

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

AGENDA

6:00 - 6:05 pm	Welcome	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:05 - 6:20 pm	PTSA Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of February Minutes● Membership Report● Treasurer's Report● Fundraising	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Michelle Bonner Michelle Bonner
6:20 - 6:35 pm	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:35 - 6:50 pm	Back to School Update	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:50-7:20 pm	Supporting Our Seniors Discussion	All
7:20-7:30 pm	Any Other Business	All
7:30 pm	Adjourn	

Meeting started at 6:03pm.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve February Meeting Minutes by Bryan Benesch, Kristen Walker Painemilla seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

63 have paid PTSA membership (11 staff, 9 students, 41 parents/guardians), 79 have created MemberHub accounts, no changes from last month. Kristen reported she picked up 2 membership forms from the PTSA mailbox.

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>

TREASURER'S REPORT by Michelle Bonner

\$2,355.60 as of 1/29/2021. \$2,394.93 as of 2/26/2021. Paid \$226 for insurance; paid \$39 past dues to MCCPTA. Michelle reminded participants to not put membership forms in our mailbox since we don't have many opportunities to check the mailbox. Kristen mentioned we are still awaiting check from last month's Mamma Lucia's Dine Out Night fundraiser. Motion was made to approve March Budget by Bryan Benesch, Kristen Walker Painemilla seconded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Dr. Joe Rubens

Thanks to PTSA for the welcome treats!

Any **student needing materials** for a course should complete the JFK materials request form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GwDmjFIU96bYcRtTKSMh4I0EFxxvZaP3XFAaI9BcYkI/edit?ts=5fa4558b&gxids=7628>

"Family Connections" newsletter includes a list of **virtual college visits**. JFK wants every senior to graduate "with a plan" for college, scholarships (mentioned NAACP, Scholarships 360), etc.

4/13: **Grade 11 SAT School Day** will be in-person. If you want your Grade 11 student to participate, please register with our test coordinator, Ms. Gibbons at Dawn_R_Gibbons@mcpsmd.org or our assistant principal, Mr. Hirschfeld at Karlin_S_Hirschfeld@mcpsmd.org. Approx. 100 students have registered so far. That day may be a "pause" for other in-person students (those not taking SAT).

2/26: **2nd Marking Period "On-A-Roll" Certificates** emailed to students.

3/20 @ 5:00 pm: **Virtual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** for 5 alumni. Registration tickets are still available. Inductees will meet with select students the day before to explain how they got to where they are in life.

3/29 – 4/5: **Spring Break**

6/15@ 10:00 am: **Tentative Graduation Day**; if not DAR, then an outdoor graduation on campus. Will probably be the outdoor graduation on campus. MCPS will cover the cost of cap & gowns for the Class of 2021. There will probably be no Senior Prom, but maybe a Senior Unity Day. Final decisions will be made next month.

Congrats to **LTI Senior Hewan Kidanemariam**, future doctor, for being named Bethesda Magazine's "**Extraordinary Top Teen**", one of 13 award recipients from Montgomery County schools (public and private).

How Alex Tsironis of the MoCo Show/MoCo Snow/Taste MoCo would spend a perfect day: https://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/alex-tsironis-moco-show-dreamday/2021/03/11/61363d8e-8287-11eb-9ca6-54e187ee4939_story.html

2020 Graduation Rate Increases for JFK rose to 85.1%, which is 2nd highest in DCC, behind Blair (88%).

TutorMe Free Service, plus **JFK Homework Help** is continuing.

Activate your ParentVUE account. Interims will be loaded 3/18.

MCPS looking for **feedback on 2021-2022 school year** options.

Chromebook Distribution changes to take place Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm There will not be distribution on Fridays.

Waiting for MCPS decision on future math course pathways, due to learning loss during COVID-19 pandemic. For example, Algebra 1, Geometry, then Algebra 2.

See [Dr. Rubens' Principal's Report](#) for more information about State Testing changes. A number of assessments are being cancelled.

Key Events for March/April 2021:

3/18: Interim grades posted.

3/23: BOE meeting.

3/25: In-Person Instruction Parent Orientation Meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Spring Break.

4/6 & 4/7: Virtual Learning for all students.

4/8: CHANGE to In-Person Instruction Day.

4/15: Last day of 3rd Marking Period.

5/28: Last Day for Seniors.

Construction project is well under way, began February, even ahead of schedule. Middlevale Lane entrance is completely unusable now.

Looking for hand sanitizer donations for teachers.

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE by Dr. Joe Rubens

Approximately 31 students reported to school 3/16. Still expecting 37-38% to return to in-person instruction. JFK administration is scheduling so that we don't have to move students from their current teachers; perhaps the department will provide some instruction/lecture but stay with existing teachers. There will be some guest lecturing, but students will remain with their teacher of record. JFK is communicating with families that will be returning to in-person instruction. Information may be sent through StudentVUE because administration knows not all parents have activated ParentVUE accounts. Dr. Bradley is offering walk-throughs of the building for students & families. 3/25 Orientation Meeting for everyone, will include Q&A session.

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS DISCUSSION

Gayle will follow-up with staff to see what is needed. Senior Unity Day will be on-campus.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Need to present slate of nominees at April meeting, need to vote at May meeting.

MCCPTA vote next week on updated SRO Resolution. County Executive Urlick's upcoming budget did not include funding for SROs.

New hookup w/ athletics of cameras in stadium and gymnasium. Subscriptions available; some feel the price is a bit high (this price was not set by JFK, set by MCPS).

Bryan Benesch moved to end the meeting, Michelle Bonner seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

15 ATTENDEES:

Annmarie Hart-Bookbinder

Bryan Benesch

Darrell Beutel

Donniel Gamble

Gayle Rankine

Jennifer Granados

Dr. Joe Rubens

Kofi Frempong

Kirsten Murray

Kristen Walker Painemilla

Lynn Hoffman + 1

Meg Morrow

Michelle Bonner

Tanya Jenkins

Zolfa Valiani-Merchant