

**JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTA MEETING JANUARY 22, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:35 P.M.

**PLEDGE**

**MINUTES:** Approved by Amy Paccio and seconded by Gina McGovern.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved by Jean Chillianis and seconded by Lisa Mastanduno.

**CO-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** We had three Reflections entries that were sent to the district level. As a thank you gift, the PTA gave each custodian a \$50.00 check for the holidays and the office staff and nurses received fruit. Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> is the Valentine's Day Sale during the lunch periods and party between 3:15-5:15. Volunteers are needed. There was a surprise "lock down" drill, which went well. The Safety Committee met last week. Dr. Marsh informed Mrs. McCarthy that all staff members will be getting new ID badges through BOCES. Visitors will also be receiving a "visitor's pass" when entering the school. The outdoor lighting issue will be put on the capital improvement plan. There are ongoing discussions regarding safety protocols both during school hours and after school activities. The blood drive will be held on February 11 at the high school. If anyone is interested, please see Michelle Yurman. JFK Scholarships were reviewed and a motion was made and approved by Barbara Hayes and seconded by Gina McGovern and was unopposed. The changes are as follows: 1 for hardship, 1 for ESL who excels and enrolls in a full-time undergraduate program, 1 outside community service during high school, 2 students with a "B" average, 2 merit GPA 3.0 (currently awarded) and 2 Ducato awards remain unchanged. We need three people from the general membership for the Nominating Committee and two from the board. Congratulations to Ms. Gervasi on the birth of her baby boy. Dr. Marsh announced his retirement effective the end of June of 2009. A new budget committee is being worked on for the next school years. Our district is scheduled for 12% cut in state aid next year. We are all encouraged to attend these meetings. Call the main office for more information. Thanks to our box tops representatives Ms. Greco and Koenig for the great job that they have done.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you cards were received for the holiday gifts from the office staff, custodians, and nurses.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Nutrition committee met and discussed the children purchasing a breakfast bar before school since many children do not eat breakfast. Kim from Aramark will be looking into buying them. ELA testing will take place this month in grades 6, 7, and 8. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jr. Scholar is being developed and Terry Clark will be making a presentation at our next PTA meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Second Step Program is being implemented school wide in September and all teachers will participate. Everyone will be trained in all areas. Ms. McCarthy discussed decorating student lockers and not only is it a fire hazard but that it is a disruption to students who attend extra help. A suggestion of having a birthday bulletin board was discussed and will be looked into.

**SEPTA:** A psychologist was at the last meeting who discussed bullying. Parents should talk to their children about it and stand up for what is right.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary  
JFK PTA