

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

AGENDA

6:00 - 6:10 pm	Welcome & Introductions to the PTSA	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:10 - 6:25 pm	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:25 - 6:40 pm	Kennedy Club Spotlight: NJROTC Drill Meet	Kelley Eiskant and Kirsten & Ian Murray
6:40 - 7:05 pm	PTSA Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of Previous Minutes● Membership Report● Treasurer's Report● MCCPTA Report● Parent Focal Points Appointment of Treasurer	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Kristen Walker Painemilla Bryan Benesch Ricky Ribeiro, LTI
7:05-7:20 pm	Kennedy Athletics: Winter & Spring Sports & Assistance Request for the PTSA	Amanda Twele
7:20 pm	Any Other Business	
7:30 pm	Adjourn	

The meeting was brought to order by Kristen Walker Painemilla at 6:05 pm.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Dr. Joe Rubens

Dr. Rubens began by introducing Mr. Sam Levine, Principal Intern. Norman Coleman will back-fill as Acting/Visiting Principal (he is a former principal). Dr. Rubens will be at Shannon MS. Letter will come out to parents by next week.

Please continue to report COVID cases and please don't let your guard down.

Gave some student behavior reminders because there traditionally is an uptick in incidents during the holidays.

In Progress:

George B Thomas Sr. Learning Academy is offering virtual tutoring on Saturdays. Online registration started 9/1.

Scheduled:

College visits have begun; more information can be found on Family Connections. Contact Ms. Janae Robinson-Casey at Janae_E_Robinson-Casey@mcpsmd.org.

11/12: Report cards went out.

11/15: Winter sports started. Please contact JFK athletic specialist, Ms. Amanda Twele at Amanda_L_Twele@mcpsmd.org, with questions.

11/16: PTSA Fundraiser at MOD Pizza. Fundraiser runs from 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on November 17. For online orders, please use promo code **GR207058J**

11/16: “How to Run for SMOB” Zoom session, 6-7:30pm.

11/19-11/21: Friday 7pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 1pm “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nigh-Time”. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students.

11/22-11/23: step-by-step process to sign up for Virtual Parent Conferences; also Early Release Days.

11/23: Honor Roll Celebration at 8am.

11/23: Open House for JFK Grade 9 students to JFK Academies.

11/24-11/26: School closed.

12/6: Underclassmen Make-up Picture Date.

12/6-12/7: Last Day for Senior Make-Up Pictures at JFK.

12/15: Interim Grades will be posted on Synergy.

12/23 – 12/31: MCPS Winter Break. Students return to class on 1/3.

Reminders:

Hall sweeps began last month to get student into class on time.

Please do not drop or pick up students on Randolph Road. Bus Loop parking should be opening soon.

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad begin holiday tree sales. Students may sign up for SSL hours. They especially need help unloading trees (either 11/26 or 11/27).

11/20: NJROTC need for volunteers & donations for hosting a Drill Meet.

12/1 & 12/15: some College application deadlines. Seniors should submit required documents at least 15 school days in advance of submitting your college application.

Construction/Equipment:

Selecting furniture & technology for the new wing; additional classroom added on that side. New Common area and Wellness Center. Opening Sept 2022.

Turf field will be ADA compliant & will fix practice field. Expected completion date is Jan 2022.

Needs:

Need parent volunteers to assist with Winter Sports (Grilling and concessions).

KENNEDY CLUB SPOTLIGHT: NJROTC DRILL MEET by Kelley Eiskant & Ian Murray

Kelley provided a background of what happens and what is needed at a NJRTOC Drill Meet. (She has three children that went through JFK's NJROTC program.) While the JFK cadets run a lot of the meet, they still need support with food donations and serving food at the meet.

Cadet Ian Murray (Grade 10) spoke about what the NJROTC program has given them and why they enjoy it.

Updates:

Mr. Frempong mentioned LTI students will be making fleece blankets for women & children's shelter in MoCo. They are requesting donations of fleece material (2 pieces of 2 yds) to be dropped off at school.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Kirsten reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve October Meeting Minutes by Bryan Benesch, Kristen Walker Painemilla seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

We had 2 parents/guardians become members since last month's report: 70 have paid their PTSA membership (10 staff, 9 students, 48 parents/guardians, 2 grandparents, 1 community member).

PTSA website:

<https://kennedyhsptsa.memberhub.com>

Pay your PTSA membership:

<https://kennedyhsptsa.memberhub.com/store>

Join Kennedy HS PTSA MemberHub:

<https://kennedyhsptsa.memberhub.com/join/5aeb11>

TREASURER'S REPORT by Kristen Walker Painemilla

Still looking for a treasurer.

\$25 income from new memberships.

As of 11/16, \$2,865.71 Balance.

MCCPTA REPORT by Bryan Benesch

Bryan: at last MCCPTA meeting, they talked about advocacy positions:

<https://www.mccpta.org/advocacy.html>.

JFK Cluster does have some openings. We could use some more JFK representation as well.

KENNEDY ATHLETICS by Amanda Twele

There will be a department-wide fundraiser of Double-Good Popcorn pop-up stores.

12/1: Virtual Parent Meeting.

Week of 12/7: first games of the winter season.

No food or drink inside the gym; must be consumed in cafeteria. JFK needs chaperones / volunteers to supervise in the cafeteria.

New athletic gear will arriving; need volunteers to sell this spirit wear. SSL hours can be earned.

Spring Sports: will be running concessions outside. Need coaches for tennis, girls' lacrosse, softball.

Mayruis Pimentel: volunteered to help.

Bryan Benesch moved to close the meeting, Mayuris Pimentel seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

28 ATTENDEES:

Alemayehu Mammo

Amanda Twele, JFK staff

Ann & Mary Sheetz

Bill & Lynn Hoffman

Bryan Benesch

Butterrose-Takia Manley

Darrell Beutel

Evan

Fred Azcarate

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Jennifer Granados

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