



**John F. Kennedy High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes for meeting held on  
November 16, 2022, at 7 P.M.  
*Virtual***

**PRESENCE:**

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| <b>Parents:</b>        | <b>Ms. Sophie Camard, Ms. Marlihan Lopez, Ms. Gerri Bressier</b>                         |
| <b>Administration:</b> | <b>Ms. Liboria Amato &amp; Mr. Vito Campbell-Guerriero</b>                               |
| <b>Teachers/Staff:</b> | <b>Ms. Nathalie Cloutier, Mr. Anthony Tonin, Ms. Alessandra Zanello, Mr. Gerry Tulio</b> |
| <b>Community Rep:</b>  | <b>None</b>  |
| <b>Student Reps:</b>   | <b>Christopher Milioto &amp; Alissa Braccio</b>  |
| <b>Commissioner:</b>   | <b>Mr. Agostino Cannavino</b>  |
| <b>PPO:</b>            | <b>None</b>  |
| <b>Public:</b>         | <b>None</b>  |
| <b>Regrets:</b>        | <b>Ms. Silvy Gomes-Pires</b>   |

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Ms. Zanello, seconded by Ms. Cloutier.

**2. Approval of the minutes of October 19, 2022**

Corrections to be made; *Libroria* corrected to Liboria.

Minutes approved by Mr. Tullio seconded by Ms. Cloutier

**3. Business arising from the Minutes**

**3.1 Open House**

Ms. Amato was impressed with the turnout and very happy with positive feedback from visitors.

Mr. Tonin stated that this open house was the best organized, well attended and showcased the big range of activities as well as the special programs offered. He also asked that WOTP keeps being part of it.

Ms. Lopez suggested that a pamphlet advertising our school including all our programs would be a better representation as opposed to the flyer that was sent last year to elementary schools. The

GB was assured that a pamphlet has been printed this year and was available on open house night.

Ms. Camard and Ms. Gomes Pires participated as volunteers on open house shared that a significant portion of the visitors were future students for our special needs programs and that the evening was well organised and lively.

### 3.2 Career Fair

Our Sec 5 and WOTP students visited the St. Pius X Career Fair on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There was plenty of positive feedback from the students, happy to learn about the various colleges and trade schools. Mr. Tonin said that the WOTP students really valued the large selection of schools with the possibility of “a student for a day “which would be a very positive experience to guide students towards a possible career path. A recommendation was made by Ms. Cloutier that the Career Fair should be attended by Sec 5 and WOTP students exclusively.

### 3.3 Chocolate Drive

An amendment motioned by Ms. Alessandra Zanello. Let it be said that monies raised by chocolate fundraising will go to student activities. Seconded by Ms. Nathalie Cloutier and unanimously voted in favor by GB members.

Ms. Amato reported that the Chocolate Fundraiser was over on October 31. 300 packs of chocolate were ordered, and we will return 114 boxes that have not been distributed. A deposit of \$8900 was made and there is approximately \$1500 collected and ready to be deposited. The collection is very slow, and bars are being returned. The prizes will be awarded to the top sellers. And that the assessment of this fundraiser success be presented at December meeting.

### 3.4 IEP

Ms. Camard reported that there was a significant participation of Aim High students at the open house as volunteers and a large number of the visiting students belonged to the special needs community. Ms. Camard thus restated the importance of having a good IEP process at JFK as she feels it can be improved during the data collection and revision phases via forms to parents for example (see Nathalie Myara's Le Plan D'Intervention, Un Processus et des Ententes, 2017) with specific goals and achievable targets with help from TEVA consultant to focus on options available after high school.

Members discussed that improvements to documents used at present and parent action and participation are vital to the updating and maintenance of the IEPs. Ms. Amato noted that we have

180 students with IEPs and that while all the students 'cases are reviewed through input from parents and teachers. A lack of manpower results in priority placed on cases with major issues.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **4.1 Costco donations**

Mr. Campbell-Guerriero reported that we received three \$200 gift cards from our generous benefactor Mr. Clement of Costco Anjou. These cards will purchase stock for the Holiday Food Drive. We expect that the next gift card donation will be in December.

##### **4.2 2022 Xmas initiatives**

Ms. Amato reported that the Costco Gift Cards combined with a donation of \$2000 from MNA Mr. Franz Benjamin will greatly improve the Holiday baskets that will be distributed this year. The WOTP organizes the food collected from student donations and corporate donations. Families benefiting from the Lunch Program were contacted and asked if there is a need for this aid. The confidentiality of those receiving is very important, therefore paperwork is prepared in such a way as the families are identified by order numbers. Members discussed various sources that would be followed up on to solicit donations for the Holiday Basket campaign. The baskets will be distributed at school on Wednesday December 21 between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Mrs Bressler mentioned reaching out to a contact in a manufacturing clothing company that gives away items with imperfections.

#### **5. Principal's & Vice-Principal's Reports**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in person on November 24<sup>th</sup> for in person interviews in the cafeteria 3:30 -5:30 and 6:00-9:00.

The Bookfair will also be held starting on November 24 as delivery of the bookfair has been very difficult. Compensation will be made for this issue as the bookfair will continue into the next week. Classes have been scheduled to give students an opportunity to visit and purchase books during the school day as well as at recess and lunch.

