



John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
April 18, 2017
At 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Parents:	Mr. Dino Ruggirello (1), Ms. Carmie Lato, (2), Ms. Angie Rolli (1), Ms. Stephanie Beaumier (2)
Administrators:	Mr. Otis Delaney (Principal), Mr. Anthony F. Lombardi (Vice-Principal)
Teachers/Staff:	Mr. Gerry Tullio, Ms. Jennifer Olders
Community Rep:	None
Student Reps:	Ms. Miranda Gallay
PPO:	Ms. Alessandra Zanello
Commissioner:	
Public:	None
Regrets:	Ms. Nathalie Cloutier, Mr. Steve Muoio, Mr. A. Cannavino

1. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by A. Rolli, seconded by S. Beaumier with the following additions:
 - Under "Business Arising" – Graduation Prom
 - Under "New Business" – Team Sports

2. Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2017

- The minutes of the meeting held on March 21st were approved unanimously on a motion by A. Rolli, seconded by D. Ruggirello with the following correction: on page 2 under "Other activities", the name of David Hertell should be spelled Heurtel .

3. Business Arising

- Staff Room – C. Lato did follow up through the proper channels and Mr Delaney and the Adult Education Principal will be meeting April 22nd to discuss details. Mr. Delaney will report at the next meeting. In the interim, JFK staff will be sharing the “old staff room” with the Adult Sector
GB will follow-up at future meetings.
- Computer Lab – Lab technician checked all computers for virus malware and all is now fine. Library computers will be replaced by laptops, lab room equipment will also be upgraded in the near future
- Block Party – J. Olders will follow-up and keep the committee posted as necessary.
- Graduation Prom – Graduation Ceremony is May 18th, Prom will be June 21st
 - Graduation leaving ceremony will be held in the JFK gym
 - Invitations are ready and will be sent out soon
 - Suggestion to put a “Save the Date” on the JFK website so that parents are aware and may plan ahead
 - Prom will take place at The Challenger (St-Laurent burrough)
 - parents will be invited to cocktails, but may not stay for the entire evening
 - 3-5 tickets / students

4. New Business

- Dress Code
 - A discussion was had on the pros and cons of having a dress code
 - Student Council reported having consulted some students and the majority are adamant about keeping the JFK hoodies, tights, jeans & black pants, and would like crest embroidered polos, jogging pants, and shorts (bermudas) for the summer months, and that both collared and no-collared shirts be added to the list
 - It was suggested that when new hoodies are ordered, that it be considered that they not have front pockets. Front pockets encourage theft (ie: small items at the cafeteria, etc.)
 - Teachers suggested that if tights are kept, that there be a criteria that they be worn with long shirts
 - S. Beaumier suggested we consider eliminating the dress code altogether
 - D. Ruggirello suggested that a full uniform would (not just a color code of, example, white top, black pants/skirts) be better suited and standardize things for all
 - Some felt this is an issue that all parents should be consulted about while others felt it was GB’s responsibility. Parents elected GB to represent their interests. Others felt that it is great to consult, but ultimately policy should come from GB, Staff and Admin.
 - Admin feels that a dress code creates a feeling of belonging, as well as being a “security” factor -- makes it more easy to identify JFK students during field trips, outside altercations, etc.
 - This issue will be revisited at a future meeting.

The current status quo dress code, with the addition of a summer dress code (ie: shorts) to be enforced at the discretion of the Administration, was approved on a motion by D. Ruggirello, seconded by A. Rolli and carried on a vote of 7 – yes, 1 – abstain.

- Drug Issues – drugs are not unique to this school, but JFK has many preventative solutions, including a substance abuse councilor, who works directly with those who do have problems.
- Brainstorming meeting report – Chair thanked all those who attended. The meeting resulted in the organization of the following for the following school year (early in the year)
 - Pasta Dinner
 - Drama Play
 - Multi-cultural event (to be expanded from what is already being done)
- Team – Sports
 - Suggestion to have team sports (soccer, basketball, track, etc.) and to have them participate in tournaments – something for the players to look forward to and strive for
 - What is necessary to allow them to participate in such activities?
 - It is felt that athletic programs build interest in the school and encourage enrollment and build camaraderie
 - Can teams fundraise?
 - Coaches have to make the initiatives, admin will support but will not organize
 - Team uniforms will be discussed at a future meeting

It was motioned by C. Lato to support the athletic coaches to organize and plan tournaments for their respective teams and that a sum not to exceed \$1000/team be allocated from Fund3, as and when necessary, to encourage tournament initiatives as well as team be able to acquire/replace equipment, seconded by G. Tullio and unanimously approved.

5. Principal's Report

1. JFK Makeover at Laurier Macdonald Career Centre. Gerry Tullio and Mr. Lombardi selected 5 male students to have makeovers. The initiative was well received and our students were all very thankful for the grooming and to have their hair cut.
2. Our Sec. 5 are travelling to New York City from April 20th - 22nd. Mr. Delaney will follow the staff and students to the borders to make sure everyone passes through customs.
3. There will be a Pedagogical day on Friday, April 21st. On this Ped day we will invite Community Officer Terri Cocco and have her explain the Lockdown process.
4. 13 of our Leadership students Sec. 1 to Sec. 5 will be visiting Camp Papillon to participate in the EMSB initiative known as Camp Val. These students will learn how to work together cooperatively and will focus on team building and positive school cultures.
5. 6 of our Secondary 4 and Secondary 5 students will visit the National Assembly as part of an initiative with our Minister David Heurtel. These students will get an opportunity to have a tour of the National assembly, and also witness the National assembly in progress. This is a one day trip and the students will arrive home the same day.. Mr. Aaron Durocher will be the Teacher Supervisor on the trip.

6. Shakespeare Play will take place on May 1st for sec. 3, 4, and 5 students
7. Students in Sec. 3 and sec. 4 will be travelling to Toronto and Niagara Falls on May 4th-5th. Highlights of the trip will be a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame, and a ride in the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls

Other Field Trips

Redpath Museum Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 (McGill Campus)
Quebec City, May 17th, secondary 1 and Secondary 2 students
Cosmodome, Aim High, 20 students, April 19th

It was motioned by A. Rolli, seconded by C. Lato to approve the above mentioned field trips and activities. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- No money was spent for this meeting, therefore total remains unchanged-- \$401.41.

7. **Students Report**

- June 2nd – evening dance (\$5 by the deadline), \$5 for each guest (maximum 2 guests/student and must have proper ID), \$7 at door, funds to pay for DJ and balance to Student Council to support future student activities.
Chaperones: teacher volunteers, Mr. Lombardi and Mr. Delaney

It was motioned by C. Lato, seconded by J. Olders and unanimously approved Student Council's proposed Evening Dance activity.

8. **PPO Report -- nil**

9. **Delegate's Report**

- Reminder of the Parents Conference – April 29th, details posted on the EMSB website, register and pass the word along
- Next CPC meeting May 4th, next RPC meeting May 15

10. **Correspondence** -- nil

11. **Questions Period** – nil

12. **Varia**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by A. Rolli, seconded by D. Ruggirello

Ms. Carmie Lato
Chair

Mr. Otis Delaney
Principal