



Verein der Eltern und Freunde der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.  
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## Minutes February 9, 2012

Andrea Schulte, Bettina Moegelin, Sigrun Roßberg, Barbara Piplat, Tanya Buchwald, James Bell, Isolde Streit, Klaus Stein, Antje Staritz Thams, Natalja Bednar, Carla Greiner-Prachter, Kimberley Schneidereit, Frau Röschel, Miriam Schmeling  
Susanne Vogel-Küntzle and Annette Smith arrived late because they promoted the VEREIN at the elementary school parent evening.  
Guests signed an attendance sheet (find attached).

### 1. Approval of agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

#### 4. Miscellaneous:

- Request to purchase additional glasses
- HS renovation
- Administration (Schulleiter-) budget
- Tax letters

The agenda was approved thereafter.

### 2. Approval of minutes from Board Meeting January 19, 2012

The minutes from our last meeting were approved. Thank you to Susanne Vogel-Küntzle for taking on the task of writing them up ☺

### 3. Interested parents and potential new candidates were welcomed. Everybody briefly introduced themselves. A list of participants is attached.

### 4. Requests

Herr Butemann requesting € 2500 for the ski-trip as every year. All voting members present at that time (9) voted in favor.

→ approved

### 5. Discussion

#### ✎ Constitution changes (document attached)

§2 Die Körperschaft replaced by Der Verein

§4 those who leave the school automatically lose membership (delete “durch Erklärung in Textform” and the word “Elternteil”)

Vote on whether we should send out the constitution changes adding another column explaining why the changes were made. 9 in favor, 1 against.

→ approved



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↪ Guidelines board for AGM  
→ postponed to next meeting

↪ Change of bank, student activity account  
Natalja explained that a change of bank will be necessary and presented several options (chart + information attached). Discussion and decision on what we will do will follow in our next meeting.  
The student activity account is in the Vereins name and was managed by Dr. Hepner until he retired. Tim Germann is willing to take on the job of managing it along with the student activities in the future. We voted on keeping the account and on transferring signatory authority to Tim Germann and Kerstin Buse and/or whoever takes on this responsibility in the future. As in the past the VEREIN will not manage this account nor pay costs incurred. We merely have the account in our name. All were in favor, no abstentions. → Approved

↪ Lockers  
Frau Röschel thanked the Verein for handling the issuing of lockers and locks in the past, which was much appreciated. However, in the future the administration will take this task on again (not least for authoritative reasons). The German assistant principal will be in charge as of summer 2012.  
A discussion on whether we want to stick to the system of free lockers for members and whether we want to give non-members the possibility of renting Mietra lockers followed. The tax consultant recommended ceasing to offer the Mietra rental option as by doing so we offer “financial advantages to members” which is unlawful. We then voted on the following: Lockers will be given out to members only. The Mietra option will no longer be available. All were in favor, no abstentions. The school conference will be informed regarding these changes.

↪ Staff costs 2012  
Herr Schultz: described the concept of co-workers: They have come to play a very important role in keeping up the standard of the school, esp. in subjects like science where they help out in the lab area. They are paid for two years by the Jobcenter. Then the support runs out. Two people are especially affected: Thomas Werner whose contract ran out in January and Karin Kühn whose contract runs out in March. We discussed whether we want to spend VEREIN monies on financing service positions to the school and voted on this question → all in favor, no abstentions. We will still have to work out how these positions can be put into the legal frame of the school system (e.g. AG-Leiter)



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## 6. Miscellaneous

- ↪ Request to purchase additional glasses for receptions and other festive events for € 25. All were in favor → Request approved.
- ↪ HS renovation – Natalja explained updated costs for HS renovation. It turns out that additional 2.500 € are required. Frau Röschel explained that the money will be taken from the money initially allocated to the camera project for the aula. We voted on spending € 1200 + tax on cleaning of the lockers. All in favor → approved.
- ↪ Administration (Schuleiter-) budget – Due to time constraints this item was postponed to our next meeting.
- ↪ Sending out of Tax letters (Steuerbriefe) – Item postponed to next meeting.