

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING NOTES

February 16, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

AGENDA

6:00 - 6:05 pm	Welcome	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:05 - 6:20 pm	PTSA Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of January Minutes● Update on membership● Finance● Fundraising	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Michelle Bonner Michelle Bonner
6:20 - 6:35 pm	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:35 - 6:50 pm	Understanding JFK's Back to School Plan	Dr. Joe Rubens & PTSA
6:50-7:20 pm	Discussion of the School Resource Officer	Dr. Joe Rubens Kristen Walker Painemilla Bryan Benesch Meg Morrow
7:15-7:30 pm	Any other business	All
7:30 pm	Adjourn	

Meeting started at 6:08pm

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve January Meeting Minutes by Bryan Benesch, Tanya Jenkins seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

63 have paid PTSA membership (11 staff, up from 9 last month, 9 students, 41 parents/guardians), 79 have created MemberHub accounts, up from 77 from 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 12/31/2020, balance on hand was \$2,343.60. \$2,355.60 as of 1/29/2021. Need to pay \$226 for liability insurance. Motion was made to approve February Budget by Bryan Benesch, Tanya Jenkins seconded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Dr. Joe Rubens

2/12: JFK hosted a materials distribution. Students can **request school materials** via Google Form:

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

2/19 3-7pm: **Senior portraits** in the auditorium. Ms. Lewis will be reaching to remaining seniors.

2/22: last day for parents to register their student in **fall sports** via ParentVUE. Teams are doing socially distanced physical conditioning; see MCPS website for more information about fall sports.

“Family Connections” will have complete list of fall & winter virtual college visits.

JFK Virtual Homework Help Club (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45pm via Zoom) as well as **TutorMe.com** for free online tutoring and homework help service for Grade 3-12 students in any subject.

John F. Kennedy Homework Help Zoom login information:

Meeting ID: 874-9713-9584

Passcode: 565004

TutorMe.com

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2020-2021/Online-Homework-Help-Service.html>

2/26: **2nd Marking Period “On-A-Roll” certificates** will be mailed to students increasing GPS 0.5 or higher.

3/18: **3rd Marking Period Interim Grades** coming out.

MCPS will be covering costs of cap & gowns for senior class (**“senior dues”**).

Announcements:

Congratulations to senior Camdynn Thigpen, Mr. Inches, and our Broadcast Journalism students. Camdynn took second place for her PSA in this year's Student Television Network Fall National competition!

Congratulations to JFK Alum Michael Green, Class of 1988. Michael's invention, the “Yono Clip” was featured on the TV show Shark Tank on February 5.

MCPS is reviewing changes in administration of AP & IB exams this spring.

MCPS is hosting a virtual anti-vaping symposium from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. The event, which is open to staff, students, parents, health providers and community members, will provide information on the health risks of vaping, preventative measures and community resources that schools and families may access.

Construction:

2/15: They broke ground on our building expansion project. This project includes 3-story parking garage, wellness center, new turf field, by end of 2022.

JFK PLAN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL by Dr. Joe Rubens

MCPS Recovery Plan website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/reopening/index.aspx>

A few teachers have put in ADA requests. Average class size at JFK will be 10-12 students. There will be hand sanitizer in classroom. Other measure include one-way stairwells, floor markers, hand sanitizer dispensers throughout common areas. The restrooms will be altered as needed to maintain social distancing. Desks will be cleaned in-between use. HVAC assessment data can be found on MCPS website. JFK has already received new air filters. The school administration expects to start receiving students as early as 7:30am, even though classes will start at 9am. Families selecting in-person learning will be notified in advance.

3/1 Return - Group 1.0:

- Students in School Community Based Program (special ed services) who requested in-person

3/15 Return - Group 1.1:

- Grade 12 ARS & LAD students who requested in-person
- All LFI students who requested in-person learn
- CTE Programs, METS, CREA, Alternative Programs, Grade K-3 (same as what's in MCPS website)

4/6 Return - Group 1.2:

- Grade 12 students who requested in-person

4/19 Return - Group 2.1:

- Grade 9 students who requested in-person
- Grade 11 students who requested in-person

4/26 Return - Group 2.2:

- Grade 10 students who requested in-person

Starting 3/1: Lunch time will be shortened by 10 mins (to support afternoon bus transportation).

In-person learning: staff coverage will be aligned w/ number of students requesting in-person.

Mount suggested bringing ARS students in-person sooner to learn the layout of JFK. ARS talking points will be coming out soon. JFK will be meeting w/ MSCP Special Ed 2/17.

JFK is trying to keep students with their teachers.

If your student chose in-person but want to change to virtual, please contact Dr. Rubens.

Fall 2020 survey was primarily for MCPS transportation planning. 22 students can ride a bus.

MCPS is working on guidance for band; Dr. Rubens hopes to have more guidance by 2/19.

Band may not be one of the return-to-school extracurricular activities.

Teacher Duty Day has shifted. Security, & some staff will provide student supervision. Students will start arriving at the school around 7:30am. JFK will set up socially distanced study hall (in gym, etc.), serve breakfast, and then students move to class by 9am.

JFK is building return schedule with teachers; LFI Professional Learning Community are closely planning together.

4/13: Ms. Keir Lewi mentioned SAT School Day (without essay) for Juniors.

SCHOOL RESOURCES OFFICER DISCUSSION by Dr. Joe Rubens, Kristen Walker
Painemilla, Bryan Benesch, Meg Morrow

MCCPTA 2020 Proposed Resolution states funding for SROs would be used for mental health services instead. In 2010, MCCPTA voted to support placing SROs in high schools. This vote is to rescind 2010 Resolution & approve 2020 Proposed Resolution.

Dr. Rubens said all 25 high school principals have voted to keep the SROs.

Tanya Jenkins mentioned she appreciates having SROs at the school drop-off in the morning.

Therese Gibson, Cluster Coordinator, pointed out training is key for SROs to understand adolescents and level of psychological development.

Lauren Hurley provided link to student testimony from this month's legislative hearing:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKyEaFkLD1k>

SROs provide an opportunity for ARS students to learn how to interact w/ police officers.

Kirsten Murray doesn't feel comfortable that current PTSA members accurately represent the school population, whereas Tanya Jenkins feels we should not abstain.

Therese Gibson is presenting to BOE this week; keep SROs but emphasize equally mental health support & need funding in the next budget.

1st Resolution vote (support maintaining the SROs): 17 out of 23 PTSA members voted in favor of Theresa's approach.

Lauren pointed out testimony also mentions need for mental health support.

2nd Resolution (keep SROs but expand mental health support) is a bit weak.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

By-Laws are ready for Secretary's signature and inclusion of meeting minutes. Joe Jenkins & Kirsten Murray will meet.

Bryan Benesch moved to end the meeting, Joe Jenkins seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

28 ATTENDEES:

Annmarie Hart-Bookbinder
Andrea Bond
Barbara Marchwicki, JFK staff
Brendan Murray
Bryan Benesch
Darrell Beutel
Donniel Gamble
Gayle Rankine
Joe Jenkins
Dr. Joe Rubens, JFK staff
Keir Lewis, JFK staff
Kirsten Murray
Kofi Frempong, JFK staff
Kristen Walker Painemilla
Ksenia Bentz
Lauren Hurley
Lexanne Wilson
Linda Lawless
Lynn Hoffman
Margot
Meg Morrow
Michelle Bonner

Mount

Nancy Goldberg

Oscar

Tanya Jenkins

Therese Gibson, Cluster Coordinator

Zolfa Valiani-Merchant