



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
October 20, 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. Nathalie Cloutier ^[Teacher]
Mrs. Geraldine Bresier ^[Parent Rep]

Meeting opened at 19:10. Chair welcomed all to the new school year (2021-22) and first GB meeting

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by V. Gagliano, seconded by S. Gomes, with the following addition:

7.1 SCA & PDO Report (this report will be given monthly under "Teachers' Report")

2. Adoption of the minutes of June 15, 2021

The minutes of the June 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, by those present at that meeting, on a motion by G. Tullio, seconded by S. Gomes.

The minutes of the 2021-22 General Assembly were approved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded By A. Zanello.

3. Business Arising

3.1 – JFK Chair Elections

Mr. Johnny Leoci was elected by acclamation on a motion by G. Tullio, seconded by A. Zanello.

3.2 – JFK PPO Representative

A PPO was not officially elected for the 2021-22 school year.

Volunteers will be solicited for particular events/circumstances if need be.

3.3 – Special Needs Students Update

- are number of coded students still the same?

Coded students:	163
Students on IEP:	199
Total school population:	314
- resources available this year (resource teacher, special aid tech, EMSB resources...)
 - 1 x full-time resource teacher – Mrs. Di Genova (she comes with a wealth of experience and has already helped set-up support center, contact with families, etc.)
 - 1 x Behaviour technician for Aim High (30 hrs Sec 1-2, 35 hrs Sec 3-5)
 - 1 x Behaviour technical (solely) for Pathways (30 hrs)
 - 1 x technician for WOTP
 - 2 vacant positions (25 hrs, CCWs)
 - Mr. Cannavino pointed out that we are doing well ratio-wise compared to some other schools
- budgets released
 - ☞ Student services
 - ☞ Tutoring program
- How IEP process is planned this year?
 - IEPs started today (Oct 20th), process started (Sec 1-2, Aim High)
Oct 21st – Sec 3 & 4, Oct 22nd – Sec 5
 - Process has started earlier than previous years
 - S. Camard recommended we find ways to stabilize the process and make it consistent
 - find ways to involve parents and students more
 - Resource teacher has clear timeline
 - currently in data collecting mode, then will be printed and sent to parents for review
 - many come back without modifications
 - if need be, Resource Teacher will reach out to parents

3.4 – JFK Vaccination update (staff & students)

- 75% of student population has been vaccinated
- no statistics for adults as it is not permitted to ask
- students on a sports team must be vaccinated as per GMA rules
- government dictates whether staff and admin have to be vaccinated, school cannot impose
- Mr. Cannavino pointed out that if GB has a request it wishes be honored, they can send recommendation to Council to "pass a symbolic resolution" to then highly recommend the Ministry uphold
- Mr. Cannavino also reminded one needs to remember that Unions are involved

3.5 – Covid-19 school update, protocols moving forward

- protocol remains to keep everyone as safe as possible
- sanitation procedures still being maintained
- masks are still being distributed
- no longer have to isolate the entire class unless symptoms warrant it
- only 3 cases to date

3.6 – COSTCO scholarships (3) and GB Awards (2) – confirmation & update

- GB and other Special Awards Recipients

☞ Governing Board Chairperson's Award	- Nektarios Kakomanolis & Alexander Milioto
☞ Governing Board Academic & Civility Award	- Sheldon Agostinho-Pereira & Eram Al Mamun & Andy Pham
☞ Anthony Colannino Perseverance Award	- Giuseppe Oliverio
☞ Joseph Vitantonio Award	- Karolan Bleau
☞ Joseph Marra Exemplary Student Award	- Christina Capitanio & Shuta Sugisaka
☞ Pat Sullivan Student & Athlete Award of Excellence	- Jeffrey Moreta Matos
☞ JFK Community Service Award	- Dashawn Steer Morris
☞ JFK Scholastic Success Award	- Khang Wincikaby
☞ Studio Nan C Scholastic Award	- Hakmeng Be
☞ EMSB Parents' Committee Award of Merit	- Brandon Cappadocia & Alesia Tiana Ignoto
☞ PSBGM Cultural Heritage Foundation Scholarship	- Madison-Anne Di Pardo & Sabrina Garcia-Rebelo
☞ English Montreal Student Advisory Committee	- Alexander Milioto
☞ Frantz Benjamin Award	- Thomas Hernandez Spetsieris & Ha My Vu
☞ Medal of the National Assembly of Quebec	- Eric Matos Mercedes
☞ Governor General's Academic Medal	- Chi Viet Lan Le

