



JFK PTSO

MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2025, 7:00pm

🕒 Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Melissa Miller

★ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ★

1. Kindergarten Parent/Teacher: Jessica Stevens
2. 3rd Grade Parent: Melissa Miller

Thank YOU for introducing your families and for your support! Follow our Facebook page to learn more about these two amazing families! <https://www.facebook.com/JFKPTSO>

🌟 A Message from Mrs. Stevens and the Student Council 🌟

The Student Council hosted a Pajama Day to raise money for CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) in honor of Kennedy student, Nora Klimchak, on December 5. Our Kennedy families knocked it out of the park and raised over \$2,800!! A huge THANK YOU for supporting this fundraiser!

💰 Treasurer's Report, reviewed by Treasurer, Daniel Chin

- General Account: \$17,727.03
 - Raffle Account: \$7,966.76
 - Savings/Playground Account: \$15,887.25
 - Square Clearing Account: \$4,600.07
 - Total All Accounts: \$46,181.45

👛 Old Business reviewed by President, Melissa Miller

- Financial
 - November Pretzel Sale - \$147.75 profit
 - November School Store - \$347.75 profit
 - November Dine Out: Mr. Subs - \$218.86 profit
 - Custodian Appreciation Day (10/2)- \$49.99 expense
 - Thank you, Nicole McCreesh, for putting together this gift!
 - Playground Ceremony - \$212.39 expense
 - Music concert backdrop supplies - \$64.57 expense
 - A big THANK YOU from Mrs. Reimann to the PTSO for purchasing supplies to hang her new concert backdrop.
 - Thank you to the parents who helped with this event and supported our talented students. Mrs. Reimann did a fantastic job producing this show!
 - Reindeer food supplies - \$36.38 expense
 - Santa is scheduled to visit on the fire truck on Friday, December 19.
- Events
 - Giving Tree
 - Thank you to Jamie McNamee and Erica Stasio for orchestrating the Giving Tree donations. All donations were collected and dropped off at the senior center. Thank you to all of those who were able to make someone's Christmas a little merrier!
 - Holiday Boutique - finalizing financial report
 - Thank you to Jenn Mondano for coordinating the Holiday Boutique and to all the parents who helped set up/clean up and assist with student shopping. Our students enjoy this opportunity to shop for their loved ones.
 - Art to Remember - purchased artwork going home with students week of 12/15

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New Business, reviewed by various Board Members

- Current Fundraisers
 - Calendar Raffle Donations
 - We are seeking business sponsors & volunteers for outreach. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we still need to collect over \$5,000 worth of donations.
 - Please contact a board member if you would like to help with this. Phone calls, emails, or visiting local businesses are all great ways to ask for donations. We are accepting money, goods, and/or services. Please use our PTO Calendar Raffle donation form.
- Forms
 - Funding or Donation Requests
 - Mrs. Byrne & Ms. Boettger - soothing noise machine for students \$24 > [here](#)
 - Mrs. Byrne & Ms. Boettger - soothing light lamp for students \$40 (x2) > [here](#)
 - Mrs. Fenning - Santa beard, hat & gloves - google form submission pending
 - The PTO has decided to support these three requests.
 - Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Miller shared about the school's new "Calming Room" that Ms. Boettger and Mrs. Byrne use and how it has become a safe and enjoyable space for our students. This room uses dim lighting, flexible seating, and quiet to help students navigate through big emotions.
 - Event & Fundraiser Suggestion Form > [here](#) (standing item)
 - Pasta sale
 - We would love to try this fundraiser possibly in the Fall 2026. Thank you Nicole Englehardt for recommending this idea.
 - Holiday Lights Scavenger House Hunt
 - We can revisit early Fall 2026 for December 2026. Thank you Jeanine Ponisi for recommending this idea.
- Upcoming events
 - Fire Truck Santa & Reindeer Food (12/19 @ 9 AM)
 - Boys Night Out - Cornhole Tournament (1/23 @ 6:30 PM)
 - Sign Up is now available on the Square Site:
<https://john-f-kennedy-school-ptso-online-store.square.site/>
 - This is an event for Kennedy boys and their dads, or another adult male. A 50% discount is offered to the first 15 teams that are willing to lend their cornhole board sets for the tournament.
 - DJ, snacks, craft stations, and awards will also be available.
 - Girls Night Out - Sweetheart Theme (2/6 @ 6:30 PM)
 - Please reach out if you would like to help with this event.
 - Family Dance - Lip Sync Battle (4/17)
 - Please reach out if you would like to help with this event.
 - Author Visit - (3/19) - Click here to learn about [Jason Patterson](#)
 - This dynamic author of graphic novels will be focusing on the Blue, Barry & Pancakes Series for grades K-2 and Barb the Last Berzerker Series for grades 3-4
 - A presale of books will take place in Feb/March

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🚌 Class Field Trips - Expenses 🚌

Grade	Date	Location	Cost	Busing
K	5/8	Crayola Factory	\$705.83	\$800.00
1	5/5	Monmouth Museum	\$540.00	
2 Klimchak Hearne	5/15	Turtle Back Zoo	\$1,515.00	\$800.00
3		Somerset Patriots		
4	5/13	Jenkinsons Aquarium		\$800.00

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📅 **Upcoming Events (Jan - Feb):** Seeking volunteers for highlighted events 📅

Dates	Times	Event
12/19/2025		Santa on Fire Truck & reindeer food
1/14/2026	lunch periods	School Store
1/14/2026	5:30-9pm	Dine Out - KC's
1/15/2026	7-8pm	PTSO Member Meeting
1/23/2026	Friday - 3pm dismissal	Doughnut Sale
1/23/2026	6:30 - 8:30pm	Boys Night Out
week of 2/2		School Counselor Appreciation Week
2/2/2025 - 2/23/2025		Gertrude Hawk fundraiser order forms due by: 3/2
2/6/2026	6:30 - 8:30pm (event) 5:00 - 9:00pm (set up/clean up)	Girls Night Out
2/6/2026		Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
Feb 10 or 11 TBD	11am - midnight	Dine Out - Buffalo Wild Wings
2/13/2026	Friday - 3pm dismissal	Pretzel Sale
Sun 2/15/2026 (observed Fri 2/13)		National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
2/17/2025 - 3/7/2025 TBD		Author visit book sale
2/18/2026	lunch periods	School Store
2/19/2026	7-8pm	PTSO Member Meeting
late Feb		Club photos