



**John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
May 11 2021 5:00 PM
-VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING-**

PRESENCE:

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

Administration: Mr Otis Delaney ^(Principal), Mr Vito Guerriero ^(Vice-Principal)

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

PPO:

Public/Guests:

Regrets: Mrs Sophie Camard^(Parent Rep)
Mrs Silvy Gomes^(Parent Rep)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by R. Hranek, seconded by N. Cloutier with the following additions:

- 4.4 Windows procedure
- 4.5 Bicycle Racks

2. Adoption of the minutes of Feb 9 2021

The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, by those present at that meeting, on a motion by R. Hranek, seconded by A. Zanello. March and April 2021 meetings were cancelled.

3. **Business Arising**

3.1 – Ecole Branchée (A Healthy Mind is a Springboard to Learning – free download, email

- please revisit this tool for parents and share with your contacts

4. **New Business**

4.1 Sanitary Measure and MEES extra curricular and field trips permission

- still have to be vigilant
- 1 class out at present due to variant
- mask levels were recently changed, received new masks
- changes in terms of what kind of masks – medical masks must now be worn
- EMSB Parent Committee recently questioned the specs of masks and many parent reps were not satisfied with the answers, questioning safety and other concerns, much to the annoyance of board personnel who felt insulted at the questioning and lack of confidence (as far as Board was concerned masks were from a Shawinigan based company and manufacturing in Ontario)
- teachers reported that masks used to date were made in China and that they may potentially still be used. Mr. Delaney will advise staff to get new boxes.
- V Guerriero reported that there are 3 different levels
 - o level 1 – for students
 - o level 2 – mostly for staff as they are the ones doing most of the talking and these are designed to capture droplets
 - o level 3 – recent surgical grade (a little short of N5)
- A Cannavino will get info on which masks are being/should be currently used and latest specs etc. (Mr Delaney to send a picture of mask boxes being used to A. Cannavino for follow-up)

4.2 End-of-Year (June 23rd) – ideas on how to keep students engaged

- it is important to keep students engaged (mental health / well being / safety)
- there will be no exams, teachers are giving tests
- staff is working hard to get through the remainder of the year
- priority: safety and mental health
- it has been noted that there are high levels of anxiety among some community members (ie: single moms), but they have been reaching out to both the school and GB Chair

4.3 COSTCO Anjou Sponsorship & support for JFK (food bank & scholarship)

- COSTCO Anjou has committed to a \$300 donation every quarter (started this past Christmas, Dec 2020)
- the first quarter's donation was used mainly for food (ie: xmas baskets)
- second quarter will be for scholarships
- GB will decide and approve how future donations will be used
- TOTAL \$1200
- The manager of Costco Anjou was recognized with a certificate of appreciation. He was Happy at the gesture of recognition.

It was unanimously approved that the Q2 donation would be given as "scholarships" to three students at the discretion of R Hranek and V Guerriero, on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by A. Zanello.

The Costco Manager will be invited to hand out the awards.

- GB Award of \$125 each also to be distributed to two students. Names of recipients to be provided to GB by staff and admin, unanimously approved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by G. Tullio,

4.4 Windows issue / procedure

- it was reported by one of the students that his class was prohibited from opening windows
- there is truth to this but for various reasons
 - windows are old, and could accidentally spontaneously come down (close) and are considered hazardous
 - some are bolted shut also for safety reasons
 - staff have identified (know) which can be opened and which are unsafe
 - no windows were open during winter weather
 - always for safety reasons windows are NOT to be propped open, this could be very hazardous and open to legal suits should an accident then happen (1960 construction, guillotine style, with springs that keep them open very weak due to age)
 - most classrooms have at least 2-3 windows that are functional
- V Guerriero reminded GB that the Board has project and commitment to replace the windows

4.5 Bicycle racks

- why don't we have?
- none are at the front of the building, 3 in the courtyard (but not necessarily accessible)
- Vito addressing the issue with city departments

5. Principal's Report

- Food Truck – June 18 – Sec 5, Kitchen 73 (replaces spiritual grad)
- Ice Cream for younger grades – June 11
- J Leoci will sponsor ESKA water bottles
- Project Love – leave out violence activity
- Allocation of resources: 2 Aim High (might get one more), 2 WOTP
- 278 current enrollment, projecting 325 enrollment for new school year
- waiting list for Aim High
- cafeteria will be open till June 23rd

- Educational Project – report of status of school and how we are doing educationally, school success

Report approved unanimously on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by R. Hranek.

6. Treasurer's Report -

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

Minus \$250 for GB Award	–(\$250)
Balance Year-End 2020-21	-- \$485

7. Teachers' Report

- G. Tullio reported on
 - o the success of the Sec 2 & 4 Mental Health Activity (Herzel) (“how can I help my friend with depression”)
 - o May 12 – Montreal Children's Hospital Trauma Center
 - o Student Leadership – injury prevention program
 - o Ami Quebec – Sec 5, mental health

8. Students' Report – nil

9. PPO Report – nil

10. **Delegate's Report**

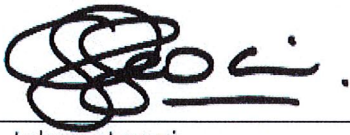
- Transformational plan – EMSB Parent Committee unanimous to revert back to what was was, effectively undoing some of Jennings doings.\
- Adult Education governance to continue with the Board
- AEVS – due to pandemic, no revenues
 - changes made to the organigram
 - things were redistribute (some things may continue, to be confirmed)
 - will have to re-evaluate promotion of program once travel opens back up and re-attract foreign students and the revenues that brings in.
- Safety Advisory Face Masks – will share specs info when that is available

11. **Correspondence** – nil

12. **Question Period** - nil

13. **Varia** - nil

Adjournment – GB thanks Mr. Cannavino for his presence and follow-up. Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on motion by G. Tullio, seconded by C. Lato.



Mr. Johnny Leoci
Chair



Mr. Otis Delaney
Principal