



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

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022

The Bespolka Residence

Board Members Present: Jacqui Bespolka, Vanessa Lestingi, Kasia Esteves, Lia Rigamonti, Tanja Maka-Magill, John Mask, Robert Erlbaum, Kim Douglass, Lisa Ward, Theresa Helou

Board Members Excused: Eva El-Alfy (Lia has proxy), Shannon Callahan (Kim has proxy)

Members Present: None

Meeting started: 18:09

1. Approval of Agenda

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no

2. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no

3. Report from the President – Jacqui Bespolka

We started successful school year working around the Covid restriction with an awesome "Meet and Treat" Halloween event; we pulled an almost unimaginable feat of ordering close to 2000 Nikolaus chocolates for all students in 1 week; managed to fill every opened position and changed the Verein constitution to make it 12 Board member strong at the March AGM - because we are open, transparent and welcoming! We pulled off not only a Teacher Appreciation Day, but week; and an almost from scratch, organise the beloved JFKS Fleamarket. I would like to say a personal gratitude to John and Kasia that got me through a very rough patch when Buck passed in Dec. This is a great team! I enjoyed working with you and I look forward to another fantastic school year. Happy Summer.



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4. Requests

- a. JFKS Administration – Glück Program. The Glück Program educates teachers on mental health and well-being of students; Program asks that teachers spread this education within the school after they have completed the program; Total cost is €6000 (€3000 per teacher) Total cost of request is €2.000.

7 yes
4 abstention
1 no

- b. Steffen Schulz – Big Screen TV Replacement for the Schulleitung. Total cost of request is €2.100.

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no

- c. Kerrie Riemer – Surprise Thank you gift for the ES Administration. Total cost of request is €200.

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no

- d. MSA Graduation – Support for Graduation celebration. Total cost of request is €100.

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no

- e. Bike Repairs – Quote for bike repairs for 4th Grade bicycle school – twice a year inspection of 12 bicycles. Total cost of request is €250 (€125 twice a year).

10 yes
2 abstention
0 no



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- f. Beverages for Buck Chisolm's Celebration of Life. Total cost of request is €150.

11 yes
1 abstention
0 no

- g. Parent Council Board – Financial support for supplies for Clean-Up Day in the High School. Clean up will be conducted by the HS students. Total cost of request is €600.

11 yes
1 abstention
0 no

Approval contingent upon Admin approval and identification of a responsible person for the Clean-Up Day.

- h. Josef Curtis – Music Department requests coverage of invoices not known about until 1 day prior to the concert. Costs are split across several sources. Total cost to the Verein for this request is €781,33.

12 yes
0 abstention
0 no

- i. [Email vote on 7 June 2022] Erin Hale – Mental Health Workshop. This is a request for €810 to cover the costs of a mental health workshop which took place already in February (Note: Typically The Verein follows the precedent not reimburse requests for funding which have already been spent). The need for funding derives from an expectation on the part of the Administration that the Stark Trotz Corona funding would cover a workshop to address the mental health of the teachers. For whatever reason, the Senat denied the request for reimbursement (Thus, fulfilling the Verein's requirement of requesting funding from intended sources before requesting from the Verein). Total cost of request is €810.

11 yes
0 abstention
1 no



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- j. [Email vote on 7 June 2022] Alaina Mack – Graduation Reception. For the graduation scheduled for June 23rd, a reception is planned. The request is for €510,99 to cover the costs of the materials used to serve drinks at the reception (see request on The Verein Board Only Website) (Note: While The Verein has set a precedent not to support social events even if for entire grade levels, the exceptions have long been the Einschulung, Graduation, and the 8th Grade Ski Trip). The request indicates that another source of funding would be the Trust Fund; however, no further details are provided. Total cost of request is €510,99.

12 yes
0 abstention
0 no

- k. [Email vote on 7 June 2022] Carolin Borschel – ES Locker Cleaning. The cleaning of the ES lockers was requested already by Carolin Borschel; and when the Verein Board evaluated the quote from Mietra we noted 2 things: the quote seemed high and it was from a different company that we had already approved for the HS locker cleaning (Geithner). We have now obtained a quote from Geithner. The total amount of the request for ES Locker Cleaning is €1.181,67 to clean 540 ES lockers (the Mietra quote was for €1.927,80 to clean 540 ES lockers). (Note: the Senat has funded the lockers). Total cost of request is €1.181,67.

12 yes
0 abstention
0 no

Meeting adjourned: 19:39