



**John F. Kennedy High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes for meeting held on  
April 17th, 2023 at 7 P.M.  
*Virtual***

**PRESENCE:**

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

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Gerry Tullio seconded by Nathalie Cloutier.

**2. Adoption of the minutes of March 22**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 22 were approved with corrections unanimously as written on a motion by Gerri Bresier, seconded by Gerry Tullio

**3. Business arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Sophie Camard brought up the discussion of transportation to see if there was any new information. She also brought up the need for parent support and guidance in the transitioning of the students from elementary school to high school and from Aim High to regular program.

- a) Vito Guerriero mentioned that they are speaking with Michel Aubin and the team at Student Services to see what types of changes to the application process for any of the programs coming into the school in the upcoming school year to address basic questions and concerns. In terms of the in-school transition, such as Aim High, WOTP or Pathways, the behavior technicians and childcare workers check in with students to see how they are doing. The staff is also briefed on some of the things that can be expected such as students' strength and weaknesses. The support staff is always available to answer questions.

- b) Mr. Tonin mentioned that for WOTP, if students are leaving the school because they graduate, they meet with Pina Evangelista. If they are leaving to go to a trade school or adult education, the policy is to have a debriefing with the family. There is also debriefing with the families and meetings with the core teachers receiving the students leaving WOTP going into a program at JFK.
- c) Vito Guerriero mentioned that there was a discussion with JFK's representative at Student Services to have an online information session during the school year to invite parents that have been approached by the administrators at the elementary level. The idea was well received but nothing definitive yet.

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

##### 4.1 Educational Project:

- a) Sophie Camard mentioned reviewing the Educational Project.
- b) Vito Guerriero stated that we need the Board's objectives first before we build our own project. Since we do not have data to have a discussion he recommended that we wait until we have data from the school board. He suggested that we read the document on our own and prepare questions and suggestions at the next meeting.
- c) Marlihan Lopez recommended that we could work on the Equity section (provisions to include non-binary persons and ethnicity groups)
- d) Vito Guerriero stated that as it is an official document, we will follow the EMSB's language and goals. The EMSB will provide the tools, information, and guidelines it wants us to include in the document.
- e) Gerry Tullio mentioned a certain section was schoolwide and not on an individual school basis.
- f) Sophie Camard asked where the GB stood this year.
- g) Nathalie Cloutier added that while we are waiting for the template from the Board the staff has many things to work on in the meantime. This is not an issue for the current GB. The school team will work on the document once the Board provides statistics and orientations. Next year the GB will have points based on the upcoming changes.
- h) Vito Guerriero added that the reporting of the annual reporting is delayed because of the delay from the Ministry which trickled down to the Boards and the schools. In the meantime, the team could collect data, determine the gaps in the data and where we could go from here. Something can be put forward to the students if there are missing key points and data.
- i) Sophie Camard suggested a book on inclusion called "Index for Inclusion" which could be a useful tool and checklist for schools to help students, staff, and parents. It looks at policies, practices, and culture of school.
- j) Vito Guerriero shared that JFK was part of an equity survey, based out of the University of BC, with Dr. Sharma who is compiling data across Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. Last week he met with Dr. Sharma and her preliminary findings showed that we were at the top end based on the criteria they set up. She will be sending some documentation which will be presented at the next GB meeting. This document will help in answering some of the questions in the section on Equity.

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

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

The balance remains at \$255.00.

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

- Nathalie Cloutier shared that last two week the student council had bake sales to raise money. Total will be disclosed at next meeting.
- Grad and Prom are being organized.
- The E-invites for prom were sent out and the cost is \$100/person if the student sold bags. If no bags were sold, then the cost is \$150/person.
- Grad hoodies were distributed. She bought 6 extra hoodies (2M, 2L and 2XL). If any students interested, they could go and see her or the office to purchase one for \$35.
- On April 1<sup>st</sup> five students attended the "Mini Med School Event" for the first time. JFK came out with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the suture competition. The feedback was positive.
- Students are getting ready for finals. Teachers are setting up extra tutorials for the students, identifying at risk students and encouraging them towards the tutorials.
- Mr. Tonin shared that on April 4<sup>th</sup> students were invited to wear blue for the "Autism Awareness Day". An awareness campaign was led by WOTP and CCW team. \$350 was raised for "Autism Speaks" through the sale of merchandise and bake sale. Money to be sent in June.
- Upcoming Event: On May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Vernissage" for WOTP, the annual Art Soiree will be coming back. Mr. Tonin approached art teacher Ms. Reyes to include everybody's art. She is in conversation with Ms. Tsontakis and Mr. Muoio, multimedia teachers, to feature all students' artwork. A schoolwide Vernissage Soiree at JFK will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Invitation will be going out soon. WOTP will be lending space to allocate a make-shift art gallery.

