



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, January 20, 2021

Meeting on Zoom

Meeting started: 19:06

Attendance:

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

Also present: David Krupski, Fionnuala Hoffmann, Lisa Ecker, Miho und Marc Schroeder,

Excused: Lynn Brinda

1. Approval of Agenda

Changes to the agenda: the request from the kindness club was withdrawn; we have a new request from the locker committee

Approval of the changed agenda: *unanimously*

2. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

unanimously

3. Note from David Krupski

HS councilor: the administration is hoping to have the Mini-job position filled soon, for the rest of the school year. There is a candidate, but there have been some technical problems, since this person works already part-time in ES at JFKS. This should be settled by the end of the week. If the problems cannot be solved, there are some fallback options

Chromebooks and Chromebook carts for HS: They have been delivered, some were already handed out. There is some leftover money from what the Verein allocated to the HS for technology. The administration will come up with a plan for what to do with this.

4. Report from the Exco - Eva El-Alfy

Fundraising drive for ES and HS technological equipment: nearly 70 families donated close to 16.000 Euros. With this money and the additional funds from the Verein, the HS has already purchased Chromebooks and carts, the ES is in the process of placing an order.

At the moment we cannot plan any other events, but once in-person school resumes, we might organize another teacher breakfast.



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5. Report from Treasurer – Buck Chisolm

a) Account balances as of 20 January 2021:

Sparkasse:	€121,832.56
PayPal:	€ 3,043.47
Totals:	€124,876.03
Total authorized expenses:	€15,966.44
Projected balance after planned outlays:	€108,909.59

b) Uncollected dues 2020-2021 approximately €12,710.00.

c) Report on membership: Currently membership 748.

6. Requests

- Locker committee (Buck Chisolm): an offer for 216 new lockers (35 cm wide) and the removal of the old (30 cm wide) lockers has been received. The original offer in August 2020 was 22.470,00 Euro. The higher price is due to wider lockers (35 instead of 30 cm wide), and the higher VAT (19% instead of the reduced 16% last year). Additionally there is a higher fee for the removal of the old lockers, because the price for scrap metal has fallen considerably. The exchange is planned to take place during the summer holidays

26.817,84 Euro

(when considering the 2% discount for payment within 10 days, the actual amount would be €26,282.00)

unanimously

- Dropbox account for Verein documents: this will be revisited next month. *John and Theresa will prepare this.*

postponed

7. Miscellaneous

- Annual General Meeting (AGM): At our AGM in March we will have elections of board members: secretary, three voting board members (the term of John, Karrie und Lynn will be over) and our president, Vanessa, is planning to leave);

A new law from last April (Gesetz zur Abmildung der Folgen der COVID19-Pandemie), virtual/digital AGMs are legally on the same level as in-person meetings

Theresa, John and Karrie will look into the different option

- "Amazon smiles" for our Verein: *Jacqui, Katrin and John will try to set this up*



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- Update on the bikes for the Verkehrsschule: At the end of this month the last two bikes (waiting for three new rear wheels to come in to the bike shop who will then mount the tubes/tires) will be repaired and in February we will have a check-up for all the bikes, so that they are ready, once the 4th graders start with the bike test.

- Survey from BEA on Air filters: the Verein has discussed this last year and decided against the purchase of air filters, for the following reasons: the power grid of the school would be overpowered (the Berliner Immobilien Management (BIM), responsible for our school building, is of the same opinion); the actual benefit is questionable; the additional noise in the classroom would be very distracting over long time.

The Verein did finance a request from the music department for three air filters, since this made in-person band and choir practice possible at the time.

Meeting adjourned: 20:04