



Verein der Eltern und Freunde der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.
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THE JFKS VEREIN • Teltower Damm 87-93 • 14167 Berlin

Minutes Verein Meeting February 28th 2013, 7.00 – 9.40 pm

JFKS, Teltower Damm 87 -93, 14167 Berlin, room GR 117

Susanne Volkmer, Katharine Doeringer, Susanne Vogel-Küntzle, Bettina Moegelin, Marion Greeves, Isolde Streit, Klaus Stein, Jennifer Guethoff, Leah Hecker, Klaus Stein
Mr. Kelly, Herr Roth, Kimberley Schneidereit
excused: Tanya Buchwald, Birgit Parr, Caroline Maas, Eavan Schmidt-Bleek
Frau Stahl, Jonas Hämmerle, Calvin Weese
minutes: Susanne Vogel-Küntzle

The chairperson Susanne Volkmer opens the meeting at 7.10 pm.

1. Approval of agenda

„JFKS goes green“ can report first and go home afterwards.

Student Council has a quick request.

2. Approval of minutes from Board Meeting November 8th, 2012

- approved

3. „JFKS goes green“ – bathroom project (presented by Milena and Zoe)

On March 9th from 1 – 4 pm a group of students wants to paint 9 bathrooms in the HS to get rid of graffiti. Proposal: white walls and doors with green leaf ornaments (has to be approved by administration). The VEREIN favours the idea with the green ornaments. Kimberley Schneidereit will supervise the project.

Students are asking for **345,51 €** material from the OBI account.

> approved unanimously

Students are asked to take pictures of the project for the VEREIN to use and mention the VEREIN as supporter.

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4. Funding for art department – discussion with Frau Stahl

Frau Stahl explains which problems the HS Art Show had been facing in the past until in 2010 they could purchase four display boards with VEREIN money. They chose expensive ones for sturdiness and durability.

The art department would like to build a stock of max. 10 display boards and 8 pedestals and is currently asking the VEREIN for three more display boards and 8 pedestals (**1497,17 €**).

Herr Roth says that the requested items can be bought from the school's budget. Frau Stahl will immediately send in her request to the administration.

The funding for the glass blowing project last November is still not settled. The glass blower was paid for by the school, but the costs for the glass balls and paint (**215, 70 €**) remain with Frau Stahl and she renews her request. > **denied** unanimously

Frau Stahl explains how the art department uses its budget (€ 500 per year): material for photography, art supplies, special projects of individual teachers.

The VEREIN expresses its concern about the high costs for the Istanbul trip (€ 680) in June. 22 students are going, we had four requests for funding, and two more students are supported by the Job Center. There is no doubt about the high quality of the trip but we notice a constantly increasing number of requests for supporting class trips. A meeting with the administration should be held about a possible cap for class trips.

5. Requests

» Calvin Weese on behalf of the SC thanks the VEREIN for its support at a recent school event. The SC would like to have special t-shirts so that its members can easily be recognized at special occasions. The t-shirts would stay with the SC. SC is asked to meet with the shop ladies and talk about ideas and their feasibility.

» Several sport teachers would like to have sets of uniform shirts whenever JFKS sport teams go to competition outside the school. Marion Greeves is thinking of mesh quality sport tank shirts in a catchy colour with a print on motive that can be worn over the normal sport dress. The logistics still have to be sorted out (who keeps the shirts, who

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washes them). A first set of 60 shirts in various sizes would cost **350 €**. Additional shirts could be ordered any time. **> approved** unanimously

6. Miscellaneous

- Recap 50th anniversary party:

There was a lot of positive feedback and the evening can be regarded as a big success. Special thanks go to Dagmar Hoppe, Theodora Schnauck, Bettina Moegelin and Marion

Greeves.

- Preparation AGM

The invitations went out in time (thanks to Katharine Doeringer), everything runs smoothly. There are already a couple of questions by interested parents concerning the balance, another meeting of the board is necessary before the AGM.

- LSK project / JFKS mentoring project – Bettina Moegelin

A big Thank-you goes to Bettina Moegelin who together with Herr Schulze succeeded in acquiring € 10.000 EU money for a special mentoring project at JFKS: potential HS dropouts get individual counseling to keep them on track. The money is meant to finance 10 months, Herr Werner will act as helper and organiser for € 200 per month, the remaining € 8.000 will finance 180 hours of counseling for which Bettina has already organised a psychologist, a mediator and two didactic therapists.

If the project is successful a follow-up financing has to be found, one idea is the financing through the association of alumni.

Herr Werner has to contact the job center and sort out questions concerning his temporary extra income.

Herr Roth asks that also 6th graders are included in this project, because an increasing number of students leave the school after 6th grade.

- MAE / FAV

After the AGM Herr Schulze wants to come to a VEREIN meeting to talk about MAE (Mehraufwandsentschädigung) and FAV (Förderung von Arbeitsverhältnissen) regarding Herr Werner and Frau Kühn.

- Herr Roth gives a short update on the aula renovation. A new ceiling with insulation, proper ventilation and all the preparations for technical equipment will cost 400.000 €. This includes the lighting for the aula but neither lighting for the stage nor any other technical equipment.

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Talking about the aula ceiling gives Susanne Volkmer the following idea: when a structural physicist examines the aula ceiling he can afterwards go to the ES and examine the hallway ceiling as well. Natalja Bednar had sent in a request for such an examination (800 - 1200 €) too late for today's agenda. It is the prerequisite to get the insulation of the hallway ceiling going.

Herr Roth will try to reach a clear decision of the Senat of Berlin about the status of the JFKS. If JFKS becomes a "Senatsschule" there will be more money available which is desperately needed a.o. for the restructuring of the roofs. As long as the status of the school is not clear neither the Bezirksamt nor the Senat feel fully responsible for the school with the result that necessary maintenance and repair is not done.

- Shop

Isolde and Marion will order new t-shirts that go with the sweatshirts, t-shirts for the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy speech, commuter mugs and messenger bags. Students going on the Fort Collins exchange (5th/6th grade) get two t-shirts for 10 € which is almost cost-covering.

Since Wednesday is by far the stronger selling day, the shop will not open on Thursdays anymore.

- HS renovation project - Treppensanierung

Thanks to a passage that Natalja included in the contract with the stair cleaning company, they have to take care of the damage that was done to the already painted sidewalls at no extra costs. The VEREIN will only pay the bill when all the work is done properly.

- PN computer is tabled, an extra meeting about several PN issues is necessary after the AGM, could also be done by a workgroup.

Meeting ends at 9.40 pm.

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