



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

Tagesordnung / Agenda

June 18, 2024 at 7pm in the Large Aula

Present: Ben Bowers, Haley Scribner, Kim Douglass, Lia Rigamonti, Robert Lenk, Carsten Casper,
John Mask, Jacqui Bespolka (late arrival)

Auditor: Will Wollbold

Guests: none present

Moderating: Ben

1. Approval of agenda

Approval: 7

Disapproval: 0

Abstentions: 0

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Approval: postponed

Disapproval:

Abstentions:

3. Report of the Admin

(nobody present)

4. Report of the Student Council

(nobody present)

5. Report from the President: Robert

- The feedback from Abiball organizers was very positive! We'll get our banner there during the event.
- Our Hitzefrei solution's noise alerted the architect and now they are moving forward on mechanical shade. Shall we buy fans/thermometers for the cost of 700 EUR?
- Flea Market: We made it! We had some poor communication, and a bathroom sink was broken, but the overall result was good.

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- Robert has a proposal for an Incentive Budget for social events of the board’s volunteers; he would like to add this to the budget when we create it.

6. Report from the Treasurer

- We have about 50K EUR in all of our accounts. We should consider spending it somehow, or delay the SEPA withdrawal.
- Proposal 1: The Verein changes its membership management system from Tuurio to EasyVerein. The higher costs are roughly offset by the elimination of other expenses (EasyVerein about €40/month, Tuurio €30/month and Linear €170/year). The phases of the transition and the timeline will be decided in proposal 2.
- Reasoning: Tuurio allowed the Verein to put their membership management online. Now is the time to follow suit with finance management, and EasyVerein enables both in one online system, and with a direct link to online banking. It comes with an easy-to-use self-service portal for members and an additional user-interface for board members. It improves transparency and enables the board to know at any time how many members the Verein has and how much money there is on the Verein’s bank accounts.
- Proposal 2: The transition from Tuurio to EasyVerein will happen in phases. After careful consideration, the board decides to follow either a) an ambitious timeline OR b) a relaxed timeline.
- Reasoning: The ambitious timeline ends in mid-July, which means for locker day on August 15, the new system will be in place and we start the new school year afresh. The risk is that something goes wrong and requires manual fixes during the summer holidays. The relaxed timeline ends in November, which means new member registrations that happen during the holidays, orientation week and the first weeks of school must be on Tuurio before we announce the termination of Tuurio.

7. Miscellaneous

- Kim: We need more TV screens in school to display schedules for kids.
- Robert: We might fall out of the embassy’s list of recommended schools; the

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English-speaking families don't feel they're getting enough German assistance; the German-speaking families don't feel they're getting enough English assistance. How can we help?

8. Requests

The following requests were voted upon:

Proposal 1: Shall we change from Tuurio to EasyVerein? Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:1

Proposal approved.

Proposal 2: (assuming proposal 1 passes) Ambitious timeline (ready for Aug):7 Relaxed (Nov):1

Proposal for ambitious timeline approved.

Proposal 3: Shall we pay up to 1000 EUR for fans/thermometers? Yes:8 No:0 Abstain:0

Proposal approved.

Request 1: Extras for the Abiball, (215 EUR) Yes:5 No:3 Abstain:0

Request approved.

Request 2: Sofa for Reading Corner (152 EUR) Yes:1 No:6 Abstain:1

Request was denied. (note: this teacher was mistakenly informed that the request was approved. In the name of maintaining relations with this and all teachers, request was allowed.)

Request 3: School with Courage, School without racism (700 EUR)

The requesters are required to pre-pay; as we won't be funding this, no vote is needed.

Request 4: Teacher training: wildness Pädagogik (reduced to 500 EUR) Yes:6 No:2 Abstain:0

Request approved on the condition that she fills out the form; we agreed to this because she fulfilled the requirements we presented to her.

Request 5: Graduation Champagne classes (500ish EUR) Yes:8 No:0 Abstain:0

Request approved.

For next meeting: discuss improving the English and German assistance for monolingual families

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