

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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Teltower Damm 87-93 • 14167 Berlin

Minutes of The Verein Meeting

Monday, September 18 2017

at: John-F. Kennedy-School, Teltower Damm 87-93, 14167, Filmroom GR117

Present were:

Board: Wendy Rohrbacher, Vanessa Hansen, Melissa Cattarius, Theresa Helou, Fionnuala Hoffmann, Tracey Tober, Vinh Pham-Beinold, Marion Patt, Sabine Widmaier

Excused Board: Klaus Hentges

Representing School Administration: Frau Ohlendorf, ES German Principal.

Also present: Kimberley Schneidereit, Buck Chisolm, Jacqui Bespolka, Susan Brown, Lynn Brinda, Andreas Gleitze, Alexandra Reece, Anja Hollmann, Daniel A. Rios, Lisa Ward, Jessica Harnos, Michelle Charter, Ludivine Mouton, Jacqueline Borchardt, Josefine Köhn-Haskins

Meeting opened at 19:00 by chair Wendy Rohrbacher.

Introduction of the Verein by Wendy Rohrbacher. What the Verein is and what it does.

1.) Approval of agenda

- Agenda is amended to add to requests and approved.

2.) Approval of minutes - of meeting June 15, 2017

- Minutes approved.

3) Intro of Committees

- **Spooktacular;** Kimberley Schneidereit. Setup with same volunteers as last time. Booths, trick-or-treat bags, 7-11 items in 800 trick or treat bags, wrist bands ordered, posters & arm bands by Sabine Widmaier. Kimberley explained the Spooktacular to Frau Ohlendorf.
- **Continuing Projects:** Kimberley Schneidereit. Terrace – company hard to contact about wood around sitting areas on deck. Working on cost estimate comparison for repair & moving of 3 game tables back to the deck. Need 3 new stools as well. Thank you.
- **Locker Committee:** Buck Chisolm. Kristin absent. 806 lockers rented. Thank you to parents and students who helped. Sent article to Parent Newsletter. Want to replace old lockers on 3rd floor – in the works, early stage.
- **Supply Kits Committee:** Theresa & Tracey. 60+ supply kits sold at beginning of

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school year. Confusion with sign up for The Verein in Supply Kits – needs to be adapted.

- **Traffic Committee:** Ludevine. Entire JFKS community has been reached – they went to every parent evening. Will write in Parent Newsletter. She wants flexibility from last request for stickers. She would like fliers instead of stickers. Not asking for any additional money. Speed sensor – no word yet from the district. Question from new member about what to do when you need to take a u-turn.
- **School Shop:** Melissa Cattarius. Showed items sold in shop. Answered Frau Ohlendorf's question of amount of sales/year. Looking for 1-2 new members for the Shop Team.
- **Flea Market:** Marion Patt. She started this 7 years ago. 140 stands last year. 1000s of people come. Has become the best children's Fleamarket in Berlin. 10€ per Stand. End of May/beg June. She needs someone to help take this over. Not an option to donate items to the Verein to sell. At end of day can give to Refugee org.
- **Membership Drive:** Vanessa Hansen. Fionnuala and Vanessa working on this. Need to have members sign up as soon as they enter the school. Otherwise, difficult to have people sign up until High School. Need to brain storm. Buck suggests we brand our Verein so it is easily recognizable. Theresa is working with a graphic designer to develop a poster to list all JFK organisations so parents know what is offered and differences between them all. This can be hung up everywhere around school. The Verein and Friendship Center logos similar – need to distinguish.
- **Book keeper:** Andreas Gleitze. Around 800 members total in The Verein. Slight program difficulty. Next meeting can have exact numbers.
- **Fun Run Committee:** Wendy Rohrbacher. Sept. 22. 8-14:30 on Sports Field. Students collect sponsors for running laps that day. Projects this year are extension of Mensa – Awning, help renovate tables and chairs outside and sports department which needs t-shirts for events where our school is represented.

3.) Principal's Notes: Frau Magdalena Ohlendorf. Many thanks for all those who are here tonight and give our support to our school. She finds this toll!!! 1000 Dank und weiter so. The first weeks with parent evenings and Einschulung, welcome for new parents – Orientation Day, etc... She feels a strong security because of the Verein. The new families and teachers feel this as well and she appreciates all our efforts.

- Inclusion
- Fortbildung for teachers to help students. November-workshop days will address this.
- Differencierung. Paris event.
- Google boot camp. How can one use Google in the classroom.
- Sprachbildung. Today at school. New Teil B Rahm plan. Wie achtet mann auf Sprache. Besonders wichtig für JFK mit 2 Sprachen. Fachsprache usw... Das kommt im November wieder.
- New students have been accepted at beginning of school year.
- Not enough personnel. Need more German teachers: 2 in ES. French and Spanish teacher in HS.

4.) Susanne Volkmer stepped down from The Verein in August 2017. Big thanks to her for her years of dedication.

5.) Requests

- **Music Department:** Dr. Curtis. HS Honor Choir Festival, Association of Music in International Schools. Mar 1-3, 2018 – JFKS is sponsoring it. Students from everywhere. RBB Hall am Funkturm Gala Concert. March 3. 7pm. Eintritt frei.

Asking for 400€ to print invites, signs and flowers for this invitation. Vote: 8 yes.
Approved.

- **Alumni Association.** Gala Benefit Concert. 480 tickets Gayle Tufts. Oct 7 at JFK Aula. Asking for 250€ for flowers and decoration. Vote approved: 8 yes.
- **8th Grade Ski Trip.** Herr Müller. Advance 2700€. Vote Approved. Second request to rent a second car, so 2 cars instead of 1. Max 1100€. Vote approved. 8 yes.
- **HS Library.** German books. Min Tjoa. Book reading with Zoran Drvenkar in October in the HS Library. Request support of 350€. Questions need to be answered and will have an email vote. Age group, how long, when – during school or after, working with German Department?
- **Pre-request from Seniors.** Kimberley Schneidereit. Student Lounge (Schlounge) for 11th & 12th graders needs renovation. New flooring and furniture/rugs. They have raised 200€ so far, 100€ from Spooktacular, 100€ from Prom left over. Total 400-500€. Flooring from the school. Table for studying, large corner leather couch, 2-3 leather chairs requested. How much would the Verein be willing to give them? 3 quotations. Students need to do their homework.
- **Fun Run** 4000€ advance to be deducted after Fun Run money comes in.
- **Ehrenamtpauschale.** Fun Run. Wendy Rohrbacher and Melissa Cattarius. 720€ each. Vote approved.
- **Water for Garden Day.** Tracey Tober. They can have what is left over from the Fun Run. No vote.

6.) **Event Tshirts discussed.** Mr. Baildon not returning tshirts and needs to refund money to Verein for those not returned. We could write to parents of 9th and 10th graders on FB. Melissa will do this.

7.) **Project sheet sign up.** Need volunteers for rolling and recurring projects. Alexandra Reece signed up to help with Website and Christmas Tree/Hannukah decorating. Theresa signed up to maintain the display case.

Meeting ends at 21:00