



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
November 17, 2021 7:00 PM
JFK Library**

PRESENCE:

Parents: Mr Johnny Leoci ⁽¹⁾, Mrs Sophie Camard ⁽¹⁾, Mrs Silvy Gomes ⁽²⁾, Mrs Geraldine Bresier ⁽²⁾

Administration: Mrs Libby Amato ^(Principal), Mr Vito Guerriero ^(Vice-Principal)

Teachers/Staff: Mrs Victoria Gagliano, Mrs Nathalie Cloutier, Mr Gerry Tullio, Mrs Alessandra Zanello

Community Rep: Mrs Carmie Lato

Student Reps: Mr Christopher Milioto, Mr Mirko Hozjan-Guerra

Commissioner: Mr Agostino Cannavino

PPO:

Public/Guests:

Regrets: Mr Christopher Milioto ^[Student Rep]
Mr Mirko Hozjan-Guerra ^[Student Rep]
Mrs Victoria Gagliano ^[Teacher]
Mr Agostino Cannavino ^[Commissioner]

Meeting opened at 19:10.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by G. Tullio,

2. Adoption of the minutes of June 15, 2021

The minutes of the October 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, by those present at that meeting, on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by A. Zanello, with the following corrections:

- Pg 2, 3.3, clarification: 3 x Behaviour Technicians (20 hrs, Aim High, 30 hrs Sec 1-2, 35 hrs Sec 3-5)
- 3.3, behaviour technical~~al~~(solely) should read Behaviour technician~~al~~ (solely)
- Pg 2, 3.4, 3rd bullet – GMA should read GMAA

3. **Business Arising**

3.1 – COSTCO donations – last two \$300 installments

- all donations have been earmarked for students needs as necessary (may be used for such items as clothing, food, other necessities, etc.) at the discretion of the school administration (with a report to GB). See also October minutes (recap below).

Donations and earmarks approved unanimously on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded By G. Tullio.

From the October 2020 minutes:

- Costco will continue its \$1200 annual donation (\$300 per quarter) for the current school year
 - Last year's donation went mostly to buy food for a number of underprivileged families in our community.
 - this year's first quarter donation of \$300 went to purchase school clothes, under garments, winter hats and neck warmers
- The pallet of ESKA water (donated by J. Leoci will be used at different school events

4. **New Business**

4.1 – Christmas Baskets Organization

- letter available to give to potential donors/sponsors if necessary
- St-Brendan will not be participating this year as they have decided to do gift certificates in the face of on-going Covid concerns
- JFK will be proceeding much the same as last year, which proved to be a very successful drive
 - V. Guerriero will reach out to last year's list of donors/sponsors
- Foreseeing same #s as last year – approx. 60 baskets

5. **Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report**

- Sex Education program as per Ministry dictates, which sees this as an important program (this is not a school decision, but a Ministry decision)
 - Sec 1-5
 - should be in place by January 2021
 - at beginning phase as teachers buy in and are trained (who teaches and when)
 - * training by consultant
 - * it was made clear that personal beliefs are to remain personal and not passed on in the classroom
 - parents will be informed
 - not just about sexual relations but also includes relationships, well being, body image, emotional, etc., and content will be age appropriate and using "proper" language
 - there is no opt-out condition except for religious and mental health considerations
- Covid: As of November 15th, students were not required to wear masks in class but had to continue doing so in common areas
 - current protocol is to inform Santé publique if there is a case, but the entire class does not necessarily have to shut down
 - there have been no further cases as JFK to date
- Budgets: all budgets have come in and are healthy
- Progress Report – Friday Nov 19th, no parent/teacher interview this time around, will have one with first report card
- Tutors: Ministry to Board to School (after school: own staff)

- Nov 13th – National Kindness Day, so in this spirit Aim High will have a socks and candy cane projects whose proceeds will be given to the Mackay Center.
- Spirit of Giving – live at JFK
 - will spotlight school and provide opportunity to show why we are known as the small school with a BIG heart!

