

# JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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## JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In person (in the Media Center)

### AGENDA

7:00 - 7:05 pm	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Kristen Walker Painemilla</b> , President
7:05 - 8:00 pm	<b>National PTA School of Excellence Program and Grant</b>  <b>PTSA Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● October Minutes</li> <li>● Budget Update</li> <li>● Fundraiser</li> <li>● MCCPTA Updates</li> <li>● NAACP Updates</li> <li>● Club Updates</li> <li>● Pot Luck Dinner during Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> </ul>	<b>Kristen Walker Painemilla</b>  <b>Kirsten Murray</b> , Secretary  <b>Mimi Ramos</b> , Treasurer  <b>Kristen Walker Painemilla</b>  <b>Sharon Atterbury</b> , MCCPTA Rep  <b>Ricky Ribeiro</b> , NAACP Rep  <b>Carol Christensen</b> , Club Rep  <b>Kirsten Murray</b>
8:00-8:15 pm	<b>School Updates</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Rubens</b> , Principal
8:25 - 8:30 pm	<b>Any Other Business / Close</b>	

The meeting was brought to order by Ricky Ribeiro at 7:03 pm.

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

## WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER MEETING by Ricky Ribeiro

MP1 is over, Homecoming was fun, and JFK had an in-person Back to School Night. Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming.

Whitman has reached out to our PTSA about Stressbusters Committee which will be meeting 11/17.

## NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM & GRANT by Kristen Walker Painemilla

Kristen Walker Painemilla started off with discussing school improvement based on PTA [National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#) and [Center for Four I's of Family Engagement](#).

98 responses on the survey: English 80, Spanish 17, French 1.

Going well:

- #5: Our school communicates with families in multiple ways;
- #9: Our school uses technology to meet the needs of today's students;
- #15: Our school establishes policies that recognize and respect diversity.

Could be improved:

- #12: Our school informs and encourages families to advocate for students;
- #17: Our school provides families with information about our school improvement plan;
- #10: Our school includes students as active participants in discussions of expectations and work quality.

Excellence Team met at 6:30 and came up with the following goal: *to develop an integrated approach to increase student achievement and well-being*. In order to achieve that goal, the committee decided to create a **Wellness Room** for JFK students to de-stress and to also get academic help and tutoring. The Healthy Minds Program Award (\$2,500 from National PTA) can be used for the Wellness Room.

Kristen pointed out Springbrook HS is also a School of Excellence this year.

## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES by Kirsten Murray

Kirsten Murray presented the October Meeting Minutes to the membership. Carol Christensen moved to approve the minutes, Joe Jenkins seconded, and they were approved by voice vote.

Kirsten also mentioned that as of 11/13, we added 9 members from last month, for a total of 76 members (20 faculty/staff, 5 students, 47 parents/guardians, 2 grandparents, and 2 business/community members). That's 6 more members than what we had at this time last year.

## BUDGET UPDATE by Mimi Ramos

Mimi Ramos presented the current budget to the membership. 2 new members were added since last month. \$1,375 total income from memberships, paid \$315.50 for membership dues, resulting in a working budget of \$4,269.36. Carol asked about how much is set aside for Staff Appreciation, Boosters & Clubs: \$3,720.

### **FUNDRAISER** by Kristen Walker Painemilla

Kristen Walker Painemilla: we ran an online (un-fundraiser) last Spring via MemberHub. Raised \$5-\$6K. Want to do another fundraiser this Fall with a goal of \$20K (11/20-12/20) and big push on Giving Tuesday. Working with Ms. Lyons on getting a letter to alumni. We need help contacting businesses for sponsorships. Be supportive, spread the word, invite family & friends. PTSA will accept checks. Carol asked for bullet points she could use on why to give to JFK Fund. Someone suggested approaching the local McDonald's & Starbucks for donations. Hall of Fame will be in-person this time and may be a good opportunity to request donations.

### **MCCPTA UPDATE** by Sharon Atterbury

Sharon Atterbury is our MCCPTA Delegate. At the November MCCPTA Delegate Meeting, they presented the "Resolution on Excessive Screen Time and Digital Balance", drafted by the Curriculum, Technology, and Health & Wellness Committees. [Resolution](#), [FAQs](#), [Slide Show](#), Maryland Department of Health [Digital Best Practices](#). MCCPTA Delegates will vote on the resolution on 1/24/2023.

### **NAACP UPDATE** by Ricky Ribeiro

Ricky Ribeiro is NAACP Parent Council Rep. Two main themes: MCPS Antiracism Audit (comprehensive action plan to be developed by March 2023) and the Achievement Gap in Math and Reading (to be explored again at 11/16 meeting.) [Recording of the meeting](#) is available.

Dr. Rubens asked about a "Kickoff Meeting". NAACP ACT-SO for academics and the arts.

### **CLUBS UPDATE** by Carol Christensen

Carol Christensen reached out to Ms. Beck to learn which clubs are active and determine their wishes & needs.

### **POTLUCK DINNER DURING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** by Kirsten Murray

Kirsten quickly pointed out the PTSA will be sponsoring dinner for the staff during Parent-Teachers Conferences on 11/21. A SignUp Genius for food & drink donations will be going out shortly.

### **SCHOOL UPDATES** by Dr. Joe Rubens

JFK Hall of Fame Inductees were announced. On 1/13 they will talk to various academies & students during the day & they will be recognized at the basketball game that evening. Sat 1/14 @ 5 or 6pm will be the Hall of Fame ceremony & dinner.

It is now the “Pre-Holiday Season”, meaning there is a County-wide increase in suspensions (student negative behavior).

There has been a COVID outbreak of 5 staff & 8 students in special needs classroom. (Schools are required to provide notice if there is an outbreak of 3 or more cases in one space.)

11/15: Report Cards will be issued.

This week: Remembrance & Reconciliation Lessons in classrooms.

11/17: Equal Opportunity Schools survey (covering such topics as access to higher level classes).

11/10: 2023 Senior Parent Meeting. Reach out to Mr. Levine if senior parent missed it.

College visits have begun.

Online tutoring available plus 15 staffers available for in-person tutoring. Ms. Tiffany Ray is lead tutor at JFK.

11/19 @ 10am: JFK will be represented at Thanksgiving Parade by Instrumental Music, Cheerleaders, POMS, LTI, NJROTC.

11/21 & 11/22: Early Release Days for [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#) (1-6pm) in gym and cafeteria. Limited number of translators are available.

Construction: still waiting for additional inspections and lines to be painted in parking garage.

Needs: Potluck dinner for 11/21 Parent-Teacher Conferences.

11/19 @ 10am [Holiday Trees](#) will be delivered to Wheaton-Glenmont Rescue Squad (2400 Arcola Ave). Need volunteers to help unload the trees.

11/19 from 10am to 12pm: [Kennedy Cluster Family Market](#)

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** by all

None.

Kristen Walker Painemilla moved to adjourn the meeting, Mimi Ramos seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

**15 ATTENDEES:**

Dr. Joe Rubens, Principal

Kirsten Jackson, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Asst Principal

Maria Beck, JFK PTSA Liaison  
Kristen Walker Painemilla, parent/guardian  
Ricky Ribeiro, parent/guardian  
Kirsten Murray, parent/guardian  
Mimi Ramos, parent/guardian  
Sharon Atterbury, parent/guardian  
Joe Jenkins, alum parent/guardian  
Carol Christensen, parent/guardian  
Julie Ryan-Silva, parent/guardian  
Takia Wormley-Manley, parent/guardian  
Michele Wendt, parent/guardian  
Priscilla Sheffield, parent/guardian  
Veronique Okito, parent/guardian

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