



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
February 16, 2022 7:00 PM
Virtual**

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: Mrs Geraldine Bresier ^(Parent Rep)
Mr Christopher Milioto ^(Student Rep)
Mr Mirko Hozjan-Guerra ^(Student Rep)
Mr Agostino Cannavino ^(Commissioner)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by G. Tullio with the following addition:
3.3 COSTCO Donation

2. Adoption of the minutes of January 2022

The minutes of the January 2022 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by V. Gagliano with the following correction:
Page 3 – SCA & PDO Report should read: Presentations from the Herzl Family Clinic for Sec 2 & 4 groups. Presentations are done by a doctor, 2 interns, and 2 residents. The topics covered are mental health, sex/sexuality, substance abuse, and any topic brought up by student questions.

3. Business Arising

3.1 – Sec5 Guidance Counselling for CEGEP selection - UPDATE

- March 1st application deadline is around the corner
- all Sec5 students were visited by Alex (Guidance Counsellor) and Gerry (Tullio) (PDO)
- PowerPoints of procedures were presented to, and reviewed with, student
- Students that required it were helped with the completion of documents, but submitting the document is solely the individual student's responsibility
- Another "help day" with Gerry and Alex, in the JFK library, is planned for Friday (Feb 18)
- There is plenty of time for one-on-one walk-through with everyone who wants it

3.2 – Teacher Appreciation GB Funding

- GB parents, on behalf of themselves and the entire JFK parent body community, wishes to express its appreciation of our JFK teachers (and the entire staff) and thanks them greatly for all they do for our children
- \$900 was allocated to the Teacher Appreciation Week activities – coffee, lunches, and other little goodies (ie: JFK personalized mug, etc.) from Fund3 and **unanimously approved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by S. Camard**
- Teacher Representatives, on behalf of all their colleagues, thanked GB and Administration for the thoughts, gratitude, and week's activities. All was much appreciated.

3.3 – COSTCO donations

- COSTCO will continue its \$300 donation now on a monthly basis
- GB entrusts the earmarking of these monies to the Administration's discretion with an update of its accounting every couple of meetings, **unanimously approved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by A. Zanello.**
- February's donation will go towards the purchasing on Valentine chocolates, ice cream, and other small goodies for students.
- J. Leoci suggested inviting Mr. Clément (responsible for the COSTCO donation) to grad ceremonies and have him present an award. **Unanimously approved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by C. Lato.**

4. New Business

4.1 – Budget Building Process 2022-2023

- Process should identify "what do we need?", "what do we want Board help with?", "where do we need help?"
- 309 total students at JFK currently, of which 197 have special weighting, which is the equivalent of approximately 510 students, and we wish the Board to recognize that a "weighted" student body requires increased resources
- Require social workers, addiction counsellors, and definitely a psychologist
- S. Camard suggested we be specific in our ask and avoid terms like "etc." which can easily be interpreted as "whatever"
- Add the following to bullet #3 – Increase in IT resources: require more JFK-dedicated service hours from a tech technician (due to the demographic of our student population and the programs in place for those students, extra maintenance/service hours are required to service the many devices used on a daily basis [1/3 of our student population uses assistive technology on a daily basis]. ½-day/week is simply not enough considering we also share this time with the adult center.
- #5 – reword to include "...for building maintenance, building security, and repair projects.

In summary the 5 major bullets for the Budget Building Process are, in order of priority:

1. Increase literacy and numeracy initiatives for increasing staff and material resources for English, French, Math, and History.
2. Increase current staffing for resource personnel (Guidance Counsellor, Child Care Workers, Behavior Technicians, Psychologist, Social Worker, Spiritual Animator, Drug Addition Counsellor)
 - a. With the ratio of Special needs that we have it is mandatory that we should have at least 2 Full-time resource teachers
3. Increase IT resources (including professional development and technology materials)
 - a. With one third of our student population using assistive technologies on a daily basis, we require more service hours from the technicians.
4. Increase health and social services professionals to address academic, emotional, social, and behavioural issues (behaviour therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, psychologists)
5. Ensure proper funding for building maintenance, building security, and repair projects. (improvements, security and cameras, repair projects and daily caretaking)

The above Budget Building Priorities 2022-2023 document was unanimously adopted at the February 16, 2022 meeting on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by S. Gomes.

