



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, February 17, 2021

Meeting started: 19:05 hrs. on Zoom

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

Also present: David Krupski, John and Sabrina Coronata, Nelly Heidbrink, Jennifer Pédussel-Wu, Melissa Cattarius, Kim Douglass, Samantha Dietze, Alison Hulstine

1. Approval of Agenda

unanimously approved

2. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

unanimously approved

3. Note from David Krupski

The part-time HS counselor, Liz Caravaca, has started. She ran a charter school in the US on the west coast. Here she will focus on 10th, 11th and 12th grade diploma students. Teresa Gebhardt is still available online, Liz will focus on social-emotional support. She is hired until the end of the school year.

Kids will come back next week to ES. HS will send out a plan in the course of next week.

The administration and teachers will probably send in more requests to the Verein, once school is back in normal.

Unfortunately there are no news concerning the cancelled ski trip for this years' 8th graders.

The new IT person, James Raynor, has started as well. He is getting used to the school system and will also work with Todd Barkheymer in ES. Hopefully he will become a liaison between ES and HS

The transition meeting for 10th to 11th graders will happen. Teresa Gebhardt will also join. Also the transition meeting for the 6th to 7th grade will happen, but all the other grades' transition meetings will only be information posted, no actual (online) meeting.



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4. Report from the Executive Committee - Eva El-Alfy

Update on the Chromebook order for ES: the Chromebooks are ordered! They will arrive in the first weeks of March. 60 Chromebooks with licenses and 2 carts

Update on the Mini-jobs financed by the Verein: the HS councilor Liz Caravaca has started on February 8th, the IT-Minijob, James Raynor started on January 14th

Update on the AGM next month: we have decided to postpone the AGM for one month, hoping that we can then hold an in-person meeting. If this is still not possible in April, we will hold a digital AGM

Update on the Verkehrsschule/bike school: the rear wheels have finally arrived, so that we can go ahead with the repair and the check-up. We are happy with the bike shop "Zweirad Sektor", good service and good prices, and we will consider them for future repairs.

The renovations of Haus Reil are planned for March. The Verein has pledged financial help and already budgeted money for this.

5. Report from Treasurer – Buck Chisolm

a) Account balances as of 17 February 2021:

Sparkasse:	€121,773.32
PayPal:	€ 3,043.47
Totals:	€124,816.79
Total authorized expenses:	€68,691.72
Projected balance after planned outlays:	€56,125.07*

b) Uncollected dues 2020-2021 approximately €12,410.00. (165 + 1 members)

c) *€16,864.30 earmarked for spending. Actual projected balance: €39,260.77

d) Report on membership: Currently membership 746.

Locker Committee Report

1. An offer for cleaning the lockers in early July has been received and was put to the board for approval.



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2. The 216 new lockers will be installed between 2 and 6, August 2021.
Currently the vendor is working with the Hausmeister on the removal of the old lockers between 1 and 9, July 2021.

3. Planning for Orientation Day 2021 in work to welcome the Class of 2028!

6. Requests

a) Pre-payment of Kangaroo Math fee for approx. 200 students from ES; will (mostly) be refunded (2Euro fee per student)

250 Euro

unanimously approved

Annotation: One day after the meeting it became clear that there had been a misunderstanding and the staff was actually planning to receive a donation from the Verein. The voting board decided with majority vote via WhatsApp to change this position to a donation.

b) Financial support for a virtual panel discussion about "Financing your studies in the USA and UK", planned for May 27, at 7pm, to pay for panel speaker Ellen Whalen, Best Fit College Coaching. Organized by Jennifer Pédussel-Wu and Lynn Brinda. Will benefit 8-12 graders and their parents

300 Euro

approved: 10 yes, 1 abstention

c) Locker cleaning: the company Geither Cleaning, which has done the locker cleaning over the last years and has always done a good job at good prices, has given an offer for the cleaning of the 636 lockers

1.525,07 Euro

unanimously approved

d) Equity group: request for financial support of the showing of the film "Becoming black" by Ines Johnson-Spain and discussion with the filmmaker; date TBD in March. Organized by Lisa Weiss

350 Euro

unanimously approved

Miscellaneous

Discussion /Approval of the revised "Guidelines for the Treasurer" and the new "Guidelines for the Auditors"

unanimously approved



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Verein SAF account: 1.500 Euro, which we will offer to Haus Reil for worthwhile projects and other expenses like professional training
The money would be transferred to the SAF "Guidance".

Unanimously approved

Yearbook update from Jennifer Pédussel-Wu: The yearbook will be for 7-12 grades. They will probably not need pre-funding, because they will sell the yearbooks for 15 Euro each and collect in advance. The kids are ready to go, all they need it the Datenschutzerklärung. So far 60 families have not signed the agreement to show pictures. The plan for the future is to do a click and collect: when you submit your photo, then you have to click that you allow your child to be shown in the yearbook.
Further update: all is clarified and photos are now being solicited.

Meeting adjourned: 19:50