

Minutes of The Verein meeting

Tuesday, April 12 2016

at: John-F.Kennedy-School, Teltower Damm 87-93, 14167, GR 117

Present were:

Board: Wendy Rohrbacher, Vanessa Lestingi, Klaus Hentges, Leah Hecker, Melissa Cattarius, Theresa Helou, Marion Patt, Vinh Pham-Beinold, Theodora Schnauck, Susanne Volkmer

Excused board: Sabine Widmaier

Jo Anne Stuhr, Andrea Komes, Theresa Dawn, Dagmar Hoppe, Marion Greeves, Katja Hippler-Gromis, Kimberley Schneidereit, Regine von Kleist, Vanessa Hansen, Karin Hinzdorf, Juliette Reichert, Tom Wahlin

Meeting opened at 19:07 by the chair Wendy Rohrbacher.

1) Approval of agenda

- Agenda is amended to include the PN (parent newsletter) and the Student Council. Agenda is approved.

2) Approval of minutes - of meeting February 9 2016

- Minutes are amended to reflect that Theodora Schnauck was present on February 9. Minutes are approved.

3) Principal's notes/Student Council

- Reinhardt Roth has excused himself, so no report from him, instead the Student Council reports.
- The Student Council will host a croquet event June 17th between Nelson Mandela, Bbis, strengthening school relations. They ask for the loan of The Verein's event tents and the BBQ. The Verein agrees, asks for a deposit of 50 € for bbq.
- The Student Council is hosting a podium discussion June 1st. Topic: Increase of

radicalism in Germany.

4) Treasurer

- Tax return time (every three years). The Verein has quite a bit of money, treasurer suggests building free reserves up to the allowed amount (10% of non-profit income).
- Question: can earmarked amount ever be used for something else? Answer: If amounts are free reserves, yes.
Vote: should The Verein allocate free reserves up to the legally possible amount? unanimous yes.
- Treasurer informs new board of annual payments The Verein covers:
Klassengeld
Subscription to newspaper for HS
Geography department + art department get book vouchers
Music department has a budget to pay for repairs on instruments
Budget for the principals
Fees to LSF
Support of a school in need
International literature festival for HS
Insurance for technical equipment
- Treasurer suggests some security measures for the new loudspeakers. 4 locks.
Capped at 600 €
Vote: unanimous yes.

5) Shop

- Melissa Cattarius introduces The Shop Team. A New shipment is expected tomorrow. Wendy Rohrbacher thanks Marion Greeves for all of her work in the shop over the last years.

6) Requests

- Schulsanitäter. (Request from February meeting). Vanessa Hansen explains the Schulsanitäter project and asks for the funds to equip the Schulsanitäter with first aid items. There is a discussion about the program.
Vote: will The Verein pay for basic first aid supplies? → unanimous yes.
- French trip request by Herr Neumann: discussion.
Vote: no, unless there are facts unknown, in that case table until next meeting.
Wendy Rohrbacher and Kimberley Schneidereit will write to Mr. Neumann.
- Mini beamer. Treasurer suggests to buy a mini-beamer for presentation of requests et. al. during board meetings.
Vote: → 9 yes, 1 no.

7) Projects

- Dagmar speaks about finishing off the Es playground. She would like to install it during summer vacation. She also suggests to renew some of the rotting abgrenzung of the EC playground. The EC also needs new sand and some containers to store the toys outside.

Palisadenerneuerung will be taken over by Dagmar as part of the FunRun ES playground project. No extra vote needed.

Toy containers should be a request by the EC class teachers.

Sand renewal will be added to the Verein's project list.

- Deck behind Haus Reil: Theodora Schnauck and Susanne Volkmer had a meeting at the Bezirk to discuss the deck project. Bezirk is supportive but wants to see detailed plans, asks about vermin. Detailed plans are being drawn up.
- FunDay: Melissa Cattarius and Theresa Helou are heading FunDay. Theme: focus on fitness.
- The various Verein's projects are distributed.
- PN (parent newsletter). Andrea Komes speaks about difficulties in getting the PN out. Looking for a new coordinator, but work is going on, albeit slowly.

8) Miscellaneous

- Theodora Schnauck: 4 lacrosse players from JfK have qualified for the world finals in Vancouver. They are planning a fundraiser on Friday April 22nd to offset the costs of roughly 5000€ each.

Meeting ends at 21.07