



John F. Kennedy High School
Governing Board
Minutes for meeting held on:
March 21st, 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. Nathalie Cloutier, Mr. Steve Muoio, Ms. Jennifer Olders
Community Rep:	None
Student Reps:	Ms. Miranda Gallay
PPO:	Ms. Alessandra Zanello
Commissioner:	Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Public:	None
Regrets:	Ms. J. Olders, Mr. A. Cannavino

1. **Approval of Agenda**

- The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by S. Muoio, seconded by S. Beaumier.

2. **Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2017**

- The minutes of the meeting held on February 21st were approved unanimously on a motion by A. Rolli, seconded by D. Ruggirello with the following correction: on page 7 under Students' Report, second bullet: change MSAC to EMSAC.

3. **Business Arising** – nil

4. **New Business** - nil

5. Principal's Report

1. **Quebec City Field Trip Sec. 3** (May 16th) – complete details and approvals will be sent to parents.
Field trip unanimously approved on a motion by C. Lato, seconded by D. Ruggirello.
2. **Montreal Alouette's "Stay in School" initiative** with Kyrie Hebert (April 5th). Kyrie Hebert will speak to our Aim High, WOTP, and Sec. 2 students in the auditorium about the importance of education and perseverance. In his presentation he will give personal accounts of his own upbringing and ability to overcome obstacles.
3. **Graduation Date is May 18th.** GB representatives will receive invitations. Preparations are in progress as we organize this important event.
4. **New courses** being offered next year include Entrepreneurship (Sec. 4), Financial Literacy (Sec. 5), and Drama (Sec. 5). We are very excited about these new courses and feel that they will serve our students needs for the future.

Other activities:

Apr 27 – Sec 4 going to National Assembly (Quebec City), David Hertell – Fight against Climate Change.

Field trip unanimously approved on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by D. Ruggirello.

Mar 22 – Aim High Students to visit the Science Center.

Field trip unanimously approved on a motion by S. Beaumier, seconded by A. Rolli.

Miscellaneous:

The Chair was presented with a letter from Staff Council asking that she follow-up with the Board regarding reclaiming their “old” Staff Room (as designated **prior** to the AEVS/JFK consultation of last year) and requesting that GB support their request. After listening to the points brought forth, both by staff present and as per the letter, **GB unanimously resolved on a motion by S. Muoio, seconded by A. Rolli, to support the JFK Staff Council's request to reclaim, by May 30th 2017, the space that was designated as “Staff Room” before the 2016 JFKAEC Resolution 16-01-27-11-2 Consultation.**

6. Treasurer's Report

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

7. **Students Report**

- Teacher Appreciation Week went well
- Carnival Week activities also went very well. The pie throwing was a huge success!
- Computer Lab – many of the computers are old making it hard to work on projects, many need maintenance. Replacing them with new ones would be ideal. S. Muoio agreed to look into the situation and report at a future meeting.
- TECH Lab up and running.
- Talks on mental health and drug use/abuse tend to be repetitive, students much more appreciate and are excited about the Jackie Robinson talk and/or speakers coming in to talking about specific topics relating to what is going on at that particular time, ie: like Black History Month.

8. **PPO Report**

- Recent activities had low participation
- M-List fundraiser not successful, only 8 cards sold (one of the reasons could be that the majority of the stores offering discounts are all located on the West Island), total, total raised: \$120
- The guessing of # of Gold coins for St. Patrick's not as popular as originally thought
- No other activities planned for the moment

C. Lato felt bigger incentives are needed for high school students (ie: hockey tickets, \$\$ gift certificate, etc.) to encourage them to actively participate in fundraisers.

S. Beaumier suggested that in the future we look to organizations such as the MSO, Museum of Fine Arts, Bell Center, McCord Museum, etc. for donations of tickets as they have various programs for such activities.

D. Ruggirello once again reiterated his belief that you get parents to participate in school life and its various activities and fundraisers through their children's involvement. If their children are involved, they will be present as a show of support and pride.

9. **Delegate's Report**

- Parents Conference – April 29th, details will be posted on the EMSB website, pass the word along
- Literacy Prize from CPC – letter sent to all Principals, who have the responsibility of choosing the student to whom the prize is awarded. The book to be awarded along with the cash prize and plaque will be chosen soon.
- RPC/CPC discussed the proposed Sex Education Program, but further discussions were postponed to after more details are known about the program and its implementation
- Volunteer Evening – April 4th at the Crowne Plaza on Cote-de-Liesse

10. Correspondence -- nil

11. Questions Period – nil

12. Varia

– Mr. Lombardi requested that “dress code” be added to next meeting’s agenda.

– G. Tullio – suggests we look into issue of staff members being delayed for trips (ie: NYC trip) due to USA airspace restrictions. N. Cloutier will look into.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 on a motion by N. Cloutier, seconded by A. Rolli

Ms. Carmie Lato
Chair

Mr. Otis Delaney
Principal