbq - Vanessa Hansen (was voted on via e-mail - approved)

8.) Report about requests that were decided via e-mail vote

Chrome books - whether we should proceed to demand our money back or the missing chrome books delivered; advice given by an expert to go to court; it was decided to move forward

Update: we don't need to go to court, because the company gave in and is sending us the missing chrome books;

Technology equipment for the high school - request by David Krupsky for 700-990 EUR; was granted

Payment of the old bookkeeper - to compensate for extra work done during last year, 720 EUR; was granted

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Additional funds for Odyssey of the Mind - 220 EUR, was granted

9.) Miscellaneous

Verkehrsschule/bike shed update: We managed to get the shed completely for free, donated by Obi and got it installed for free. The Verein's old Obi account was re-installed with no specific sum on it. Admin has asked us to earmark the same amount for a second shed to store bicycles in. Admin also wants to open the Verkehrsschule to Schweizerschule. By opening it to other schools Senat will fund our Verkehrsschule, too.

The traffic signs have arrived.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony June 12, 12:00, with the mayor and the press, sponsors, the press and radio stations. The Verein will pay for the printing (50 EUR) of the invitations and fund some refreshments through "Brunch at school" (250 EUR).

New items at the school shop - Melissa Cattarius

New items have arrived and are shown around.

Lynn suggests that the shop gets a white t-Shirt with a textile sharpie for the end of the year.

Melissa shows the high school winning design. There is a discussion about how many should be ordered. This can be talked about with the shop volunteers and maybe EXCO.

Fionnula brings up that we should check where our items for the shop are made.

Webpage - Especially the German version needs to be updated. We need a webmaster.

Project sheet - Planning for the coming school year. Volunteers needed

Display case - Theresa Helou

Membership Drive - Veronica Strange will do it with the help of somebody else (reconciling membership forms with the date base)

Class money - Lynn Brinda will help Tracey Tober

Website - ??? We might have to pay someone

Gas Cylinder refill - (the grill will not be handed out until they are filled) Lynn Brinda and Vanessa Hansen

Freiwilligen Pass - Lynn Brinda will do a handover to Lia Rigamonti

Family needs - Theresa Helou and Katrin Lührs

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All the projects - Tracey Tober

The next meeting will be on June 14, 19:00. It will be the last meeting of the school year and we will have burgers and please bring a dish to share for a potluck buffet at Katrin Lührs's place, Ahornhof 4 in Kleinmachnow. It will be a potluck; a list will be send around.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55

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