

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING NOTES -- FINAL

January 19, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

AGENDA

6:00 - 6:05 pm	Welcome	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:05 - 6:20 pm	PTA Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of November Minutes● Update on membership● Finance	PTSA Officers
6:20 - 6:35 pm	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:35 - 6:45 pm	Booster Club	Amanda Twele Athletic Director, CAA
6:45-7:00 pm	Virtual Membership Campaign	All
6:55-7:05 pm	MCCPTA Report	Meg Morrow & Bryan Benesch
7:05-7:15 pm	By-Laws Review & Approval	Joe Jenkins
7:15-7:30 pm	Any other business	Open
7:30 pm	Adjourn	

Meeting started at 6:03pm

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve December Meeting Minutes by Michelle Bonner, Bryan Benesch seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

61 have paid PTSA membership (11 staff, 9 students, 41 parents/guardians), 77 have created MemberHub accounts.

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

Balance on hand as of 11/30 was \$2,343.60. \$2,343.60 as of 12/31/2020. Paid \$58 for MCCPTA dues on 1/5/2021. Motion was made to approve January Budget by Kirsten Murray, Bryan Benesch seconded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Dr. Joe Rubens

Left out by mistake: **13th Annual HBCU College Fair** is February 12, from 9am-4pm & Feb 13 (non-seniors). More info coming in StudentVUE and ParentVUE.

Possible Graduation Ceremonies:

- 6/15/2021 at 10am at DAR Constitution Hall, 6 tickets per student (decided in mid-April); or
- Outside stadium (not sure which stadium), with or without guests (late April); or
- Virtual

Students can **request school materials** via Google Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GwDmjFIU96bYcRtTKSMh4I0EFxxvZaP3XFAaI9BcYkI/edit?ts=5fa4558b&gxids=7628>

1st Marking Period **Virtual Honor Roll** was Dec 23. There will two ceremonies for 2nd Marking Period (honor roll & students “on a roll”).

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is providing **short-term rental assistance** to eligible families that have experienced financial loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While funds are available, the program will provide up to \$4,000 to eligible households to cover the cost for back rent (arrears) and/or a rent credit for future months. The program is funded through a \$20 million supplemental appropriation to DHHS. For more information, please visit:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/COVID19_RentReliefProgram.html

New Virtual Homework Help Club will begin meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. (beginning Tuesday, January 19). Spanish may be added. Please contact Dr. Vaughn Bradley at Vaughn_M_Bradley@mcpsmd.org with questions.

John F. Kennedy Homework Help Zoom login information:

Meeting ID: 874-9713-9584

Passcode: 565004

Bryan will email Dr. Rubens with information about MCPS high school students who are volunteering to be tutors.

No remaining Wednesday Check-in Days in January. If needed, students may schedule time with their teachers after periods 4 & 8; please email directly to your teacher.

January 20 is **Inauguration Day** (early release day periods for all schools) to allow students to watch the ceremony.

January 28 at 10:30 a.m. is next **JFK Cluster Family Market Day**.

JFK High School Request for In-person Learning Data

MCPS lost 9000 students, JFK has lost about 200 students. As of December 2020, 467 students have requested in-person learning at our school. 673 students requested to remain on virtual learning. And there were 649 non-responses (which defaults to virtual learning). Additional information:

- As of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, schools will remain closed through March 15, 2021.
- Our school operations team is currently working on a plan for returning to in-person learning
- HVAC Status Website Information:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/default.aspx?id=674571>
- Letter from MCEA to the Board of Education:
<http://www.theseventhstate.com/?p=14370>

Student Service Learning (SSL) hours remain a state graduation requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. MCPS students must earn 75 SSL hours to graduate. Students may continue to engage in MCPS SSL opportunities, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the temporarily amended guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage (www.mcpsssl.org). All nonprofit-hosted SSL opportunities can be found on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website (www.montgomeryserves.org); these opportunities will be tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon. Students may also directly access nonprofit-hosted MCPS SSL opportunities at bit.ly/SSLOpportunities and bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020. SSL opportunities are sometimes sent out via Naviance.

The **11th Annual Choose Respect Montgomery video PSA contest** is now accepting entries. This contest challenges middle and high school students to create an original 50- to 70-second public service announcement video to promote awareness of dating abuse and domestic violence among teens. The contest is open to students in Grades 6 through 12, and students may enter on their own or as a group. The top three videos win cash prizes. The submission deadline is Monday, March 1, 2021. More information can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/video.html.

