



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on
May 28th, 2024 at 7 P.M.
*Virtual Meeting***

PRESENCE:

Parents:	Mr. Sergio Sollazzo, Mr. Mike Lang, Ms. Silvy Gomes-Pires,
Administration:	Mr. Vito Campbell-Guerriero
Teachers/Staff:	Ms. Ruesga, Mr. Dector, Mr. Gerry Tullio
Community Rep:	None
Student Reps:	Eva-Gabriella Gueda & Amanda Caccese
Commissioner:	None
PPO:	None
Public:	None
Regrets:	Ms. Liboria Amato, Ms. Marlihan Lopez, Ms. Alessandra Zanello

1. Approval of the Agenda

A correction was made to the agenda whereas Student Services Report should be added after Teacher Report as 8.1. To be added to the agenda in New Business is the approval of the Boston Trip. The agenda was unanimously approved on motion by Sergio Sollazzo, seconded by Silvy Gomes-Pires.

2. Approval of the minutes of March 26th

The approval of the minutes of the meeting held on March 26th was tabled for approval at our next meeting.

3. Business arising

No business arising from previous meeting.

4. New Business

Approval of Boston Trip 2024-2025 – The staff would like to get approval for the Field Trip to Boston to be held on April 23rd, 24th & 25th 2025 for the secondary 3, 4 & 5 students. The trip was unanimously approved.

5. Chairperson Report

- Courtyard Renovations – Mr. Sollazzo requested, if possible, to open the courtyard for the remainder of the school year. Unfortunately, there is still a lot to be done to make the area safe for our students so opening the yard this year will not be possible. The goal is to get it ready for the next school year. The Secondary 5 and WOTP students are helping with the clean-up. The school board and the engineers need to be consulted to make sure that the zone is safe.
- Pool Closure – Project was put on hold due to the size of the renovation and the budget. The city has decided to pull out. It was suggested by Mr. Guerriero that we can ask the Commissioner and the parents to write a letter to the school board asking to move up the project.
- Bike Path – An email was sent to the Mayor of the Burrow, still waiting for a response to follow-up
- Art Show – Congratulations to the students for all their hard work and beautiful displays
- Open House 2024 – A date as been set for the Open House for October 11th. This will make John F. Kennedy one of the first schools to have an Open House this year. Have it early on might give us a better chance to get the students to register at our school. In the past, our school did it later because we combined it with Halloween and had a visit to the haunted house. We need to figure out ways to make the event special by involving our students and getting the visiting students involved as well. Maybe hiring a marketing firm to help with the event.
- Financing – Mr. Sollazzo asked Mr. Guerriero to prepare the letter for business donations. This will allow us to approach businesses on behalf of John F. Kennedy.
- Governing Board Awards – The Graduation Committee is meeting in April to discuss the awards and the graduation ceremony and how the Governing Board can contribute towards the awards. The Governing Board Award is given to a student in Secondary 5. Secondary 1 to 4 have their own Academic awards during the evening where parents are invited and the Sports awards is during the day for athletes and coaches.

6. Principal's & Vice-Principal's Reports (Varia)

1. Educational Project 2024-2027

Ms. Olivia Petrocco who is an expert in Educational Projects along with Chad Leblanc, Tracy Mangal, six JFK teachers, one resource teacher, one student attendant and Ms. Amato produced our education project that reflects our school's needs and expectations that also align with the school boards success plan. The project shows emphasis in the school profile for example, gender, economic background, specialized programs (AIM High, WOTP, Pathways), specialized staff, school support and social programs. The project enhances the significant population that are classified with unique academic requirements and learning profiles which are supported by our resource teachers and childcare workers. In addition, it mentions our enriched classes in the Math, Science and French subjects and our innovative Media Arts Program. It provides the staff breakdown and describes the role of our Governing Board. It then focuses on the importance of our multiple Sports activities which are offered in the morning, at lunch and after school by the only two sports technicians at the EMSB. Finally, it boasts on the various dedicated areas offered to our students such as the Oasis Room, the Games Room, La Place, the Sensory Room, the Library and our three computer labs. The Educational Project also shows the Academic Objectives and statistics for each subject. It explains the School Climate since 2022 and their goal objectives for the future.

