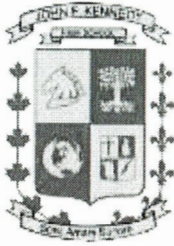


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**John F. Kennedy High School  
Governing Board  
Minutes for meeting held on:  
November 17, 2020  
7:00 PM  
JFK Library (Social Distancing)**

**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> – by phone

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

Teachers/Staff: Mrs Romaine Hranek, Mr Stefan Kazamias, 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 Nathalie Cloutier <sup>(MTA Rep)</sup>, Gerri Bresier – by phone

Regrets: Mr Stefan Kazamias <sup>(Teacher)</sup>  
Mr Gerry Tullio <sup>(Support Staff)</sup>  
Mrs Sophie Camard <sup>(Parent)</sup>

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by A. Zanello.

GB extends its congratulations to our Commissioner – Mr Cannavino – on being reinstated.

**2. Adoption of the minutes of Sept 29 2020**

The minutes of the September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, by those present at that meeting, on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by S. Gomes.

### 3. **Business Arising**

#### 3.1 – Covid-19 Safety Measures Update

- nothing more to add than what has been reported to date and minuted from past meetings
- sanitary measures adopted are working
- JFK has only had 3 cases to date – one of the very lowest in the board
- no transmission from student to student as per our observations, all cases are from "outside" (ie: transmission from home to student, public to student, etc., it is being "brought" to school, not the other way around)
- quick responses from all involved has ensured being able to respond to the cases quickly and contain the student-to-student transmission
- 100% of students are wearing masks
- G. Bresier suggested that staff consistently reiterate the message that students must go straight home after dismissal so as to discourage "hanging out". Staff will take this under advisement.

#### 3.2 – JFK Resource teacher and Special education technician update – Response from Board

- letter to Student Services requesting these resources and our reasons for it was sent as agreed
- Resource teacher was NOT approved and JFK has no budget for one
- Special ed technician and attendant was approved but some logistical issues have to be juggled and ironed out before they can start
- seniority plays a part in all this
- JFK has 180 coded students and we did have a resource teacher last school year
- J. Leoci to forward a copy of the letter sent and other pertinent information to A. Cannavino who will follow-up at his end
- This matter will be revisited by GB after the holiday period

#### 3.3 – Parent/Teacher appointment interview APP update

- V. Guerriero looked at a couple of programs, such as Microsoft Bookings, etc.
- ultimately, it was decided to go "low tech" this time around and all proceeded through simply scheduling a phone call with respective teachers (10-12 calls / teacher)
- this procedure worked very well for both parents and teachers – it was simple, no Hassles, and no complaints
- consequently, for now, the APP option is on the back burner but V. Guerriero will continue to continue to keep abreast of APP developments in this area

### 4. **New Business**

#### 4.1 Air Purifiers – MEES position on \$20MM made available for ventilation systems and Council of Commissioners (Mr. Ortona, Chair) push back on Air Purifiers for schools

- it was announced that the Ministry would release funds for ventilation upgrades and air purifiers
- will have to wait to see what will be allotted to EMSB
- likewise, will have to wait to see what the criteria's will be
- LBP board purchased 420 purifiers for a cost of \$519K (without tender) according to a La Presse article
- EMSB has decided to see what the Ministry directives will be and then take a position / make a move
- A. Cannavino hopes that government will give clear directives on criteria's, suppliers (ie: local vs abroad, metal vs plastic, etc.) and that Council can have a plan of action within the coming weeks. He assures that Council will address the issue accordingly depending on Government directives and/or failure to do so. He will keep GB posted.
- J. Leoci will reach out to Mrs Pasteris for air quality report, if available

#### 4.2 War Memorial recuperation from John Paul I

- V. Guerriero instrumental on retrieving the memorial statue from ex-John Paul I once it was handed over to the CSPI Board
- along with our new spiritual animator – Mr. R Speranza, V. Guerriero was involved in the creation of the memorial when he was at John Paul I so had an understandably vested Interest in bringing it home to JFK
- CSPI was very much OK and cooperative in the retrieval of the memorial
- this is a replica of a recognized war memorial (The Brooding Soldier in St-Julien, Belgium) and the only one of its kind in an EMSB school
- the replica has further ties to JFK in that Mrs. C Biunno's cousin is the artist

#### 4.3 Christmas Baskets Update

- JFK will continue with its annual contribution to the Christmas Basket drive
- charity starts at home and we will be able to directly provide to those less fortunate families in our immediate community
- G. Bresier pointed out that our community churches can also help in the distribution
- will continue our partnership with St. Brendan's. Parishioner pointed out that gift certificates are a welcome item in this time of Covid due to more families needing help and the encouragement to physically handle less items
- Cafeteria Services donated \$2500 worth of food products and asked Board to match
- Ahuntsic hockey moms donated gift items
- WOTP received donation from Sun Youth
- Goal is to provide a \$100 minimum value basket / family
- WOTP, and all staff, will help in the coordination of all, including distribution
- Partners:
  - IGA extra Bourgault et Sanzone
  - Intermarché Lagoria (Jean-Talon)
  - Maxi - RDP
  - Maxi - Papineau
  - Berchicci
  - Costco
  - Pharmaprix (50 gift certificates)

**It was unanimously approved, on a motion by S Gomes, seconded by A Zanello, that monies collected for the next four dress down Fridays (Nov 19, 27, Dec 4, 11) be donated to the Christmas Baskets project**

- Computers/laptops will equally be distributed to those families that require them if distance learning needs to be enforced due to another lockdown due to rising provincial cases. 15 were already distributed in previous lockdown.

#### 5. Principal's Report

- Partnership with Moisson Montréal
  - It was unanimously resolved on a motion by J. Leoci, seconded by S. Gomes to approve JFK's partnership with Moison Montréal to continue our community goodwill year long**
- Remembrance Day Courtyard activities – live streamed
- Nov 12 – Holocaust Survivor activity – Zoom presentation
- Dec 14-18 – Mid-year Exams will NOT happen due to uncertainties as so what decrees will be in place. Teachers are encouraged to get as much evaluations in as possible.
- Student Business Project
  - 2 credits/student
  - career internship
  - via videos, webcams, Zoom etc.

- Recruiting new students: Covid has changed many landscapes, we will have to be creative in our recruiting strategies as we cannot rely on past methods only which favoured, and relied on, mostly in-person activities
- IEPs – completed all coded students; teachers reviewed all; was a tad challenging but all is complete
- Math tutoring and Saturday School – parents will be sent all info; learn math concept for all levels (Sec1-5)

Vice-Principal Report – V Guerriero

- renewed partnership with Breakfast Club of Canada  
(this is an important partnership as many don't realize the hunger Issue in many families, including those in our community)
- will operate from the former Snack Shack
- this Thursday (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>) will be first day of operation

6. Treasurer's Report -

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

7. Teachers' Report – Mrs N. Cloutier will be replacing Mr. S. Kazamias as teacher rep.  
 Mr. Kazamias had to regrettably resign.

8. Students' Report – nil

9. PPO Report – nil

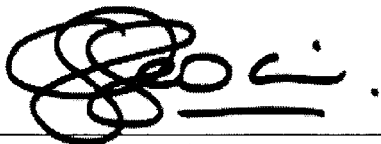
10. Delegate's Report – EPCA has been in contact with Ministry. J. Leoci will share with A. Cannavino.

11. Correspondence – nil

12. Question Period - nil

13. Varia - nil

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by S. Gomes.



Mr. Johnny Leoci  
 Chair



Mr. Otis Delaney  
 Principal