

MINUTES
John F. Kennedy High School
PTSA
September 15, 2015

JFK PTSA Meeting
Meeting started @ 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Board Members – Kelly Perez, Mariko Fanwar, Clara Gonzalez, Traci Gordon, Juliet Mellow, Charlotte Crutchfield, Lori Williams-Johnson, Margarita Rodriguez, Frankie White, Ranell Lewis

Meeting Attendees - see sign-in sheet

Greetings and introductions offered by Kelly Perez, JFKPTSA Vice President, followed by an ice breaker for the general membership attendees and PTSA board.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Keir Lewis offered the principal's report in place of Mr. Rubens. Mr. Rubens was not able to attend the meeting tonight. See attached Principal's Report for updates.

Member/Board Discussion

One question was asked of the membership body during the meeting.

1. What would you like to see from the PTSA this year?

Responses from members included:

- Spanish interpretation for parents. Students could serve as interpreters and earn SSL hours. Other members mentioned interpretation for other speakers including Amharic and French.
- Improved communication from PTSA to parents. Traci Gordon manages communication and will use connect-ed, the marquee (in the front of JFK) and the website to assist with communication.
- Members would like connect-ed to be in other languages. Currently, Spanish and English are the languages offered on connect-ed.
- Members would like to see PTSA meetings held outside the school and on different days i.e. market day on Saturday.
- Members shared that offering daycare during meetings will help draw people to attend.
- Members shared other ways to increase membership and meeting attendance. They include:
 - Setting up a PTSA table during market day
 - Use "Neighbor Next Door" as a way to reach out to potential members

Members Questions and Concerns:

Ms. Tildon asked “ Why should I join the PTSA?” Members responded:

- To be a voice for your children
- To be here for your student
- To connect with administrators
- To be a role model for your student
- To receive information and resources
- To increase awareness

Where does the left over universal breakfast go? Ms. Lewis said they are given to the sports teams or given out . Everyone is allowed to have more and there is no waste.

Some students are unable to eat because the lunch lines are long. Ms. Lewis will share this with Mr. Rubens

Housekeeping is a concern. There are ants in the classroom and the bathrooms are consistently low or do not have toilet paper/paper towels. Ms. Lewis will share this concern with Mr. Rubens.

Kirsten Tildon would like the PTSA to post meeting notes online. The board has plans to do this.

Membership

Mariko is the new membership chair. She took in members this evening and will provide an update at the next general membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.