2. School Calendar

Next year's calendar will have an additional day for school success plan. It was also added a 3rd Parent & Teacher Interview night which will be by invitation only for students who are struggling and might need extra support with tutoring. This will give them 6-7 weeks to help get ready for exams. The calendar for 2024-2025 was unanimously approved on motion by Gerry Tullio, seconded by Mike Lang.

3. Graduation 2024

Graduation ceremony will be held on June 19th. An email will be sent to the Secondary 5 parents. It will start at 2 pm and should end at 3:30 pm. Ms. Tzontakis is organizing the event. Parents will be allowed to take pictures during the ceremony and downstairs in La Place.

4. Spiritual Grad

This ceremony is only for the graduating students and will be a celebration of their best which allows the staff and students to say their final goodbyes. It will take place on June 3rd from 10:30-11:30 followed by a lunch provided by the Cafeteria Staff. Students will be dismissed after lunch.

5. Awards Night

The Awards Night will be held on June 6th by invitation only starting at 6:30 p.m. The awards focus on the Academics and school life awards. There will also be a Sports Awards ceremony on this day in the afternoon. Only athletes and coaches will attend.

6. Last day of School

June 7 will be our last day of school. Students were scheduled to visit LaRonde but tickets were not available and the trip had to be cancelled. Instead, we rented 4 massive inflatables for the day. A BBQ lunch will be served to everyone with the help of our teachers. An email will be sent out to parents. If it rains, the activities will be held indoors

7. School Fees 2024-2025

For the most part, the school fees will remain at 180\$. Here is the breakdown by level:

Secondary 1 – 210\$

Secondary 2 – 210\$

Secondary 3 – 180\$

Secondary 4 – 180\$

Secondary 5 – 180\$

WOTP – 100\$

Aim High – 340\$

There was a substantial rise in Aim High due to the increased prices of the therapy programs. School is opened to offer payment plans to families who are not able to pay. The Governing Board unanimously approved the School Fees for 2024-2025 as presented on motion by Silvy Gomes-Pires, seconded by Gerry Tullio.

7. Treasurer's Report

The balance remains at \$505.00. To discuss at next meeting on how to distribute funds for Graduation awards.

8. Teacher's & Staff Report

- Students went to New York in April and it was very successful.
- Mr. Steve Muoio from the Film Club along with 15 students will be attending the Awards Gala at Concordia University. The event will be all day.

8.1. Student Services Report

Guidance

Followed up with students for second and third round of CEGEP applications. In some cases worked with students applying to Trades.

Gerry

- Aim High received workshops on Vaping from Camp Lift.
- Camp Lift presented to our secondary 5 students on "Partying", (alcohol, drugs, consent), especially with prom in mind. I followed up the next class with a bit more on consent and on Naloxone.

9. Student's Report

- School is distributing fruits every day and the students love this healthy idea
- During our MSACK meeting last month, the students were asked to join together to fundraise money to support the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society of Canada. JFK was able to raise \$157 and the total collected from all EMSB schools came to \$1180.

10. Delegate's Report

- The alternate attended the meeting and the following was discussed.
- The meeting was held at JFK and we had a special guest speaker from Chabad Lifeline. This is an organization helps with behavioural and substance addictions and offers free services to students and their families. Support is given to anyone who struggles with addiction at

every level. They offer individual and group support for youth, adults and families. Meetings are done online and the program for families and children last 7 weeks.

- A discussion was held regarding the closure of St. Raphael school which is moving to the Nesbitt Building after the renovations are complete. St. Raphael is an elementary school that is opened to students who have difficulties adapting to a regular school. This might bring some future prospects to JFK since the new locations will be closer to us. Next meeting will be held on June 6th.

11. Correspondence/Emails- nil

12. Question Period – none

13. Varia – Prom will be held on June 20th at Place Vogue. Cocktails will be served to families from 6-7pm. Dinner will then be served to students and staff.

Next meeting will be held in person on June 18th at 7 pm.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:53 on motion by Gerry Tullio, seconded by Sergio Sollazzo.

Mr. Sergio Sollazzo
Chair

Ms. Liboria Amato
Principal