



Verein der Eltern und Freunde  
Berlin

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

der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.

Society of Parents and Friends

of the John F. Kennedy School Berlin e.V.

## MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

### Attendance:

**Board:** Vanessa Hansen, Katrin Drakulic, Buck Chisolm, Eva El-Alfy, Theresa Helou, Vinh Pham-Beinhold, Karrie Riemer, Lynn Brinda, Lia Rigamonti, John Mask, Jacqui Bespolka

**Other:** David Krupski, Jade Keller, Kim Douglas, Melissa Cattarius, Terence Oldani

**Start: 19:04 on Zoom**

### 1. Approval of Agenda

unanimous

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

unanimous

### 3. Note from David Krupski

**Verein sponsored IT-support Minijob: starting in January,** still looking for candidates.

**Verein sponsored HS-councilor Minijob:** unfortunately Laura Holm has resigned; end of the month will be her last day. We are now looking for somebody to fill in for her until the end of the school year. We ask the community for help to fill this position. Theresa Gebhard, the former HS councilor, is still available and most of the application process is done. What we lose is the on-campus support. We will reach out to Parent Council to ask within the parent community if there is somebody who could take over this task. Lynn will speak to Bethany and Theresa will reach out to two German councilors she works with at her school and send the contacts to David Krupski.

**Art department request for iPads:** the trust fund normally funds the art department for all their materials. Since this money is all used up, they ask the Verein for help. The formal request was not yet received by the board and could therefore not be discussed.

**Chromebooks for HS:** David thanks the Verein for the money pledged for additional



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Chromebookd for the HS. Some of these newly purchased Chromebooks will now be funded though the German budget. The first delivery is planned for this Friday.

**Teacher breakfast:** The last Verein sponsored teacher breakfast was very much appreciated and David thinks that another one would really give a much-needed boost to moral. It is decided that this will be done on Tuesday.

#### 4. Report from the President - Vanessa Hansen

**Holiday fundraiser:** The Verein has sent out a letter to all its' members and the wider parent community to raise funds for additional technical equipment for the ES and HS (Numbers will be presented by the treasurer). We are very happy about the positive response of our wonderful community!

**Verein holiday presents for the teachers:** (presented by Melissa) half of the teachers have so far collected their gifts. The teachers were very happy and this year they could even chose which present they want. The Verein really thanks Melissa for all her hard work. She has spend many hours replying to e-mails and sold many things from the shop even though the shop is closed and parents can not come on campus. We thanked her very much and gave her flowers and little gifts for the other school shop helpers!

#### 5. Report from Treasurer – Buck Chisolm

##### a) Account balances as of 9 December 2020:

<b>Sparkasse:</b>	<b>€127,989.80</b>
<b>PayPal:</b>	<b>€ 3,043.47</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>€131,033.27</b>
<b>Total authorized expenses:</b>	<b>€27,271.88</b>
<b>Projected balance after planned outlays:</b>	<b>€131,761.39</b>

b) Uncollected dues 2020-2021 approximately €15,935.00.

c) **Report on membership:** Currently membership 749.

d) **Donations to the holiday fundraiser:** €13,975.00

e) **Lockers:** An offer for replacement lockers has been received and the locker committee is currently evaluating before brings to the Verein for consideration.



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## 6. Requests

- a) 150 Euro for the teachers breakfast for ES and HS 106 staff for next Tuesday  
unanimous
- b) purchase of update for the linear software for our book keeping 141 Euro  
unanimous
- c) high jump matt for the sports department - this request was pulled back
- d) purchase of new musical instruments: no need to vote on this. It falls within the 3000 Euro that we had already pledged for the music department for repair of musical instruments.

## 7. Miscellaneous

The ES library asked to be put on the list for class money, but we had already given 200 Euros for the library per semester.

The idea of a read-a-thon was raised: the ES library was interested and this could be done in January or the spring.

Tutoring for HS kids: the honors society students are offering this, but there still seems room for improvement.

**Meeting adjourned: 19:42 hrs.**