



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on
March 22nd, 2023 at 7 P.M.
*Virtual***

PRESENCE:

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Marlihan Lopez, seconded by Silvy Gomes-Pires.

2. Adoption of the minutes of February 17th

Corrections were brought to the minutes of the meeting held on February 17th to correct spelling on the following names Gerry Tullio and Gerri Besier. The remainder was approved unanimously as written on a motion by Gerri Besier, seconded by Silvy Gomes-Pires.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

3.1 Educational Report Follow-up (data on integrated students and posting on JFK Website– We will be working on the school survey within the next few weeks. The statistics on Success Rate for Aim High students was never compiled. We need to keep track of the students who are integrated into the regular program and how they are adapting once they make the move. This year there are 8 students going into regular stream plus 8 (4 sec.1 and 4 sec. 2) more students from Aim High joining WOTP and 4 more students registering at other schools such as Outreach, John Grant or L.I.N.K.S. These schools would provide other services that JFK cannot. This would leave 14 remaining in Aim

High for 2023-2024. We already have 11 new students registered for next year which totals 25 students confirmed. There are also interviews set up for 14 more students which would bring the total to 39 students. The stats that we have is that approximately 5 to 8 students move on to the regular stream and 3 to 4 move to the semi-skilled programs.

Sophie mentioned that the program is very popular but that the distance would be a problem for many families. We need to look into providing transportation for students in Aim High.

More guidance should be provided to the parents whose children are transitioning. The website should include a parent section. The school can also provide information sessions for parents who are transitioning from elementary to high school or from Aim High to regular program.

Vito replied to the transportation issue in saying that the school has no control in this department and that the school board decides on transportation. In the past, other governing boards have tried to get the STM to offer this service but being that the school has great access to public transportation, it has been very difficult. Silvy will speak Sandra Leveille, Director in School Organisation at the school board to see what can be done for the school. More to follow in the next meeting.

3.2 Budget Building Process Priorities for 2023-2024 – Here is a summary of Budget Building Process in order of priority:

1. Increase literacy and numeracy initiatives for increasing staff and materials resources for English, French, Math and History.
2. Increase current staffing for resource personnel (Guidance Counsellor, Child Care Workers, Behavior Technicians, Psychologist, Spiritual Animator, Drug Addiction Counsellor)
With the ratio of Special needs that we have, it is mandatory that we should have a least 2 full-time resource teachers.
3. Increase IT resources (including professional development and technology materials)
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, psychologists) Access to social workers and psychologists is provided by the CIUSS. Psychologists from the school board are for elementary schools and Guidance Councillors are for high schools. Marlihan suggested alternatives like Mindfulness programs. Such programs such as Campliff that are semi-funded or fully funded are brought in by Gerry Tullio and the Spiritual Animator, Ms. Ally.

5. Ensure proper funding for building maintenance, building security, and repair projects (improvements, security and cameras, repair projects and daily caretaking)

The Budget Building was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Alessandra Zanello, seconded by Gerry Tullio.

3.3 Women's month: gender equality and women's rights actions – Vito met with Mr. Alex, Gerry and Ms. Ally who have reached out to organisations, but they are already all booked. It was determined that a yearly plan should be prepared to organise monthly events for next year and to start to reserve now. Some months have already dedicated themes like February (Black History) and March (Woman's History) but presentations should happen all year. Including the display areas. Must start planning soon to begin in September. Teachers are already doing this in their classrooms, but the school should invest in something more formal. Gerry suggested that we involve the Student Council so that the word goes out to their peers. The month of April is dedicated to Autism Awareness. Our Behaviour Technician, Shanna Marcarelli is organising a fundraiser and there will also be a Blue Shirt Day. Covid 19 halted a lot of activities in schools and this year they got booked very fast.

4. New Business

4.1 Renewal of the D15 Projet Particulier program – Must be +15 by September 30 to register in WOTP. The funding for this program is used for the whole year. It allows students to get their credits in English, French and Math. Previously, students would require Secondary 4 English, French and Math to register in the trade programs but the Government has changed this to Secondary 3. This improves their chances since there are no Ministry exams for students which gives them better access. The goal for these students is not the end by the start to a new pathway. Whether it is in regular, adult education or trade program. WOTP is self sustained with some grants during the year but no funds come from school budget.

Renewal of the D15 Projet Particulier program was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Gerry Tullio, seconded by Alessandra Zanello.

Governing Board to sign and send standard letter to the School Board which sends it to the Ministry of Education for approval.

