

# JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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### JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

#### AGENDA

6:00 - 6:05 pm	<b>Welcome</b>	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:05 - 6:15 pm	<b>PTSA Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of April Minutes</li><li>• Membership Report</li><li>• Treasurer's Report</li></ul>	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Michelle Bonner
6:15 - 6:30 pm	<b>Principal's Report</b>	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:35 - 6:50 pm	<b>Supporting Our Seniors Discussion</b>	All
6:50-7:00 pm	<b>Planning for Next School Year</b>	All
7:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	

Meeting started at 6:05 pm.

**REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve April Meeting Minutes by Bryan Benesch, Lynn Hoffman seconded.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by Kirsten Murray

65 have paid PTSA membership (13 staff, 9 students, 43 parents/guardians), 81 have created MemberHub accounts. One parent/guardian was added since last month.

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

As of 3/31, \$2,144.93 Balance. Ended the month with \$2,008.63. Motion was made to approve the May Budget by Bryan Benesch, Kirsten Murray seconded.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** by Dr. Joe Rubens

Dr. Rubens began by expressing great appreciation and thanking the PTSA for a wonderful year. He will keep the banner up for the rest of the year. Also, thank you to the PTSA for delivering the Senior signs.

Virtual Homework Help is still meeting.

May 5: On A Roll certificates went out.

May 6: Picture Day. Email Ms. Davis with any questions.

Please complete the Graduation Day Survey. The County Council made a decision regarding outdoor celebrations, but Dr. Rubens is waiting MCPS guidance.

May 10: Class of 2021 meeting for students and then for parents; talked about end of year activities.

COVID-19 Pool Testing.

Seniors awards season (Hispanic Alliance for Education Distinguished Hispanic Scholars Award Ceremony, Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators (MCABSE) Scholar and Community Leader awards, and the Superintendent's All-county Fine Arts Awards Gala)

May 20-21: SGA Elections for upcoming school year.

May 21: "Kennedy en Blanc" Senior Unity Day, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm, outside on the school tennis courts; grab & go food, students dressing in white. There are no MCPS proms this year (a few are being done by parents).

May 27: 11am – 6pm Seniors to return school materials.

May 28: Last day of school for seniors.

June 11: 11am – 6pm school return school materials; may need to reach out to teachers if needing to keep something over the summer. Students should keep their school Chromebooks.

June 15 @ 9:00 am: Graduation. Our keynote speaker for this year's graduation day ceremony is Allison Seymour, morning anchor of "Get Up DC" (WUSA 9). No school for the rest of the student body.

June 16: Last day of school for the rest of student body (B instruction day (periods 5-8), early release).

JFK Summer Programs: Ms. Lewis expanded on the offerings. JFK was chosen to host IB course offerings for grades 9-12, 11-12, and grade 9-10 MYP kick-off. School bus transportation is provided. "Reach Beyond Camp" (soccer & basketball) may not be offered this year.

Gaithersburg Book Festival.

Construction & Equipment: Phase 1 (expanding bus loop, floor, Middlevale Lane work). Hope to install the turf field this summer (instead of later next year) but that would impact our Fall sports schedule. Shifting loading dock over the summer; getting 3 new canopies. Phase 2 includes building the parking garage under the tennis courts. This summer, bus transportation will be re-routed because they won't have access to bus loops.

May 19 @ 12pm-7pm: Pfizer Vaccination Clinic at Argyle MS.

### **SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS DISCUSSION**

“Kennedy en Blanc” Senior Unity Day is Friday, May 21 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. Students are asked to dress in white. Senior Superlatives, photo booth, “Prom, not Prom Court”, raffles, music, giving the students autograph sheets at the event (for the yearbook). Bring a step ladder if coming to help set up during the day. Can drop off donations at any time (hopefully by noon on Friday).

### **PLANNING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDING A PTSA RETREAT**

“Free State PTA” has “replaced” the MD PTA.

There will be a strategic planning meeting in June; anyone may participate. Kristen requested list of parents representing the various clubs from Dr. Rubens. He said the meeting can take place at the school.

Bryan also mentioned the PTSA has to do an audit. 2 PTSA members must do the audit.

Summer mailing goes out (Via email) end of July to incoming 9th graders. Dr. Rubens said we can add a page for PTSA.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nancy Goldberg made a banner to put in front of school. Margot, Zolfa, and Nancy assembled gift bags w/ label to give to staff. Desserts were brought in Monday & Tuesday.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

### **21 ATTENDEES:**

Alemayehu Mammo

Bill Hoffman & Lynn Hoffman

Bryan Benesch & Nancy Goldberg

Darrell Beutel

Donniel Gamble

Gayle Rankine

Dr. Joe Rubens

Karlin Hirschfeld

Keir Lewis  
Kepler Bolisca  
Kia Davis  
Kirsten Murray  
Kim Allen  
Kristen Walker Painemilla  
Kofi Frempong  
Learsi Jaramillo  
Margot Khoo  
Meg Morrow  
Michelle Bonner  
Susana Tacuchi  
Zolfa Valiani-Merchant