

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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AGENDA

John F. Kennedy High School PTSA
October 20, 2020
6:00 -7:30 pm

6:00 - 6:10 pm	Welcome	Amie Wohlfarth
6:10 - 6:20	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:20 - 6:30	Review of Minutes & Treasury	Amie Wohlfarth
6:30 - 6:45	Election of PTSA Officers	Amie Wohlfarth

SLATE OF NOMINEES – ELECTED POSITIONS

President:	Kristen Walker Painemilla (nominee)
Vice President:	Joe Jenkins (nominee)
Secretary:	Kirsten Murray (nominee)
Treasurer:	Michelle Bonner (nominee)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS – NO ELECTION REQUIRED

NAACP Rep:	Kelley Eiskant
PR/Communications:	Kirian Villalta (Kirsten Murray to assist)
Membership Chair:	Tanya Dyer Jenkins, Gayle Rankine
Staff Appreciation:	Nancy Goldberg, Zolfa Valiani-Merchant, Michelle Bonner
Special Education:	OPEN (Amie to look into this)
Post Prom Chair:	OPEN
Fundraising Chair:	OPEN
Bulletin Board:	OPEN
MCCPTA Rep:	Meg Morrow and Bryan Benesch
Cultural Ambassadors:	OPEN

6:45-7:00	Introduction & Overview of PTSA MemberHub	New PTSA Officers
New website:	https://kennedyhsptsa.new.memberhub.store	
Pay your PTSA membership:	https://kennedyhsptsa.new.memberhub.store/store	
Join Kennedy HS PTSA MemberHub:	https://kennedyhsptsa.memberhub.com/join/3gcp4z	
7:00-7:15	Expanding family and teacher membership	New PTSA Officers
7:15-7:30	Discussion of recognizing teachers / giving thanks	New PTSA Officers
7:30	Adjourn	

MEETING NOTES

Meeting started at 6:05 pm

19 ATTENDEES:

Kristen Walker Painemilla

Michelle Bonner

Barbara Marchwicki, Health Professions Academy Teacher

Bryan Benesch

Nancy Goldbert

Amie Wohlfarth

Dr. Joe Rubens, Principal

Karlin Hirschfeld, Asst Principal

Kirian Villalta

Kirsten Murray

Margot Khoo

Meg Morrow

Joe Jenkins

Tanya Jenkins

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Keir Lewis, Asst Principal

Kofi Frempong, LTI Lead

Tanya Jenkins

Zolfa Valiani-Merchant

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hot Topic: County Council Legislation about School Resource Officers (SROs)

- At least 2 council members (including Will Jawando) want to remove the SROs from the schools.
- Dr. Rubens does not agree w/ Mr. Jawando. Dr. Rubens feels the data around arrests is misleading (arrests of school-age youth that happen in the community are combined with those that occur on school grounds).
- JFK's SRO Kristy Palmer has been w/ JFK for 6 years, there have been less than 5 arrests in that time. She comes to all the football games. Some students develop personal relationships w/ SROs; this allows students to see officers in "another light" & is usually a positive experience.
- Dr. Rubens believes there should be a few tweaks to the SRO MOU.
- Dr. Smith & Board of Ed will make the ultimate decision. Dr. Rubens said all 22 schools that have SROs agree the SROs should stay.

Complete:

- Grade 9 Virtual Town Hall Meeting was 9/23.
- Grade 10 Virtual Town Hall Meeting was 9/17.
- Grade 11 Virtual Town Hall Meeting was 9/24, as was Grade 12 Virtual Town Hall Meeting.
- Virtual College Financial Aid Nights 9/23 & 10/6 (speakers from colleges).
- Non-Athletic Extracurricular Activities began on 9/29.
- Round 3 Material Distribution 10/12.
- MCPS Let's Talk Respect: Student Town Hall 10/13 Dr. Rubens spoke to the 479 student participants.
- Ms. Davis IB & AP test registration.
- ESOL Parent Night: always held in mid-October; there will be another in spring.

In Progress:

- Family Connections & college visits.
- Senior Pictures at JFK in auditorium (socially distanced).
- Class of 2023: first generation college students Collegiate Directions, Inc. (CDI).
- Mental Health Awareness Week 10/26-10/31. SSL hours available for participation.
- Round 4 materials distribution 10/28 from 11:30am-7:30pm, including Chromebook covers.
- Kennedy Cluster Family Market (grab & go groceries) 10:30am 10/29. Partnership w/ Capital Area Food Bank.

Schedule Changes:

Nov 2: Teacher Check-in Day (like a usual Wednesday)

Nov 3 & 4: no school

Nov 5: Periods 1-4

Nov 6: Periods 5-8; last day of first marking period

Nov 9: no school

Parent-Teacher Conference schedule is currently being developed.

Tentative: reserve a slot through SignUp Genius, but not sure which platform to use for the actual conferences.

Construction & Equipment:

- Students will not have to relocate during the construction.
- New turf field.
- Widening the Middlevale entrance (to get more school buses out) and new tennis court lighting / underground parking meeting October 2020.

REVIEW OF MINUTES & TREASURY

Amie Wohlfarth displayed the minutes for the members to review.

Bryan Benesch motioned to approve the minutes; XXX seconded.

Amie Wohlfarth announced our PTSA bank account balance is \$1689.

ELECTION OF PTSA OFFICERS

Kirsten Murray motioned to approve slate of PTSA Officer Nominees; Zolfa Valiani-Merchant seconded elected positions.

EXPANDING FAMILY AND TEACHER MEMBERSHIP

- Once COVID pandemic is over, have a membership table at sports events.
- Kirsten Murray will provide PDF of all PTSA links for Dr. Rubens to attach to ConnectEd message.

MEETING TOPICS

- 15 minutes should be set aside for LTI Senior Projects during November PTSA meeting. Mr. Frempong asked the opinion of a former LTI student, who said a recording would be easier.
- Distance Learning for Special Needs
- Dr. Rubens suggested ARS presentation by Eriel Jeffery or Kevin Jefferson
- SRO Palmer presentation on SRO resources for students; have a panel of students (athletes, student government reps) available to ask her questions
- Wellness for students
- Resource Teachers are willing to talk about different pathways (science)

DISCUSSION OF RECOGNIZING TEACHERS / GIVING THANKS

- Staff Appreciation: send quick cards via email to teachers. There are free sites that can do that.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Post-Prom: 12am-5am. Dr. Rubens said Roger Marks (Glenmont Fire Station 18) offered their new ballroom for no charge (typically costs \$3000).
- JFK community consists of over 1900 students and 281 staff members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm