

**John F Kennedy High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
March 24th, 2026**

Present: L. Fiumidinisi, P. Kilian, M. Mancini, H. Michalpoulos, J. Serraiocco, S. Sollazzo, A. Tonin, M. Tonin, G. Tullio, J. Venditti, F. Vetrone

Regrets: S. Dector

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve by F. Vetrone, seconded by J. Venditti. All in favor.

2. Approval of minutes:

March 24th, 2026: motion to approve by F. Vetrone, seconded by J. Venditti. All in favor.

3. Business arising: none.

4. New Business

4.1. D15 Program Renewal Approval Letter: motion to approve by F. Vetrone, seconded by J. Venditti. All in favor.

4.2. Budget Report 2025-2026 was presented by L. Fiumidinisi. Motion to approve by A. Tonin, seconded by F. Vetrone. All in favor.

5. Chairperson Report

5.1. Budget Building Process 20206-2027

This was presented by S. Sollazzo. Motion to approve the prepared document: First by J. Venditti, seconded by A. Tonin. All in favor.

5.2. Beautification Project

A Tonin reports that Ms. Holton, landscaper will be working with WOTP to beautify the courtyard. Will add/fix some chairs, parasols, picnic tables, and make the sitting area more inviting. There are also big cement sitting blocks and they will be painted to add color to the area. The soil will be evened out so that in the fall we can plant flowers in that area. WOTP and RTC is looking into creating a Bocce court and see if it is feasible. Ms. Holton will apply for a grant through TD Bank for help financially.

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5.3. Bike Path – City of Montreal (March Meeting)

There was a meeting with S. Sollazzo, P. Kilian and L. Fiumidinisi with the city counselor, Mr. Ouellet, and his assistant on February 25th regarding the bike path in front of the school which hinders drop off and pick up for our students. The counselor promised they would take a serious look at it. Given that it was a snowy day, he was able to see the issues with snow removal between the street, bike path and the sidewalk and the problems for our students with reduced mobility. He will get back to us after discussing with engineers and his team. More information to come.

5.4. Final Exams (period)

L. Fiumidinisi will send out an exam schedule by late April to the school community regarding exams in May/June.

6. Principal/VP report:

- H. Michalopoulos is on medical leave. L. Fiumidinisi will be assuming his role as interim principal until his return.
- Now that we are in term 3, the school has hired two math/science tutors to focus on students who are at risk of failing to avoid having to go to summer school. JFK is still looking for tutors in other main subject areas to support students in the final term of the year.
- Mandatory Content Planning Tables - Academic and Career Guidance Content, Content for the Development of Personal and Social Competencies and Content in Sexuality Education: L. Fiumidinisi presented how students will be targeted for the competencies based on their grade level. Motion to approve the mandatory content planning tables for 2025-2026: first by M. Mancini, seconded by F. Vetrone. All in favor.
- Our website is now on EMSB servers. While certain bugs are still being worked on, it will soon be sent to all the JFK community for updates etc. Website: JFK.emsb.qc.ca

7. Treasurer Report: none.

8. Teacher report: A. Tonin reports:

- JFK hosted 2 meetings for leadership camp, which will be happening in April. Mr. Braca and Ms. Dow have been busy preparing the leadership students for it.
- All students were treated to a Shakespeare play today.
- The NYC trip is coming soon on April 15th to the 17th, and all the details are being finalized if not already done. The staff members on the trip will be S. Dector, A. Tonin and S. Mignacca.
- 3 of 4 futsal teams have made it to the semi finals with the GMAA division 4 league.

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9. Student Services report: G. Tullio reports:

From V. Lacroce:

- February 23rd. Otis Grant, the retired boxing champ, came in for Black History Month. We did an assembly for the secondary 4 and 5 students. This was featured in this the recent EMSB focus and also an article was written about Jay Otis at high school in the West Island suburban.
- On March 11th there will be a JFK Fit to Fight Cooking segment with an Industria Restaurant Chef.
- On March 17th, we had a Rhythmic Resilience Supporting Well-being to Music session with Andrew Paulolos.
- On March 18th, the Fit Fit to Fight program had a workout session with a fitness coach and the students received certificate for participating.
- In November, our students took part in a National Remembrance Day poster contest. Two of our students are winners, Sreng Lim Ngyuen and Martha Kwagala.

From B. Stamatakos and Guidance:

- We're following up with our students who applied for CEGEP. We're very happy to say most of our students have already been accepted, a lot of them in multiple CEGEPs. We're keeping an eye out for any student that is on a waitlist or might have to go into second round. It would be April 16th to the 23rd.

From G. Tullio:

- Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi will be buying supplies with a budget of \$500 for Miss Reyes and her various clubs
- Camp Lift started their in-school presence program. Camille will be at JFK every Tuesday. She can mentor students, do prevention presentations, and she will be running a group for eight students once a week.
- 12 students are registered and appointments are booked for dresses and suits with the Fairy Godmothers program. They can now apply for the Fairy Godmothers Scholarship program.
- The LOV program (Leave Out Violence) work that was completed last year by 3 our students will be installed for viewing in the La Place area in JFK in April. It will also be showcased at the EMSB head office on Friday the 27th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

10. Student's report: M. Tonin reports:

- The girls' group will be hosting a fundraiser next week. They will be selling baked goods, etc. and the proceeds will be going towards the Shoebox Project next year. They've also began planting the seeds for their May fundraiser along with Mr. Lamantia, selling tomato plants for a dollar, and these proceeds will go to the Montreal Children's Hospital. So far, they've sold about 200 plants.

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11. Delegate report: F. Vetrone reports:

The EMSBPC chair reminded PC members to review school budgets. The chair of the EMSB Council of Commissioners responded to the letter that the EMSB wrote regarding the budget cut cuts. The letter outlined provincial fiscal measures, specific monetary reductions and constraints on surplus access and reiterated the board's opposition. The letter was sent to all members of the PC.

The PC also sent a letter to the Council of Commissioners regarding the public question period. The chair outlined that the public question period change was administrative procedural decision on a bylaw change. They will monitor the impact of the in person requirement and consider adjustments if exclusion patterns emerge.

Governing Board email accounts that can be passed from Chair to Chair to allow governing boards to have a memory of past meetings. The PC chair received a go ahead from the group to share a letter with civil servants at the Ministry for faster action. No response yet.

PC sent a letter to the ministry of education regarding the denial of EMSB surplus access to both the minister and the official opposition. No response was received yet.

A letter to the EMSB administration was sent from the PC Climate Readiness Subcommittee in February. The PC approved the letter addressed to the administration regarding recent climate related school closures and the need for an emergency home learning action plan. No response has been received yet.

The PC also wrote a letter to EMSB administration regarding changes to learn tutoring funding, which now flows through school boards and service centers rather than directly to Learn. Concerns from the PC were raised about potential service reductions and access limitations. No response has been received yet.

The PC conducted the first part of the 2026 budget building exercise, focusing guiding principles and objectives. Members proposed making changes to language for each item or opposing the items as written to emphasize prioritizing the integrity of educational services, over compliance with the new budget parameters by the Ministry of Education.

High schools will extend in person learning days to make up for lost class time due to June exam periods. The board calendar itself is not being formally changed, but that secondary three to five will be extended to June 9, Secondary 1 and 2 to June 12 and Aim High and Work Programs to June 23.

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12. Commissioner's report:

For the meeting with Mr. Ouellet about the bike path, P. Kilian sent a summary of everything that was discussed to Mr. Katalifos, who will get back to us with the department that will work with the city.

The EMSB Bill 21 case is at the Supreme Court.

The March 17th meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is April 21st at St. Pius X Career Centre.

13. Correspondence: none.

14. Question period: none.

15. Varia: none.

16. Motion to end meeting: 8:37 p.m. First by G, Tulli, seconded by A. Tonin. All in favor.

Sergio Sollazzo, Governing Board Chair

L. Fiumidinisi, interim Principal