

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES October 19, 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	Leadership Training Institute: Student Projects	Mr. Kofi Frempong
6:40 - 7:15 pm	PTSA Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of September Minutes● Membership Report● Treasurer's Report● Financial Review Findings● MCCPTA● Parent Focal Points	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Kristen Walker Painemilla Kirsten Murray B. Benesch & M. Morrow All
7:15-7:30 pm	Any Other Business	All
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 saying the JFK community has been busy with testing and Homecoming.

Complete:

We made it through Homecoming 2021! Celebrating Homecoming gave the students some normalcy: hallway decoration night, 4 separate pep rallies, a great parade, and 41-6 homecoming football win. The rain ended right before the Homecoming Dance & Homecoming Court Celebration began outside on the tennis courts.

Interim grades posted to Synergy.

In Progress:

George B Thomas Learning Academy is virtual this year. Online registration is still available. No Saturday Academy on-campus this semester.

College & University visits are happening in-person. Get in touch with [Mrs. Janae E Robinson-Casey](#).

KCTV Dine-Out Night at Chipotle going on right now to raise funds for out-of-state field trip.

Scheduled:

10/21: Bus evacuation.

10/21: Academy Open House for 8th Grade families.

10/23: Free Family Market / Grab and Go; students volunteering can earn 8 SSL hours.

10/25 & 10/26: Underclassmen pictures. Make-ups on Thursday & Friday.

11/3: Last Day of First Marking Period.

11/4: No School

11/12: Report Cards distributed.

11/22 & 11/23: Virtual Parent Conferences and Early Release Days (11:27am is when last class ends, so students can leave before noon dismissal)

11/24: Honor Roll Assembly.

11/26: Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad will begin selling holiday trees. Student who assist with unloading trees and sales can earn SSL hours.

Hall sweeps will begin this week (week of October 18) to get students into class more quickly.

Mr. Sam Levine is taking over as Acting Principal Dec 14 – Jan 28. Dr. Norman Coleman will be visiting/acting principal during this time.

Construction/Equipment:

Construction began spring/summer 2021. Completion expected summer 2022.

Turf field is ahead of schedule and should be complete no later than January 2022. MCPS is making it ADA-compliant and getting new sound system & scoreboard.

JFK continues to welcome hand sanitizer donations as well as university T-shirts.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE STUDENT PROJECTS

Seniors are tasked with coming up with project that serves the community. Each group should raise funds, educate the community on the cause & implement the plan. Four groups presented.

Students complete Summary Reflection Document in mid-January.

Voices of the Streets: Christian Jenkins & Kissiah Landham

Interfaith Works Women's Center, emergency shelters, educate the public about local women & poverty, job training, accepts donations of gently used/new clothes and feminine hygiene products (collection boxes in main office or LTI office), GoFundMe \$ and cash box at the school. Dec 1 or 3 Chipotle Fundraiser, 10/26 Fundraiser at Ledo's in Colesville.

Hands for the Hungry: Ben Weiner & Aidan Baker-Miller

Food drive of non-perishable items, toiletries & hygiene products for homeless shelters & other charities in Montgomery County to donate by Dec 18th. Also collecting monetary donations and will have a local restaurant fundraiser.

Cinemax: Lily Eagle, Andy

Fundraiser for Glenallen ES, to help students with lunch debt & school supplies. Showing movies from 5-7pm on 10/22 and 11/5; masks are required.

Love Thy Neighbor: Rebecca Miranda

Supporting the well-being of local low-income latin youth, ages 11-24, with COVID care kits. Fundraisers include 11/10 at Chipotle, 12/5 Bake Sale at local church; school supply drive until 12/27.

Mr. Frempong pointed out the LTI Retreat on 10/22 at Smith Center for team-building and bonding and service project for all grade levels.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve the September Meeting Minutes by Mayuris Pimentel, Bryan Benesch seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

There's no change from last month's report: 68 have paid their PTSA membership (10 staff, 9 students, 46 parents/guardians, 2 grandparents, 1 community member).

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>

Kristen Walker Painemilla asked participants to do a little menti meter about PTSA activities: go to menti.com, code 11835449

TREASURER'S REPORT by Kristen Walker Painemilla

Still looking for a treasurer.

\$535.49 in income, including \$190.49 raised during Chipotle fundraiser last week.

As of 10/18, \$2,840.71 Balance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2020-2021 BUDGET AND FINDINGS OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE by Kirsten Murray

The Financial Review Committee consisted of Bryan Benesch, Meg, Morrow, and Kirsten Murray. We thank both Michelle Bonner and Kristen Walker Painemilla for presenting organized books for our review.

Bryan Benesch moved that the membership vote to approve the Financial Review and Findings, Meg Morrow seconded.

MCCPTA REPORT by Bryan Benesch & Meg Morrow

Meg covered [Proposed MCCPTA 2021-2022 Advocacy Priorities](#) and explained they are developed at all levels, done every year, with MCPS, and presented before Board of Education and the state legislature. Priorities include communication (ensure there is a feedback loop); COVID-19 response and recovery issues; academic recovery for students; facilities (including lack of busses); curriculum (especially at ES & MS level); diversity, equity and inclusion for all students and using data to support decisions; empowering families; health, wellness and school climate; impartial Ombudsman; transportation & facilities (separate from COVID recovery).

10/26: Delegate Assembly to review these priorities. Committees will then work on white papers on specific issues.

Bryan Benesch moved that membership allows Meg & Bryan to approve the final version of the Priorities at the Delegate Assembly. Kristen Walker Painemilla seconded.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bryan Benesch: importance of Naviance.

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences is the next “big thing” that will need PTSA support, possibly feeding the staff.

Dr. Rubens is not sure 2022 graduation will be on-campus (too many logistics).

Prom & post-prom is the “biggest need” of the year.

Kristen challenged the staff to use parents in other ways: career days, speakers for academies ([Mrs. Jennifer V Granados](#) is Academy Coordinator), submit grant opportunities.

Bryan Benesch moved to close the meeting, Kirsten Murray seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

25 ATTENDEES:

Aidan Baker-Miller, LTI student
Andy, LTI student
Ben Weiner, LTI student
Bill Hoffman & Lynn Hoffman
Bryan Benesch
Christian Jenkins, LTI student
Dr. Joe Rubens, JFK Principal
Kirsten Murray
Kissiah Landham, LTI student
Kristen Walker Painemilla
Kofi Frempong, LTI teacher
Lily Eagle, LTI student
Meg Morrow
Sam Levine
Tanya Jenkins
Tara
Butterrose-Takia Manley
Rebecca Miranda, LTI student
Ricky Ribeiro
Julie Ryan-Silva
Ana Soriano
Donniel Gamble, JFK counselor
Carmen Vasquez
Midori Muratsu
Joe Jenkins
Mayuris Pimentel