4.2 Review of educational project – Waiting for survey to take place and data from school board. Recommended to discuss at next meeting. Motion to move to postpone to discuss in next meeting by Nathalie Cloutier, seconded by Alessandra Zannello

4.3 Website Update – There were some glitches on the website that should be fixed this week. To add to the website are Parent resources and links also the Governing Board Minutes.

4.4 Approval of 2022-2023 Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum Plan – Once the students leave the system to enter the workforce, they are having difficulty understanding the process. In February the school launched training for Secondary 5 students in the Financial Education program. Alice from Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi meets with students and discusses with them how to write a CV or apply for their Social Insurance Number. Even shows them job postings available and how they can apply. This process will also help students apply for CEGEP.

Mr. Kokkonis, the Personal Orientation Projects teacher, had his first assignment: *Where do you see yourself after high school?* Must add a new component to lessons prepared by the School board, focusing on Secondary 5 needs. Other levels to follow soon. Gerry added that helping graduates transition to CEGEP or Trade programs is important but that we should also extend the help to Grade 6 students coming to high school or junior students moving on to become seniors.

Approval of 2022-2023 Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum Plan was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Nathalie Cloutier, seconded by Gerry Tullio

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

- Met with Gerry and Mr. Alex about CEGEP applications and must get an earlier start and plan for next year's applications to prevent late bloomers. Once students have been accepted, some programs require interviews, letter of intent and portfolios. School should help students prepare for this. This process might be very intimidating for some students. We can ask Alice from Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi to help the students with this.
- Prom Committee is finishing up with the details for catering
- On June 9th, last day of classes, students will be going to LaRonde.
- Registration is ongoing and we are currently at 255 students not including Aim High, WOTP and International students.

6. Treasurer's Report

The balance remains at \$255.00.

7. Teacher's & Staff Report

- Nathalie reports that Carnival week was a success and that students had a lot of fun.
- The Prom Committee continues to fundraise with bake sales.
- Grad hoodies will be coming in two weeks.
- Shakespeare Company came to perform for the Secondary 3, 4, and 5 students. Everyone was more than impressed this year with the interaction with actors and students.
- Secondary 5 students started getting the answers back from CEGEPs and Trade schools and a lot have been accepted.
- On April 1st, two Secondary 5 students and three Secondary 4 students will be attending the Mini Med school event at the Palais de Congres. This is the first year that this event is taking place. It brings forward health programs and demonstrates new technology in medicine. Very exciting
- Mr. Tonin added that the Graduation ceremony preparations are almost complete. In the process of ordering the Caps and Gowns. Also, finalizing details for the prom with menu to finalize. Continuing with the sale of the Roots bag which will help defer the costs for DJ, photo booth, decoration and cocktails for parents. Gerri Bresier asked if the previous principal, Mr. Delaney, would be invited to the Graduation Ceremony. Mr. Guerriero confirmed that an invitation will be sent out.
- Grad pictures have started to come in. No information if it will be possible to retake the pictures but, in the past, retakes were done at the companies studio. Mozaik will be delivered soon so that students can enjoy before the end of the year. Alessandra will get more information for retakes.

Spiritual Community Animator & Project Development Officer Report:

8. Student's Report

No one present to report.

9. PPO Report

No PPO was elected this year.

10. Delegate's Report

Marlihan reported that the following was discussed at the meeting on March 2nd:

- Adopted statement Bill 96
- Discussion brought up regarding fundraising activities that include raffling or lottery wins that may have a negative impact

- Discussion on having a fund of \$5000 to donate to families in need (sickness, death, etc.) Some committee members concerned on how the funds will get distributed and who will decide which family will receive help. This might involve some conflict of interest and fairness.
- Develop Literacy Award

It was brought to our attention that JFK does not use raffling or lottery picks to fundraise money for the school and that this is not an issue for our school. Participation raffles are at no cost and most fundraisers rely on donations. As a group, it was discussed that it would not be recommended to have a fund for families in need coming from the Parents Committee. Most schools, if not all, should be involved directly with helping their families. It is not up to a committee to distribute the funds how they want to. This will bring a conflict to determine who gets help. JFK is in the process of giving out the 2nd round of baskets to families in need. The board voted against the idea to have the Parent's Committee donate funds to families in need.

11. Correspondence/Emails - nil

12. Question Period – nil

13. Varia - nil

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 9:08 on motion by Gerry Tullio, seconded by Marlihan Lopez.

Ms. Sophie Camard
Chair

Mr. Vito Cambpell-Guerriero
Principal