4.2 – Safe School Action Plan 2021-2022

- A copy of the document was distributed to all GB members
- Reminder that this is a "living" document and addresses what we do as a school, how we handle, and how we report incidents of bullying and violence. The current document will also be posted on the school's website and replace the 2017-18 version.
- 314 enrolled students as of Sept 30, 2021.

The Safe School Action plan 2021-2022 document was unanimously approved on a motion by S. Gomes, seconded by V. Gagliano.

4.3 – Educational Project Annual Report 2020-2021

- The Educational Project Annual Report 2020-2021 document was distributed to all GM members and reviewed.

Unanimously approved on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by G. Tullio

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

- Feb 16 dress down day – \$269 raised for Children's Hospital
- Mesures Protégés: Pgs 7/9 specific to JFK – all monies assigned are indicated and being used
- Parascolaire – being used for afterschool activities & clubs (clubs include cooking, printing, cricut)
- Sortie scolaire au milieu culturel – these are specific activities, but could not comply due to covid; monies last year were returned
- Course selection sheets will be sent directly after spring break for parental approval and when returned duly signed will confirm student's registration for the following school year. (Sec 3/4 enriched science, math, and French)

Vice-Principal's Report – nil

6. **Treasurer's Report** - update tabled to next meeting

Last month'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

Contribution to sock campaign -- 250

7. **Teachers' Report**

- working to increase our social media presence
- website: working with Board and freelancers
- Week of Feb 21 – Carnival Week, fun activities planned (covid compliant)
- A number of new student registrations coming through Aim High
- Registration is looking encouraging, JFK is being considered by a fair number, we hope the momentum continues

Spiritual Community Animator & Project Development Officer Report

SCA – Rocco Speranza

- The "Sharing our Stories" project involving seniors, the McCord Museum, and 8 students from Sec 4/5 began Feb 9th
- Mentor Mentee program is continuing
- On Feb 8th, we had a speaker on Perseverance for Sec5 students; Pascal Fleury, former basketball player, was our guest; he also played in basketball game with our students. Sec4 were in attendance and Sec 1/4/5 students made up the four teams that played. Some of our students performed at the half time show (Clarissa Grigoropoulos Sec4, Alessandro Chiby Sec4, and Sarah Chiby Sec3)
- Cards for seniors, patients at hospital and respite home, to be delivered by SCA on Feb 11 and Feb 14
- We have an art project with "I love first peoples"; four art classes involved for now Before the holiday break, they were sent clothing, food, toys
- Snowshoeing with phys ed classes, connecting with nature and inner self
- On Feb 24th, we will have workshops for Sec 1/2, and Aim High classes The theme is Mental Health Basics, being presented by the Foundation Jeunes en tête
- Ongoing class visits by SCA

Project Development Officer – Gerry Tullio

- On Jan 26th, Camp Lift started their workshops. There were two groups - juniors with 10 students and seniors with 13 students. Because this year Camp Lift is being funded by Santé Publique, the students were asked to fill out a questionnaire, and another at end of sessions. For this they were given a gift card and and given a pizza meal at the last session.
- On Feb 1st, the Herzl Family Clinic presented to Sec 2/4 and WOTP students through Zoom platform. Topics covered: mental health, sex/sexuality, substance abuse, etc. Students had a link where they could submit questions anonymously before and during the presentations. Great participation by students, very good questions, especially our Sec2 students. Even the Herzl staff were very pleased with the presentations.
- Working on scheduling presentations with AMI-Quebec on mental health for Sec3 and WOTP groups in the next weeks.
- Scheduled presentations in March with the YWCA for Sec 3/4 and WOTP groups. The presentations will be on "Sexual Violence and Exploitation". Also working to book workshops on "Healthy Relationships" in April.
- Alex Beckford (gc) and Gerry Tullio, along with members of Student Services department are continuing meetings with Santé Publique on the pilot project for school needs, especially in mental health. Rocco Speranza was added to the group, and group met Feb 14th. This is a long-term project, and are presently looking at what programs are used and how. The goal is to be able to expand on mental health services. Will be looking at student needs, teachers needs, parents needs, and training.

8. Students' Report – nil

9. PPO Report – nil

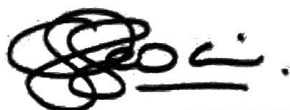
10. Delegate's Report – tabled to next meeting

11. Correspondence – nil

12. Question Period – nil

13. Varia - nil

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 20:35 on motion by G. Tullio, seconded by A. Zanello



Mr. Johnny Leoci
Chair



Mrs Libby Amato
Principal