



**John F. Kennedy High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes for meeting held on:  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7:00 PM  
- VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING -**

**PRESENCE:**

Parents: Mr Johnny Leoci <sup>(1)</sup>, Mrs Sophie Camard <sup>(1)</sup>, Mrs Silvy Gomes <sup>(2)</sup>, Mr Siavash Solati <sup>(2)</sup>

Administration: Mr Otis Delaney <sup>(Principal)</sup>, Mr Vito Guerriero <sup>(Vice-Principal)</sup>

Teachers/Staff: Mrs Romaine Hranek, Mrs Nathalie Cloutier, Mr Gerry Tullio, Mrs Alessandra Zanello

Community Rep: Mrs Carmie Lato

Student Reps: Mr Alexander Milioto, Mr Mirko Hozjan-Guerra

Commissioner: Mr Agostino Cannavino <sup>(Commissioner)</sup>

PPO:

Public/Guests: Mrs Gerri Bresier  
Mr Bernie Sanders (meme)

Regrets: Mr Agostino Cannavino <sup>(Commissioner)</sup>  
Mr Mirko Hozjan-Guerra <sup>[Student Rep]</sup>

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded by G. Tullio

**2. Adoption of the minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously by those present at that meeting, on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded by N. Cloutier with the following correction under point #2 – Adoption of the minutes:

-- The December 2020 **meeting** was cancelled to due Covid restrictions.

### 3. **Business Arising**

#### 3.1 2021-22 Budget Building Process

Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations

- 2022 Budget Building Process – voted on, and recorded, via email.

Unanimously adopted with inclusion of wording and suggestions made by S. Camard

- this is the opportunity to fine tune points before official submission to the Board

#### **- Teacher/Staff Resources**

\* S. Camard suggests "spelling out" exactly what it is we wish for under "staffing resources" and "technology". S. Camard suggests that we be specific in our language and not leave it to the generic term of "resource teacher", that we use language specifically for JFK's reality of 176 coded students.

**Example:** JFK needs two behavioural technicians and one CCW (example) because otherwise it might look like our need is met by the more generic "resource teacher" label who may, or may not, be able to meet the specific requirement (ie: behavioural tech) of our special needs student community.

Example: We require one IEP Coordinator responsible for overseeing the whole process

We require an additional resource teacher during exams times

\* Board establishes resources by how many physical students a school has but it is being recommended that it review how it counts weighted students (one weighted student = more than one physical student)

#### **- Increased technology**

\* V. Guerriero advised not to be too specific in this field because it is not always only about acquisitions but also about maintenance and upkeep which might be limiting if the "ask" is solely for "purchasing new equipment" (example)

\* the issue is that there are simply not enough "techs" to support all the software and hardware across the whole Board. (example: JFK has 40 computers waiting for "updating" (installing new software, all the updates, etc.), so on this point we should be stating "require the hiring of more IT technicians to support increased demands across the EMSB"

#### **- Increasing bandwidth and internet capabilities**

\* at school levels, as more and more online activities and demands are necessary these days (from online classrooms, to staff's professional development to familiarize them with, and make them comfortable with using, new programs, etc.)

#### **- Increase IT evergreening**

\* (ie: smartboard budgets – there isn't enough for more than 1-2 upgrades per year, so by the time they are all upgraded, there are a number that are "old" already and the process needs to restart.

#### **- Increased allocation for required sanitary expenses**

\* procedural masks

\* sanitizer

\* reimbursement / cover all deficits – monies used for such from our school budget should be redistributed back to JFK and NOT in the general pot meant to be distributed to all schools

#### **- Increase budget for tutors**

\* Aim High program – not the same "experience" online

\* students tend to struggle more with working on computers

\* G. Tullio advises that free workshops (for parents, staff, etc.) are offered to help with coping with these new methods/procedures/realities

J. Leoci will make all the necessary corrections to the document as per discussion, suggestions and recommendations and will submit to the Board by the appropriate deadline. Voted unanimously on a motion by A. Zanello, seconded by C. Lato.

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

##### 4.1 Water fountains update – follow-up on lead testing and results

- lead levels – all water is drinkable and within city regulations
- water fountains are considered high-touch areas and are currently not being used as per orders from Santé Publique
- no results yet from testing as covid led priorities
- PC recommended students bring their own re-usable bottles but water bottles will be provided for those who can't
- JFK provides water bottles with the breakfast program as it does not include a drink

#### 5. **Principal's Report**

- Parking lot
  - on-going
  - EMSB to fund tractors
  - JFK Youth / Adult Sector share the cost of plowing
  - 6 hr job to clear all walkways, doors, pathways around the school etc.
  - there is no city provision or help with costs even though they use the building
  - School does not have direct input into the agreement as to how the Ministry negotiates with the city for the use of the facilities
- Teacher Appreciation Week – big thanks to A. Zanello and V. Guerriero for the coordinating and scheduling all activities, especially considering that it has proved more challenging this time around as, as with everything, things cannot be done the "same old way". Example: it is a challenge to find products that are individually wrapped.  
Some activities scheduled:
  - staff were given winter hats and
  - breakfast planned for one of the days
  - as staff members sit on this committee, in order to preserve an element of surprise, other activities planned for the week will be reported at the next meeting
- Dress down Friday (Feb 12<sup>th</sup>) – monies collected with go to the "Heart to Heart" program; students will dress in red and contribute a twonie. Approved unanimously on a motion by S. Gomes, seconded by A. Zanello.
- Monday Feb 15 – Family Day, (holiday for teachers)

##### Vice-Principal Report – V Guerriero

###### Bathrooms and windows update

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor – odour issue dealt with
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - girls bathroom fixed (but the reality is that it is still only 1 bathroom for approx. 150 girls
  - all need refacing
  - all haven't really been upgraded since school was built

Windows: we are on the list to have them fixed

6. **Treasurer's Report** -

Balance from 2019-20 -- \$485  
2020-21 budget -- \$250  
Balance -- \$735

7. **Teachers' Report**

- thank you to administration and A. Zanello for Teacher's Appreciation Week activities, while activities may play out differently, it is always nice to be recognized and the efforts are very much appreciated

8. **Students' Report** - nil

9. **PPO Report** - nil

10. **Delegate's Report**

- PC meeting held last week
- Town Hall scheduled for tomorrow night - Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- speaking to Budget Building and the challenges of this past year
- A. Cannavino has been most helpful in helping address our needs and escalating things accordingly for us. GB is very appreciative for his help and support.
- G. Tullio - East-end Schools Marketing initiative, J. Leoci to update at a future meeting

11. **Correspondence** - nil

12. **Question Period** - nil

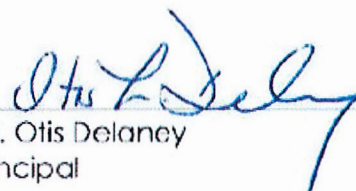
13. **Varia** - nil

**Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion by A. Zanello, seconded by G. Tullio.

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Mr. Johnny Leoci  
Chair



Mr. Otis Delaney  
Principal