## **Spiritual Community Animator & Project Development Officer Report:**

**Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi** – Continuing our partnership. Meeting students and helping with cv, job search, Classroom presentations.

**Camp Lift** – Sessions ended for this year for both junior and senior groups. They will come in to host a kiosk for the summer camp and new inner city programs for our students.

**Digital Security** – Last Friday (April 14) and Monday (April 17) Epique came in and gave our sec 1 and Aim High groups a presentation on DIGITAL Security. All the students, great attention and participation very well received it.

**Improv/acting** – With our community partner, REISA, the actors in film club and other students have been participating in the workshops. Tomorrow (April 20) will be the third session. Our community partner REISA pays for these workshops.

**Fees Marrianes/ Fairy Godmothers.** This organization provides prom dress and suits for students who need. With our school tech Susan Coleston, we have registered 3 students. Two males who will receive suits and all accessories on May 6<sup>th</sup> and one female students who will receive a prom dress with accessoires this Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Public Health** – On April 11, our Board School climate consultant and the team from Public Health met with our GC and 3 staff members who run our informal “boys’ groups”, for a “Lunch and Learn”. They discussed issues, how to listen for certain things so that they may refer the student to necessary help if needed. This will help lead us to creating a formal boys’ group with Camp Lift next year. They will be doing the same with our informal girls’ groups, with the same intent of creating a Camp Lift girls’ group.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a zoom meeting with Public Health to plan our strategy for the Hors Piste program, from training, implementing and reviewing for next year.

Organizing a training for our staff on “Mental Health First Aid” for beginning of next year.

**CEGEP** – Mr Campbell-Guerriero, Mr Beckford and Mr Tullio met to review the CEGEP process. It has been decided to be implement next year the following:

- Classroom visits- the visit will be in October for sec 5, explain CEGEP, trade and adult ed. Followed by a November visit to the sec 4 groups, to start the process with them.
- A Google Classroom will be created for the sec 5 and 4 students, with parents having access. There will be resources such as: Different Characteristics, Letter of Intent, requirements for trades. This Classroom will be consistently update with info in regards to Open Houses, Student for a Day, HOPS program and anything that may be pertinent.

The goal is also to foster independence in students, to research programs, write letters of intent, ask questions, etc

**“Eating disorders, Healthy Lifestyles”** - On Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, a staff member reached out Mr Tullio about a situation involving eating disorders. Staff members immediately got involved and we saw that it involved more students, including athletes. On Monday the team formed a committee and put various things in place. The weight room will be open everyday day after school, staff members will supervise and are giving their time. This program will be open to juniors also, with consent and limited to cardio. We have included a “healthy lifestyle” discussion of 10-15 minutes per session. Staff members with connections to the Concordia and the McGill sports teams will invite them and Camp Lift team to come and speak to the participants. I reached out to our Board consultant who quickly put together a meeting with Public Health, held on Monday (April 17). We looked at what we implemented and what we will implement in new school year. Today, Victoria Della Cioppa, our

School Climate consultant who handles our project with Public Health sent us health information and lesson plans from both the Nutrition and Phys Ed consultants at the board. In addition, our Nutrition consultant will look at possibility of coming in to our school.

#### **8. Student's Report**

No one present to report.

#### **9. PPO Report**

No PPO was elected this year.

#### **10. Delegate's Report**

- Marlihan Lopez shared that there was a detailed presentation on Moderation and Conversion in relation to the MEQ exams.
- The book "Killer Underwear Invasions" by Elise Gravel was voted as the gift to be awarded for the literacy contest.
- One of the parent commissioners proposed the resolution to mandate the Commissioner to write a letter to the Board regarding the issue of praying in school. They voted on whether the Commissioner should write a letter.

#### **11. Correspondence/Emails - nil**

#### **12. Question Period – nil**

#### **13. Varia - nil**

**Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:25 on motion by Gerry Tullio, seconded by Marlihan Lopez.**



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Ms. Sophie Camard

Chair

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Mr. Vito Campbell-Guerrero

Principal