

Meeting Minutes

Veranstaltung / Event: JFKS Berlin - Parent Council Meeting		
Datum / Date: 2. Dezember 2025	Ort / Place: Berlin; JFKS	Zeit / Time : 18.30 – 20.30
Datum der Einladung / Date of invitation: 24. November 2025	Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Student Council Report 4. HS report 5. ES report 6. Teacher Reps Report 7. Spotlight on Bullying at JFKS 8. Parent Initiative on Cyberbullying 9. Belonging Dialogue 10. AOB & Announcements 	
Leitung / Chairperson : C. de Vivanco / J. Müller	Meeting Minutes: A. Kesselhaut, B. Sun	Anzahl der Teilnehmenden / Number of participants: 57

English Version		Annexes
No.	Summary	Comments
1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCB attending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. von Schweinitz, H. Broad, N. Reggelin, B. Sun, H. Kölling-Orb, J. Bespolka J. Müller, C. de Vivanco • Opening remarks 	
2.	Approval of current agenda and minutes of previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 	
3.	Student Council report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reps present 	
4.	High School Report – E. Hale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BERMUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successful, high-level conference with international participation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Class Cancellations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some HS classes were cancelled for health reasons. ○ When teachers are sick, they are sick—this is non-negotiable. ○ German policies differ from U.S. expectations; upper grade teachers are not replaced. ○ The school continues working on ways to support learning continuity. ○ Email communication is always welcome. ● Library Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library closed during 6th period twice weekly due to staffing shortages. ○ Students may go to the Aula, outdoors, or the Blue Building. ○ Library should remain a study space. ○ Students in distress may seek support from E. Hale; long-term solutions are being developed. ● Violent Threat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brief acknowledgment of the recent threat. ○ Gratitude expressed for parent and student support. 	
5.	<p>Elementary School Report – A. Ecke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bike Training (Grade 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training postponed due to a death in the instructor’s family. ○ Please send helmets. ○ New dates will be listed in the Bulletin. ● Professional Development Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two consecutive days were required due to logistical constraints (including BERMUN). ○ Ongoing work on the language curriculum; general staff satisfaction with progress. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Mother Tongue” terminology is still under review pending clarification with the Senate. ○ PD Day discussions centered on further developing the language system. ○ discussion about the grading scale to be updated - More info will follow in next PC Meeting ● Next Parent Council meeting will provide an update on the new language program. 	
6.	ES/HS Teacher Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual theme: Belonging. ● Analysis of screen time at ES is under development. 	
7.	Spotlight on Bullying and prevention at JFKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Briefing by A. Ecke & E. Hale according to attached slide deck 	LINK TO PRESENTATION
8.	Parent Initiative on Cyberbullying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Briefing by parent reps according to attached slide deck ● Encouragement for support and participation in Workshop starting Feb26 (More infos see slide deck) ● Parent survey will be distributed soon ● Survey link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0IBk_3h9Bmu-effqKrAOPFrniyKg1h_EmxIJwCmtAl83svw/viewform?usp=header 	LINK TO PRESENTATION
9.	Belonging Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Belonging Dialogue Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourages community sharing and connection. ● More information to be shared in early 2026 	
10.	Any other business & announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traffic Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-established under K. Rustici; seeking volunteers. ○ Contact: traffic@jfkberlin.org ● 3rd Parent Council Meeting SY 25/26: Tue, 24 February 2026 ● (Next: 28 April, 2026 and 16 June, 2026) ● Importance of JFKS bulletin as information tool emphasized 	