

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In person (in the Media Center)

AGENDA

7:00 - 7:05 pm	Welcome	Kristen Walker Painemilla, President
7:05 - 7:25 pm	Community Engagement Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual Financial Review ● September Meeting Minutes 	Ricky Ribiero , Vice President Kirsten Murray , Secretary
7:25 - 7:35 pm	School Updates	Dr. Joe Rubens , Principal
7:35 - 7:55 pm	Leadership Training Institute: Senior Projects Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Helping Hands</u>: providing essential items to homeless ● <u>Women United</u>: donating supplies to domestic abuse shelter ● <u>Children's Heroes</u>: donating money to Maryland CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) ● <u>Glenallan Book Club</u>: goal is to purchase books for Glenallan Elementary School 	Kofi Frempong , LTI Coordinator and Seniors
7:55 - 8:25 pm	Breakout Sessions:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demo of ParentVUE • Demo of Naviance 	<p>Leyla Fandey, Staff Development</p> <p>Janae Robinson-Casey, College and Career Information Coordinator</p>
8:25 - 8:30 pm	Any Other Business / Close	

The meeting was brought to order by Kristen Walker Painemilla at 7:03 pm.

These [slides](#) were presented during the meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT by Ricky Ribiero

Ricky started off with a call for increased parental & community engagement. “I’m just a dad who loves his kids and cares.” Why does the PTSA matter and what impact does it have on the school community? Our PTSA theme is “building community unity”; to that end, we want to provide info & resources. Cited MC Office of Legislative Oversight 2020 report “Parent Organizations in MCPS”: DCC kids have less revenue per student spent on them by PTSAs by 2 times in some cases. Finances: There is an opportunity to give back more to our students. Engagement: compared to other clusters, DCC PTSA membership as a percentage of the school population falls below the county average. Provided examples of what does engagement in “Top PTSAs” looks like: Walt Whitman, parent roles, sponsorships of post-prom websites. Showed “Family Engagement in Education Month” video from Duval County Public Schools, FL.

A few key takeaways:

- We need more parents and staff in our school community to show up.
- You can donate more than just your money.
- Bring your ideas so we can create a school environment that feels rich and exciting for our students.

It’s not just mom, dads can step up as well. Example: Seneca Valley HS Dad Project: Value of engagement.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW by Kirsten Murray

Kirsten Murray presented the Annual Financial Review as well as the Committee’s recommendations to the membership. Laurena Moyer moved to approve the financial review and recommendations, Michelle Fabier seconded, and they were approved & adopted by voice vote.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Kirsten Murray presented the September Meeting Minutes to the membership. Sharon Atterbury moved to approve the minutes, Kristen seconded, and they were approved by voice vote.

Kirsten also mentioned that as of 10/16, there are 67 members (19 faculty/staff, 4 students, 40 parents/guardians, 2 grandparents, and 2 business/community members).

SCHOOL UPDATES by Dr. Joe Rubens

Graduation survey went out; he pointed out a JFK campus graduation was most expensive. Update on recent school incidents. Parent contacted police because child was having a mental health crisis. After school, 1 week ago, JFK student at Blair HS and Glenmont McDonald's attacked by students from other school, harassed at local football game.

No official outbreak of COVID, but a few individual cases of COVID. County-wide increase in cases.

10/19 @ 6pm: FAFSA Meeting w/ representative from Montgomery College.

11/15: Report Cards issued.

Construction: front entrance is almost complete. Parking garage: got approval from fire marshall, awaiting parking lines. New cafeteria furniture coming. New team room furniture coming.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN by Leyla Fandey

The PTSA asked Dr. Rubens to discuss the School Improvement Plan, presented by Leyla Fandey, Acting Staff Development. She pointed out it is a living document used to capture our school progress efforts throughout the year. It will be analyzing quantitative as well as qualitative data; each school may create their own SIP goals, but all are required to have literacy and math goals. JFK also has social & emotional well-being goals. But how to measure that? Each JFK department will have a SIP to support these goals. The data collected will be in the form of quantitative (reports, assessments, etc.) and qualitative (surveys, voice data, etc.) Provided links to MCPS resources: [Evidence of Learning Framework](#) and [Equity and Achievement Framework](#).) The SIP will be on school website.

LTI SENIOR PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS by Kofi Frempong & LTI Seniors

The Leadership Training Institute curriculum includes a Senior Project to help solve a community problem. The following Senior Projects were presented:

Helping Hands: providing new essential items to co-ed homeless shelters
Donation box in LTI room until 12/19, plus other fundraisers

Women United: donating supplies to domestic abuse shelters
Donations of coats until 11/15, plus raise money to purchase basic necessities

Children's Heroes: donating money to Maryland CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children in abusive situations

Selling snacks, candy, and holiday goodie bags during lunch and after school.

Glenallan Book Club: goal is to purchase books for Glenallan Elementary School

Raising money with a Chipotle fundraiser as well as collecting books for ES readers

Kennedy's African Student Association: purpose is to increase diversity within black & African community at JFK. KASA groups include KASA Dance, Tutoring Club (Intelligent Dream), Mental Health, Middle Hand Foundation (collect for other charities). The theme for this quarter is education, so they are running a Back-to-School drive: partnering with schools in Togo via GoFundMe. Next quarter, the theme will be the environment.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS OF PARENTVUE (BY LEYLA FANDEY) AND NAVIANCE (BY JANA E ROBINSON-CASEY)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS by all

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

19 ATTENDEES PLUS STUDENT SPEAKERS:

Dr. Joe Rubens, Principal

Kirsten Jackson, Asst. Principal

Kofi Frempong, LTI Coordinator

Kristen Walker Painemilla, parent

Ricky Ribiero, parent

Kirsten Murray, parent

Leyla Fandey, Staff Development

Janae Robinson-Casey, College and Career Information Coordinator

Lean Parker, guardian

Whitney Parker, alumni & guardian

Terry Rosemond, parent

Sharon Rosemond, parent

Colleen Jeske, parent

Maria Beck, PTSA Staff Liaison

Rossalyn Arroyo, parent

Justin Resti, parent

Sharon Atterbury, guardian

Lorena Moyer, parent

Lauren Walker-Green, parent

Carol Christensen, parent

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