



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.

John-F.-Kennedy-Schule Teltower Damm 87-93 • 14167 Berlin

**Minutes of The Verein Meeting**  
Thursday, 11 October 2018  
at: 19.00 in Filmroom GR117 JFK Schule

Board Present: Tracey Tober, Katrin Lührs, Buck Chisolm, Melissa Cattarius, Theresa Helou, Nelly Heidbrink, Vanessa Hansen, Karrie Riemer

Excused Board: Vinh Pham-Beinhold, Adrian Ludwig, Fionnuala Hoffmann

Representing School Administration: Brian Salzer

Also present: Greg Turner, Jacqui Bespolka, Carlotta Senfleben, Swen Janke (Washeleski), Brian Salzer, Ja-Neil Wehr, Veronica Strange

Meeting opened at 19:00 by chair Tracey Tober.

**1.) Approval of agenda**

- Agenda is amended. Additions: Student Council will present, School Shop request. Approved.

**2.) Approval of minutes** - of meeting September 20, 2018

- Minutes approved.

**3.) Principal's Notes – Mr. Salzer.**

- Dusty muddy patches by Bear and Haus Reil need attention. Artificial grass is an idea or a spongy surface with a climbing or small playground another idea. Would the Verein like to make suggestions/be a part of this? Need quotes. Tracey said The Verein will look into it and possibly make it a Verein project.
- The admin team is interested in a teacher appreciation present. A voucher for a Tshirt or a special Tshirt just for the teachers is an idea & to give before the holidays so they can shop in our school shop or for Teacher Appreciation Day in April. They would like the Verein to cover this cost. 170 teachers.

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- New bathroom renovations needed desperately. Mr. Salzer is hoping to see some of the €30M promised from the Senat soon in order to do this.

### 3.) Student Council.

- Fun Run for HS. Maybe Holi Color festival instead is an idea. Or a few sport events like volleyball, basketball, soccer, etc... Game entries, for every goal the other team would have to pay a certain amount of money. Nelly said what about a pot luck. SC Add a few stands like Fun Day to Fun Run and have the HS kids run that. Have more food, drinks, and activities. Last Fun Run the HS kids sat around on the field and did hardly anything, they were bored. A dance-a-thon in one of the gyms an idea. An auction or quiz bowl/spelling bee. Bingo?

### 4.) Treasurer's Report – Buck Chisolm

- Accounts are in good shape

### 5.) Projects

- **Membership fee – Buck Chisolm.** A standard fee would make things much easier. Any objections? A good average fee would be 71€, maybe 75€? AGM meeting in March is when this vote will take place. No comments/objections so far.
- **Database - Buck Chisolm.** Overhaul about complete. Approx. 767 members, a few of which are exempted. Possibly over €51K fees coming in this fall. Next year only updating, everything has been cleaned up this fall.
- **SEPA – Buck Chisolm.** An email was sent around with the form for everyone to fill out and send in so it's clear who's in The Verein and not, who has paid and not, correct bank information, etc...
- **Traffic Committee – Nelly Heidbrink.**
  - Realistic news – city hall sending her around in circles. She'd like to release the Verein from the obligation for the 1500€ for sensors and banners bc the city is not getting back to her. We decided to keep it on the side for Traffic Committee when needed.
  - Children pick up on side walk in the mornings will be supported by some teachers. Bad accident of child being hit by bicyclist has brought attention of the teachers to want to help.

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- She needs parents who are at school in the morning for drop off to help.
- Walking school bus will start up after fall break. Maybe parents with yellow vest can walk kids back and forth across street.

- **Coffee Morning & School Shop – Nelly Heidbrink, Melissa Cattarius**

First coffee morning on Friday, November 9 at 8-10am. Need 2 cakes or donuts. Greg Turner may bring cake. The dates are: Nov 9, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 15, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7.

The school shop will be open during this time.

- **Thank you Recepton – Jan 11.** Tracey Tober. Will again be in January instead of spring and in the small aula.

## 6.) Requests

- Monitor for Verein PA System – Buck Chisolm. Verein recovered cost of PA system from Fun Day. Still need a monitor. Helps the performers hear themselves. Cost about 299€ after 12%. Can use it for all large events. Yes 9. 1 abstain. Approved.
- EC Card Machine for School Shop – Melissa Cattarius. Max 400€. 9 Yes, 1 abstain. Approved.

## 7.) Miscellaneous

- Locker Rental proposal – Buck Chisolm, Kristin Winkler. For families who do not want to join the Verein, but would like to rent a locker. Need a policy for this. 75€ (5€/month) to rent for 1 year, 5€ refundable. Vote – 10 yes. Approved.
- Host for December meeting – Friday, Dec 14. Greg & Jamie Turner will possibly host
- Thank You Reception. Mr. Krupski has reserved the small aula on Jan. 11. 4pm. Tracey would like to continue the tradition. More for teachers and Fun Day sponsors, not every member of the Verein. Committee will need a cash advance. Maybe grill? Cocktail party, jazz music is the idea.
- Garden Day. This Saturday, October 13.

Meeting adjourned at 20:33.

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