Time is still available for students who have not completed the **Culture of Respect Student Training Module** on their Canvas page. By completing the module, students are informed and able to recognize signs of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment (including sexual harassment), hate bias incidents, hazing, intimidation, and student gender norms. The training module educates students in various ways to report alleged incidents.

Did you know you could earn SSL hours with **NAACP ACT-SO**? When you post flyers on instagram using the hashtag #actsomoco, you can earn SSL hours for each posting. ACT-SO's instagram is @actsomoco. Like us and get updated information about ACT-SO!

As a result of the MCPS Board of Education vote to delay the return of in-person experiences, the **PSAT scheduled for January 26 is cancelled**. Currently, there are no plans to administer the PSAT at a later date. Grade 11 students who are interested in qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship Program will still be able to through alternative entry. Please contact our testing coordinator, Ms. Dawn Gibbons at Dawn_R_Gibbons@mcpsmd.org , with questions.

Our **2021 – 2022 school year course program and information center website, for course registration**, is up and running.

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/jfkprograminformation/home?authuser=0> Please contact your counselor with any questions.

Building expansion construction begins spring/summer 2021. Lighting for underground parking garage will be similar to BCC. The lights will on timers & go off at midnight.

If we return to in-person instruction, then JFK will welcome **donations of hand sanitizer**.

BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTATION by Amanda Twele

Action: PTSA should provide AD Twele with our PTSA Twitter account so she can tag it in the future.

Booster Club Five Year Plan:

- Tanya Jenkins has agreed to be parent liaison for next 3 years.
- 2021-2022: Year 1: lay foundation & establish by-laws; work concessions at all home events in stadium & main gym. AD will supply all concession items. Support sale of athletic gear (AD will supply the items).
- 2022-2023: finalize 501C3 paperwork
- By end of year 3 (2023-2024): catered end-of-year awards ceremony.
- Year 4 (2024-2025): first project will be dugouts for softball & baseball fields.

Google form to express interest in helping: <https://forms.gle/svEvgDCcDfPZaXQ29>

Some high schools' booster clubs budgets > \$100,000; she would love to start with \$20,000.

Contact Info for Athletic Director – Amanda Twele Amanda_L_Twele@mcpsmd.org

John F. Kennedy Athletic Department

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AD Phone #: 240-740-0120

Main School Phone #: 240-740-0100

School Fax #: 301-929-2240 – “Attn: Athletics”

VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Some PTSA officers are going to training next week.

Dr. Rubens will find out whether our PTSA be given a discount for using MCPS mailing. We discussed possibility of selling car magnets. Zolfa mentioned a newsletter had been mailed out. Dr. Rubens said "New Frontier" went out recently; JCTV is another medium for advertising PTSA (it is also on YouTube). Kristen will provide Ms. Twele w/ PTSA Twitter handle. JFK has a strong partnership w/ Wheaton-Glenmont Fire Rescue (great for car washes, breakfast w/ Santa & heroes, BBQ community-building).

Bryan mentioned he gets lots of PTSA-related emails; we pointed out they can be shared on MemberHub.

JFK PTSA BY-LAWS by Joe Jenkins

Joe led us through our by-laws. Article 6: Officers. Need 10 dues-paying members for a quorum. Article 9 stays the same. Article 11: at least 3 general membership meetings during school year. Need to give 7-days prior notice for meetings and such. Elections should be held in May. Article 12: 2 MCCPTA delegates, term of 1 year.

Instructions say it must be handwritten; Joe will take care of that. Joe motioned that we accept the by-laws as they are written without any revisions (which matches 2014 version on Kennedy website). Michelle Bonner seconded the motion.

PTSA may want to hear from Seniors at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm

18 ATTENDEES:

Amanda Twele (JFK AD)
Barbara Marchwicki (JFK staff)
Bryan Benesch
Chris Grindley (Asst AD)
Gayle Rankine
Jennifer Granados
Joe Jenkins
Dr. Joe Rubens (JFK staff)
Joshua Creighton (Asst AD)
Karlin Hirschfeld (JFK staff)
Kirsten Murray
Kristen Walker Painemilla
Meg Morrow
Michelle Bonner
Tanya Jenkins

Nancy Goldberg
Zainab Norris
Zolfa Valiani-Merchant