Vice-Principal's Report - nil

6. Treasurer's Report -

Balance from 2019-20	-- \$485
2020-21 budget	-- \$250
Balance	-- \$735
Minus \$250 for GB Award	--(\$250)
Balance Year-End 2020-21	-- \$485
Budget 2021-22	-- \$250
Balance	-- \$735

GB will donate \$250 to the Socks project, unanimously agreed to on a motion by A. Zanello, Seconded by G. Tullio.

Balance: \$485

7. Teachers' Report

- Aim High – warm clothes donations collection (Mr. Kazamias)
 - incentives will be given to encourage donations and buy-in
- Kitchen finished, now have 2 cooking club (beginner & intermediate)
- Many activities forthcoming: Board games, clubs, hockey program, weight room, film club, soccer, basketball (spectators that attend these will have to follow protocols)
 - clubs are at lunch of after school
 - gym is open in the mornings before classes
 - all students are encourage to join these clubs/activities, which will be all be showcased during the "Activity Fair" in January so students can be informed and sign-up
- SPVM officers scheduled to meet Sec 3-5 students
- Report from Mr. Gerry Tullio, Professional Development Officer
 - Rocco Speranza, SCA
 - * poppy campaign
 - * school Remembrance ceremony – Nov 3
 - * SCA class visits Remembrance Day
 - * weekly cleaning of school grounds with student volunteers
 - * Recycling Committee established and doing well
 - * Partnered with a few community organizations (Montréal Relève)
 - * Received two Nutri-towers for indoor herb growing
 - Gerry Tullio, PDO
 - * October Prevention Month – went very well, all levels received a prevention workshop
 - * Vaping (sec 1,2, Aim High)
 - * Camp Lift (Sec 2,3,4,5) – an information flyer was distributed to GB members
 - * Substance abuse (Sec 1, Aim High) – Maison Jean Lapointe

* Centre Emploi Jeunesse Centre Nord

The JFK and CJE partnership is going well. The first student the Alice from CJE worked with succeeded in getting the position he applied for. A small promotional campaign is being organized, posters have been placed around the building where students can easily see them. New students have already booked appointments. On Monday Nov 22nd, a table will be set-up in La Plaza to promote their services.

* Projects being planned

Red Cross Babysitting Certificate training course is ongoing. Presently have 6 students who have signed up ; a minimum of 10 is required. If don't get 10, will try to negotiate with Instructor and review pricing.

Camp Lift school program, should be starting by the end of Nov. We are gathering names for participant. This year we are hoping to have two groups running at the same time – 1 junior, 1 senior. Students participating will be informed that they are responsible For any class work when they are in the group. This year this Program is at no cost to JFK students.

Girls Self-Defense Course – is being planned with the Montreal Assault Prevention Centre for Feb 14, a PED day. It is being Announced now so that if we have more than expected that are Interested, a second date can be booked. \$10 deposit fee to ensure commitment.

Santé publique pilot project with JFK – the guidance counselor, Mr. Alex Beckford, and Gerry Tullio will be meeting representatives of Santé publique, looking at mental health. Will be looking at what we have at JFK and how they can help improve or increase those services. Along with helping us find new mental health initiatives, which they will research, analyse and show how to implement at JFK.

8. **Students' Report** – nil

9. **PPO Report** – nil

10. **Delegate's Report**

- PC is dealing with beginning of year issues (ie: briefing new members, approving internal rules, etc. Will report more @ next meeting.

11. **Correspondence**

12. **Question Period** - nil

13. **Varia** - nil

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 20:05 on motion by G. Bresier, seconded by G. Tullio.

-- Next meeting: Dec 15th at 6:00 p.m. – holiday social, at JFK, will be catered \$25/person x 12, approx. \$300



Mr. Johnny Leoci
Chair

Mrs Libby Amato
Principal