3.7 – COSTCO \$300 donation & ESKA pallet (78 cases) – identify what these are earmarked for

- 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 - JFK GB meeting dates (in person vs virtual)

- Meetings will be in-person unless otherwise decreed by public health orders or other concerns warranting a virtual meeting. Virtual meetings will always be an option if necessary.
- All meetings will take place on Wednesdays as per the dates below. Unanimously Approved on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded by S. Gomes.
- GB dates for the 2021-22 school year:
 - 1 – October 20th
 - 2 – November 17th
 - 3 – December 15th (holiday social)
 - 4 – January 12th
 - 5 – February 9th
 - 6 – March 9th
 - 7 – April 13th
 - 8 – May 11th
 - 9 – June 15th – (year-end social)

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

- Will require to make changes to the school calendar, Will present new calendar at next GB.
- It was confirmed that there will only be two terms this school year (40%, 60%)
- Progress Report – November 17th
- Paperless communications through Mosaic portal being strongly encourage
 - will be sending procedure to all families
 - paper copies will only go to those families without internet service
- GB unanimously approved those activities and fundraisers that take place annually on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded by G. Tullio. New activities and fundraisers will be brought to GB at time of planning.
- Open House – November 4th
 - teachers went to Pompei and Carlyle to promote JFK
 - about 10 visits planned, some virtual, some in-person (receiving school chooses which option best suits them)
- A Marketing Team has been set-up to help rebrand our school and get us back in the spotlight
 - Members: Mrs. Gagliano, Mr. Muoio, Mrs. Dow, Mrs. St-Croix and Mrs. Hoxha
 - the group will be making a promotional video and will be present on social media
 - promotional pamphlet to distribute to elementary schools
- Website – current site has been shutdown. New platform is being created, work in progress. There will be a section for parents on the website. Will report further at a future meeting.
- PATHWAYS was launched . This is a program to give students the opportunity to get Sec4 credits (mandatory)
 - less stressful environment
 - develop long-range plans to focus their attention
 - can customize schedule
 - small group promotes social skills
 - a program designed to maximize student opportunity to obtain the necessary credits to graduate
- Mile-end school incident, death
 - victim was a former JFK student
 - many unknowns still, waiting for directives
 - JFK Trauma team on site for students (G. Tullio, Spiritual Animator, etc.)
 - JFK will put together a small memorial, what form this will take, and when – TBC

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

7. Teachers' Report

- Open House Video
- Clubs have started (Book, Crocket, and Cooking)
- A little "normalcy" has (thankfully) returned
- Marketing Team will focus efforts on marketing video, Instagram/social media

7.1 – SCA & PDO Report (Spirituality Community Animator and Project Development Officer)

- From Mr. Rocco Speranza, SCA
 - school supply drive
 - Truth & Reconciliation with guest speaker Kawsiente – Orange Shirt Day
 - Montreal elections conference with VSP Borough Mayor and Burrough Councillors (Sec5)
 - SCA class visits
 - Missing Children's Network Shine Presentation – week of Oct 25th, (Aim High, Sec 1, 2)
 - Greening of school grounds. The planting of 64 trees, and tulips Mr. Kokonnis' Sec 5 classes took part, Aim High will aid as well with Tree maintenance and planting. Partnered with Soverdi and Mrs. Shannon from the Board.
 - Weekly cleaning of school grounds with student volunteers
 - Gardening projects with students
 - Partnered with a few community organizations (two senior's groups, Youth Fusion, VSMS, Ville en vert)

- From Mr. Gerry Tullio, PDO
 - October Prevention Month – planned an early start in the prevention Program. The students will be receiving these workshops throughout the month of October.
 - Vaping (sec 1, 2, Aim High) – Med students from McGill and Udm will be Presenting on the effects of vaping.
 - Substance Abuse (Sec 1, Aim High) – Maison Jean Lapointe will be presenting the "My Independence Matters to Me" workshops.

8. Students' Report – nil

9. PPO Report – nil

10. Delegate's Report

- Parents' Committee Executive Team – much the same as last year, will report further at next GB.

11. Correspondence – GB extends its sincerest condolences to Mrs. N. Cloutier on the loss of her father.

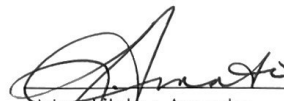
12. Question Period - nil

13. Varia - nil

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



Mr. Johnny Leoci
Chair



Mrs. Libby Amato
Principal