



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

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting and Quiet Room JFKS

**Board Members Online:** Jacqui Bespolka, Lia Rigamonti, Kim Douglass, John Mask, Jean-Marie McKinney

**Board Members Present:** Eva El-Alfy, Haley Scribner, Robert Lenk, Carsten Casper

External Members Online: Puivy Manickam, Shane Riedel

**Meeting started: 19:16**

**Secretary/Schriftführer: Robert Lenk**

**Moderation: Robert Lenk**

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## 1. Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was reviewed and approved.
  - **Vote:** 8 in favor, 0 against.

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## 2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Due to technical issues, the approval of minutes was split between the meetings of **November 20** and **December 10**.
- Neither set of minutes was approved due to ongoing technical irritations – some had access and some not

## 3. Agenda Change: Report from admin: Fr. Senkel

- Klassenfahrt reimbursements were discussed

- Spoke on behalf of funding the teacher's PD Day Luncheon.

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- she introduced herself and was welcomed by verein community kindly

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### 3. Report from the President

- Side Note: Mr. Schäfer from Deutsche Stiftung Ehrenamt as a legal consultant for Vereine did recommend before we book him his organisations Database for Vereine, Legal Questions with Tutorials  
(EDIT LATER: <https://www.deutsche-stiftung-engagement-und-ehrenamt.de/dseeerklaert/>)
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### 4. Report from the Vice President

- **Events on Campus:** The discussion and updates were postponed
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### 5. Sports Club

- Puviy and Shane reported challenges in data processing and membership management.
- They requested one-time funding of up to **€20,000** to address the issues.
- Questions raised during the discussion:
  - What happens to the unused portion of the requested funds?

They will not get invoiced and / or paid back of course. Any other option to be discussed then.

- What happens if the requested funds from everywhere are not approved?

Then monthly fees need to rise, but could be issued for families. Moderate rise.

- What is the financial structure of the Sports Club?

Ca. 50,- Euro / Month per Member, 600 Members, ca. 30k a year. No left overs, no savings so far, what's left over gets into equipment and sports directly

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- Could the funds be reimbursed to the Verein at a later date?
  - Answer: No, as all leftover funds are urgently needed for operational purposes.
- The discussion was **postponed** pending further clarification on services and solutions but the overall tone is supportive.

## 6. Report from the Vice President [2]

- **Events on Campus:** The discussions about Events and resources was raised and deep concerns throughout the team do exist regarding staffing **flea market, no date and management yet**
- **Jacqui expressed willingness to go into lead of Fun Day**, no resources for Ukraine Event and **critics like time/date, necessity and resources on Music Festival 21<sup>st</sup> of June** were addressed and discussed.  
Many dilemma Situations, different levels of involvement and understanding of Vereins Mission lead to the agreement to continue these discussions.

[Edit: Summary from protocollant: please try to set a **time estimate for the agenda** next time.]

## 7. Report from the Treasurer

- **Budget for 2025:** Carsten Casper introduced a spending plan for 2025, commonly called the budget. However, such a plan does not mean that the respective departments can spend the amount listed there. The intention is only to manage carefully for the whole year, and to accelerate board decisions.

The proposed budget for 2025, based on preliminary figures for 2024, includes recurring expenses of €54.980, non-recurring expenses of €9.500, and one-off expenses for 2025 of €103.000. The income consists of membership fees, shop revenue, event gains and donations of €64.480 and provisions from 2024 of €103.000. Hence the proposed budget has a total volume of €167.480.

A brief discussion took place regarding this proposed budget for 2025.

- **Vote:** Budget not approved at this time. Time was way too short.

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More time discipline for each member is needed for the next meeting.

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## 7. Website Update

- Updates to the website were postponed due to low time discipline by speakers before.

### Votes on Budget / Decisions:

All budget requests listed below were unanimously approved.

The following requests were voted upon:

#### **Proposal 1 – €185 Funding for Abitur Ball tickets**

*yes: 9 no: 0 abstain: 0* (Request Approved)

#### **Proposal 2 – €500 for prizes for the Trivia Night (Kim)**

*yes: 9 no: 0 abstain: 0* (Request Approved)

#### **Proposal 3 – €1,000 for toys for elementary students**

*yes: 9 no: 0 abstain: 0* (Request Approved)

#### **Proposal 4 – €1,850 for a luncheon for teachers PD Day in February**

*yes: 9 no: 0 abstain: 0* (Request Approved)

#### **Proposal 5 – €20 reimbursement for Mrs. Day's Organizational Group Pizza Party**

*yes: 9 no: 0 abstain: 0* (Request Approved)

Thank you, great effort in the Year, Good Bye!

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