

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

AGENDA

6:00 - 6:05 pm	Welcome	Kristen Walker Painemilla
6:05 - 6:15 pm	PTSA Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of March Minutes• Membership Report• Treasurer's Report• Fundraising	Kirsten Murray Kirsten Murray Michelle Bonner Michelle Bonner
6:15 - 6:30 pm	Principal's Report	Dr. Joe Rubens
6:35 - 6:50 pm	Supporting Our Seniors Discussion	All
	Staff Appreciation in May	All
6:50-7:00 pm	Any Other Business	All
7:00 pm	Adjourn	

Meeting started at 6:05 pm.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Motion was made to approve March Meeting Minutes by Michelle Bonner, Zolfa Valiani-Merchant seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Kirsten Murray

64 have paid PTSA membership (11 staff, 9 students, 42 parents/guardians), 80 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

\$2,394.93 as of 2/26/2021. Paid \$267.75 dues to National PTA. As of 3/31, \$2,144.93 Balance. Motion was made to approve April Budget by Bryan Benesch, Zolfa Valiani-Merchant seconded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Dr. Joe Rubens

Thanks to PTSA for the grab & go snacks in the main office!

4/19: communication via ParentVUE & ConnectEd about construction contractors hitting main water pipe, effectively shutting off all water in the building. They had to get a replacement part delivered down from Frederick. Building Services effectively kept Dr. Rubens up-to-date on progress. Result was lost water for just under 2 hours. The administration monitored students & staff needs throughout event.

Head Varsity Basketball Coach Diallo Nelson will be stepping down after 22 years; he will continue teaching Social Studies at JFK.

Dr. Rubens hired 2 new personnel to the school leadership team because Ms. Shannon James (Middle Years Program Coordinator) is stepping down, so she can get back to teaching. The new MYP Coordinator is Erin Ratteby from Springbrook HS. Chris Klein will be new Staff Development Teacher; previous one is retiring.

Any student needing materials for a course should complete the JFK materials request form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GwDmjFIU96bYcRtTKSMh4I0EFxxvZaP3XFAaI9BcYkI/edit?ts=5fa4558b&gxids=7628>

3/19 & 3/20: Virtual Class of 2021 JFK Hall of Fame events were successful.

Homework Help is still available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 – 3:45 pm.

4/13: Grade 11 SAT School Day was a successful.

4/22: Grade 11 Virtual College Prep Meeting for students and parents.

4/26: Report Cards available on Synergy.

5/5: Email 3rd Marking Period On-A-Roll Certificates to students' accounts.

6/15 @ 9:00 am: Class of 2021 Graduation on our stadium field. No class for underclassmen on 6/15. Parking options are being investigated. Two rain dates & times: 6/15 @ 6:00 pm and then 6/16 @ 9:00 am. More information will be shared. Waiting to see if doing a Senior Unity Day (outside); waiting on a waiver. No Senior Prom this year.

Congrats to LTI Senior Hewan Kidanemariam for being awarded Bethesda Magazine Extraordinary "Top" Teen. She accepted a full scholarship to Harvard.

Math Teacher Jeanie Moon accepted into UN Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Faculty Fellowship (through her work at Montgomery College).

World Languages Teacher Lane Jefferson was last week's MCPS Wellness Reboot Spring Physical Activity Challenge winner.

Art Teacher Anjali Wells will be recognized this year by the Maryland Art Education Association for her outstanding contributions to the field.

Health and PE Resource Teacher Lennie Myers was awarded the Washington Football Team Black Engagement Network Educator of the Month.

TutorMe Free Service is still available through MCPS Student Canvas and StudentVUE accounts.

Chromebook distribution times at 45 W. Gude Dr. in Rockville have changed to Monday – Thursday between 9 am – 4 pm.

5/3: Summer School Registration Opens (Camp Cavalier, IB Program, Summer Programs, Arts Program for younger students).

MD Special Education Parent Involvement Survey for all parents/guardians of students with an IEP in Montgomery County.

There are a number of MCPS Parent Academy workshops coming up.

Construction on Middlevale Lane will continue into the summer.

Need parent volunteers for graduation sign delivery 5/15 early that morning. Gather at the school, given a route map. Ms. Lewis will reach out to PTSA for volunteers.

Kristen asked about virtual learning next school year. Dr. Rubens said they are deciding how to staff it. Options for students to work at home or take virtually at school. 7:45 am

Key Events:

4/19: Grade 9, 10, and 11 students selecting in-person learning return

4/19: 4th Marking Period begins

4/20: Virtual PTSA meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom

4/22: Grade 11 Virtual College Prep Meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom

4/26: 3rd Marking Period Report Cards available in Synergy

5/28: Last Day for Seniors

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS DISCUSSION

Tabled because no representation from the Senior Class (parent/guardian/student).

STAFF APPRECIATION IN MAY

Zolfa Valiani-Merchant asked some local businesses for donating food & in-kind donations. Grab & Go snacks seem to be very popular. Nancy Goldberg suggested parents & students write thank-you notes. There are 270 JFK staff members, not all of them are coming to the school; approx. 8 staffers will not be coming to school. Approx ½ staff members come on a Gold Day, then the other ½ come in on Green Day. No one on Wednesdays. A few gluten-free staffers. Little messages with Hershey Kisses to put in mailboxes. Gift cards can be used for Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Bryan suggested purchasing a banner. Clubs meet during Advisory; lunch might be a better period. Dr. Rubens will probably buy staff a lunch; perhaps the PTSA can provide desserts that day?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Rubens mentioned Amie had a PTSA Template to Request Financial Donation to put toward post-Prom.

No need to present slate of nominees at April meeting or vote at May meeting because our By-Laws state officers are elected for 2-year terms. Kristen raised possibility of adding a second VP, either a JFK staff member or incoming freshman parent.

Bryan Benesch moved to end the meeting, Michelle Bonner seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

11 ATTENDEES:

Dr. Joe Rubens
Kirsten Murray
Kristen Walker Painemilla
Lynn & Bill Hoffman
Meg Morrow
Michelle Bonner
Nancy Goldberg & Bryan Benesch
Zainab Norris
Zolfa Valiani-Merchant