School Budgets are due December 16<sup>th</sup> will be presented at the December meeting.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Amato reported \$326 roll over from last school year added to the \$250 allocated for this year bringing the balance to \$576.

## **7. Teacher's & Staff Report**

### New York Trip Sec 5

Ms. Cloutier reported on the Sec 5 New York trip being planned for March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> at a tentative cost of \$831.64 for 2 nights and 3 days at a hotel in Newark N.J., with plenty of amazing activities planned. Number of students participation will determine the final cost as well as the realisation of this excursion. Possibility of student fundraising in order to reduce students' own price of trip may encourage students to consider joining.

Mr. Tullio motioned to approve the New York trip, seconded by Ms. Bressier . unanimously approved by GB members.

### Washington & Philadelphia Trip Sec 3 & 4

Ms. Cloutier reported on the Sec 3 & 4 Washington & Philadelphia trip being planned for at a tentative cost of \$950 for 3 nights and 4 days, includes activities, breakfast, insurance and museums. Number of students participation will determine the final cost as well as the realisation of this excursion.

Mr. Tullio motioned to approve the Washington & Philadelphia trip, seconded by Ms. Bressier . unanimously approved by GB members.

### Christmas Wreath Activity

This activity has been planned with the Homeroom classes participating to create a unique themed wreath to be displayed on the doors.

Teachers are preparing for review for exam week December 12 – 16

### 7.1 Spiritual Community Animator & Project Development Officer Report

SCA: Mrs. Alie did not supply any report.

Project Development Officer: Mr. Tullio reported the following:

Prevention month - October to beginning of November , Went very well. All levels received a presentation.

Sec 1- My Independence Matters to Me (drugs) – Maison Jean Lapointe (MJL)

Sec 1 – Anti-vaping – Drop the Vape

Sec. 2 – Beyond the Screens (cyber)- MJL

Sec 2-5: Drug prevention – Focusing on Individual, friends and family –(substance abuse) Camp Lift

Headstrong Summit – On September 25, 26 and 27, 14 students participated in the Mental Health Commission of Canada Headstrong Summit. It was successful event. Students heard speakers, discussed ideas. Some suggestions, Brain Breaks in class, poster campaign against stigma, encourage more talk on mental health, the Oasis opening, guest speakers. I am meeting the students this week to write more ideas down and to fill out the grant request from our partner REISA which will be giving us \$1,000.

Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi – Weekly presence is helpful for students with cv writing and interviews. Has booked presentations with WOTP, will be presenting in Pathways.

Herzl Family Clinic – On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, presented to our sec 2 and 4 groups. Presentations went well, students sent in questions and were answered.

Camp Lift – We started our Camp Lift groups, a junior group for sec 1-3 and senior group for sec 4 and 5. Groups are everyt Monday, period 3 for juniors and period 4 for seniors. During lunch, the animators work around speak to students.

YWCA – Will be presenting to our sec 3 groups tomorrow. This is first two coupled presentations, "Sexual violence and Exploitation in relationships", in January the second half, "Healthy Relationships"

Public Health – We are meeting with them on Monday. We reported on various initiative we are continuing to imolement and new ones. Discussed getting their help with the "Hors Piste" programme training, and requested information on any programs they may have or can find for us, such as, violence prevention, more mental health, etc.

Presently looking at some programs on "Internet Safety" for both students and parents, participating in a research project on adolescent relationships. This program has been approved by the Board.

Brief follow ups:

Educaide – Our file is still "open", but their main funder the Desjardins Foundation has stopped funding for now and focusing more on mental health programs. They will keep our file active and inform us if any funds will be available.

Monthly Dignity – Waitng to hear from them. The organisation is run by volunteers who are university students.

John Abbott Police Tech – This pilot is on hold for now.

Brief note: All the presenters from the various organization always comment on how they enjoy coming to JFK. Our students are respectful towards them, towards each other, active listners and

ask questions. I always make it a point of letting teachers know and ask them to pass it on to the kids. Let them know how others see them.

**8. Student's Report**

Students Christopher Millioto & Alissa Braccio reported a balance of \$144.37, bought face paint for \$27.50 bringing new balance to \$116.87. \$358 was raised with Rotating Bake Sale to \$475 to buy Christmas decorations, the balance will go to Carnival activities. A schedule will be posted for Carnival

**9. PPO Report**

No PPO was elected this year.

**10. Delegate's Report**

Due to time constraint, the Delegate report will be tabled to next meeting

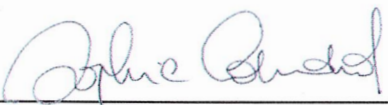
**11. E Mails (formerly correspondence) nil**

**12. Question Period – nil**

**13. Varia**

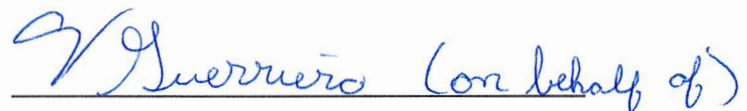
Next meeting will take place at school in person on Wednesday December 21 at 6:00 in the conference room. Dinner will be provided after a short meeting.

**Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM on motion by Ms. Camard, seconded by Ms. Cloutier.**



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Ms. Sophie Camard  
Chair



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Ms. Liboria Amato  
Principal