

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, 21 February 2018

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

Present were:

Board: Wendy Rohrbacher, Klaus Hentges, Melissa Cattarius, Theresa Helou, Fionnuala Hoffmann, Tracey Tober, Sabine Widmaier

Excused Board: Vanessa Hansen, Vinh Pham-Beinold, Marion Patt

Representing School Administration: Mr. Salzer, HS American Principal & MD

Also present: Nelly Heidbrink, Jacqueline Bespolka, Kristin Winkler, Jacqueline Routier, Andreas Gleitze

Meeting opened at 19:04 by chair Wendy Rohrbacher.

1.) Approval of agenda

- Agenda is amended and approved.

2.) Approval of minutes - of meeting January 24, 2018

- Minutes approved.

3.) Principal's Notes.

- Student Lounge – students did own fundraising as well as ask Verein for support. Carpet has been ordered. Students are getting results.
- Herr Werner has been informed his mini job contract ends in July. New Hausmeister job open in January 2019 which he must apply for and is not guaranteed. How can he be aided during the 6 month time? Herr Werner always repairs the lockers for the Verein, look after garden, etc... PC willing to support him a small bit. Klaus suggests he registers as self employed so he can send bills. Herr Werner never wanted to do this due to taxes.
- 8th grade ski trip. Takes 2 chaperones. Verein used to support with 700€. The German budget took this over, but now this has ended. The chaperone no longer have funds covered. The Trust Fund will not cover it. Would the Verein be willing to cover these costs for the chaperones next year 2019? No, because the Verein already pays for the transport there and gifts from the school shop.

4.) Projects

- Verein Website update – Alexandra could not come. Denise is with the provider 1&1 we've been using. The invoices still come to Theresa – this should be changed so they are sent to Verein instead of Theresa. Sabine will correct the request form pdf and update the email address.
- Locker Committee – Kristen Winkler. Replacing the old lockers in 3 OG. 117 lockers to be removed, 100-112 new ones. 4 companies and 6 offers have been received. Kristen made a lovely comparison sheet. Kessler and Mietra are the favorites. Praktikant has good ventilation, better price, can do this in our time frame. Mietra we have already, stable, inside 6cm higher so can fit more. New lockers would have a grey body, doors blue. Klaus asks if a student from SC should maybe take a look at the lockers when Buck goes soon. Will vote per email.
- Student Wellness – Wendy Rohrbacher. Vanessa absent. Students would like to improve: communication of services available like the quiet room where the students can go for peace; mandatory message delivery like assemblies in Aula (2 grades at a time) so all students receive the same information; need for more quiet places (from 3-4pm) when they have free between classes so they can do homework – can we make a corner or room for them?; more teacher support like follow Berlin guidelines, feel they are not taken seriously, earlier academic advising for Abitur vs. Diploma and making sure the students are in the proper class a-e.
- Thank You Reception Update – Tracey met with Mr. Krupski, April 13th is date. Will be in Aula Hof. Community Service volunteers will be there. Hawaiian Luau theme. No costumes necessary. Boy Scouts will grill. Verein sponsors the food. Budget must be approved via email vote or at March meeting. Invitations per email and printed.
- Info Graphic – Theresa Helou. Showed an example of the graphic explain the difference between all organisations associated with JFKS. Well done. Should be finished in 2 weeks.

5.) Requests

- Screenagers – Jacqueline. Documentary of teenagers growing up in the digital age. She reached out to the school counsellors. Would like it to be community wide – parents and students. Multiple screenings would be necessary. 2018, this year. The licensing fee of 650€ /community (not per screening, but per community) required by the producers in order to show it. This is her request. Would the Verein support this amount? Helpful in dialog about digital use. Once the funding is possible then the conversation can begin with admin and counsellors with planning. Tamara and Vanessa also working on this. Fionnuala would like to be included on this and on Student Wellness. Fionnuala says in the US, they charge bn \$2-5 and offer a Q&A after the showing for a discussion. Perhaps the school budget can pay a part and the Verein pays a part. Verein is willing to support if the school does not support it, maybe funding can come from elsewhere, Verein would cover up to and not exceeding \$650. Vote: 7 yes approved
- Student Lounge – Clara excused due to heavy work. Asking for support on 3 new Ikea couches, vacuum, table & chairs set, total of €2622. Have set up a weekly cleaning schedule, 1 hr community service when they clean, they promise to keep things in order. Student lounge policy. Special thanks to the Student Lounge Community. Planning on doing monthly and bi-monthly bake sales to help pay for this. Verein suggests supporting 1788,62€: 2 couches, vacuum and table/chairs and encourage them to have a lounge-warming party involving all Abitur and Diploma students. Vote: 7 approved
- Lacrosse – Mr. Baildon. Trainers to help train for the Meisterschaft are coming from UK and they're having a BBQ. He requests 400€. Vote: 7 yes approved.

6.) Miscellaneous

- Project – Kimberley Schneidereit. Quote for the half bench 396€ more for a total of 3965.67€. Since a year has passed since last quote, this will now cost more. This is best quote out of 3. Do we the Verein still want to spend this amount of money on half a bench? Vote: 7 yes approved
- Kräuterschneke. Late Birds would like to take that over. SC also interested in taking that over. Perhaps they can work together.

Meeting ends at 20:46.