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DKFI PTA General Meeting Minutes 02-07-18

All Board members attending

DKFI PTA Meeting Outline *(Expanded content included in Detailed Meeting Notes, below)*

Call Meeting to Order

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

STEM Awards

Nurse's Report

Legislative Committee Update

Legislative survey results, Language Immersion Task Force, District 5 meetings and Facebook group, Upcoming meetings requiring coverage

PTA Updates

Adjourn Meeting

*The NEXT DKFI PTA meeting will be **March 14th, 7:00 pm**, in the multipurpose room (cafeteria). Mark your calendars: DKFI PTA meetings occur on the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.*

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From the DKFI PTA--Some important events (this list is not all-inclusive; dates, events, and times are subject to change; events in blue are PTA sponsored, those in grey are past at the time of minutes distribution)

Date	Time	Event	Location	For more information
Immediate	ongoing	Teacher and staff wishlist	https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation	DKFIPTA.org
Immediate	ongoing	DKFI PTA Committee signup	https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation	http://www.dkfipta.org/committees.html
Immediate	ongoing	Euro Store staffing	DKFI	DKFIPTA.org To volunteer , go to http://signup.com/go/SQNUcQJ
Feb 20	various	class picture day	various	
Feb 22	7:00 pm	BOE: Board Meeting	14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	volunteers are needed to take notes and report back to the PTA. Office of the Board of Education 301-952-6115
through Feb 22	all day	Box Tops collections	classrooms	dkfipta.org
Feb 26	6:00-7:00 pm	BOE: Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee Meeting	14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	volunteers are needed to take notes and report back to the PTA. Office of the Board of Education 301-952-6115
through Feb 28		Parent engagement survey	http://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=QsTPQRQsQWsVQPURQXURsP&lang=&ver=new&data=	pgcps.org
Feb 28	4:30-6:15 pm 6:45-8:00	Talent Show rehearsal	multipurpose room	help is very much needed. Go to http://signup.com/go/snQrrqp
March 9	7:00 pm	Talent Show	multipurpose room	help is very much needed. Go to http://signup.com/go/snQrrqp
Wed March 14th	7:00 pm	DKFI PTA meeting	cafeteria	DKFIPTA.org
March 19	6:00 pm	Fix the Funds March at Lawyer's Circle, Annapolis*	Lawyers Mall, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401	https://actionnetwork.org/events/education-rally-on-march-19
<i>TBD</i>			Family Bingo Night Value Village Fundraiser Silver Diner Restaurant Night	<i>stay tuned. More information to come as it is available</i>

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Detailed Meeting Notes

Call to Order

7:11 pm

Approval of Minutes

Geraldine Hall (Secretary) reviewed the January general meeting minutes. Body approved minutes.

Finance Update

Anton Viegas (Treasurer) reviewed the January treasurer's report, including income and expenditures. Motion to approve finance report passed.

STEM Awards presented by Mr. Mills

As a precursor to the awards, student Noah presented on his Science Fair project on volcanos, measuring how high an eruption can go. His materials included baking soda, vinegar, water, tape, plastic bag, and a box. His conclusion was that the mixture with more baking soda made a bigger explosion than one containing more vinegar.

Mr. Mills then presented a video on Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, DC native, and the first woman to receive a PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and current president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The hard-working 2018 STEM Fair winners and participants were recognized individually with certificates and prizes by Dr. Mills. The complete list of STEM Fair Results are included in the February *eJournal*.

Nurse's Report

Despite this being Nurse Shalon's last day, she reported at the meeting. She was hired as a temporary nurse in school and will be headed back to the ER.

Ms. Wright, in the front office, will act as nurse advocate while we await replacement.

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Koloa will act as backups to Ms. Wright. They will be taking care of children who require regular medications. For illnesses or injuries, until another nurse arrives for the school, parents might get more phone calls because students have more limited access to care. If children have ailments before school, please talk with your child beforehand to assess severity and act before the child arrives at school.

Q: is the school tracking the flu?

A: school nurses are tracking flu as they are aware. Today was Nurse Shalon's first incident of confirmed flu in the school. Washing hands, covering coughs, acting defensively for coughs (turning away), use of hand sanitizer all help to avoid contracting the flue. Building management is working to supply bathrooms consistently with soap and towels.

Teachers will receive notices on which of their students have special medical needs and what to do until emergency help arrives.

Students going into 7th and 8th grade received notices on additional vaccinations that are required by PGCPs.

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Q: For field trips, including overnight trips, for children who require medications, what is the procedure for Med forms?

A: For meds the school nurse already has, these meds go on field trip. For meds for which the nurse does not yet have, a new medication form must be completed by the prescribing physician, and meds must be supplied for the trip. Medication forms are available on line at pgcps.org

The clothes for accidents exist, but the nurse's office (and school) could use more. EX: new underwear, gently used pants and shirts; snacks are also desired (eg, for breakfast, crackers, pork-free foods, vegetarian, no gelatin-containing products, and gluten free). Could also use a large IKEA bag to assist with taking meds out of the building in case of fire or fire drill. Baby wipes also would be helpful for accidents. Tops also needed.

Within the PGCPs system, there is a nurse shortage. For schools with students with more severe health needs, priority is given. No timeline is established for when a new nurse is available for our school.

In schools in which there is no nurse, the nurse manager is providing intermittent coverage. The manager is currently covering 20+ schools.

Legislative Committee Update

The Legislative Survey had nearly 50 responses. Thank you to everyone who participated! Martazsh Henderson and Tikeetha Thomas will put together a summary of the responses, that can be presented at the next PTA meeting.

The Committee would like to thank all its members for the help they have provided over the last month – attending Board Meetings and Budget Hearings. All three Budget Hearings were attended by Committee Members, and Laura Rammelsberg and Martazsh Henderson make public comments at the Budget Hearing at Oxon Hill High School last night. Laura made school-specific requests, based on feedback from M. Awono, Carmen Henninger of the Office of Immersion Programs and the DKFI Legislative Priorities Survey. Martazsh made requests for the Immersion Program in general, based on feedback from Carmen Henninger and items discussed at the Language Immersion Task Force Meetings.

Although our requests did not include funds to recruit and retain School Nurses, two Maya Angelou two parents commented on their schools' lack of a nurse this year. After the hearing, Laura and Martazsh spoke with Board Members Quinteros-Grady, Roche and Ahmed about the fact that we have lost a second nurse in less than a year. We felt this was important to bring up since the health and safety of the DKFI / PGCPs children are at risk and something needs to be done, as it seems to be a County-wide issue.

Across all the Hearings, less than twenty parents gave public comments and the majority of those were from Immersion Program schools. Notes on the last two meetings will be sent out.

The next step is for the budget to go to the County Council for consideration. They will hold Public ***Hearings on the education budget in April. It would be great if parents go to those meetings to show support for the school budget.***

Martazsh attended two other meetings this month:

Language Immersion Task Force At the January meeting, representatives from pupil accounting and the Capital Improvements office were on hand to discuss what goes into their facility analysis. This is helpful when considering the possibility of a new secondary school that would hold all of the immersion programs under one roof. Next month we'll hear from representatives from Transportation.

District 5 Convening, hosted by Raheela Ahmed, D5 representative Gave community groups (Bowie Green Team, Community Association of South Bowie, PG CABS, PG Parks and Rec/Bowie Community Center, Bowie Education Council) and PTA leaders from District 5 schools a chance to come together and discuss best practices for enhancing the District 5 schools. We also discussed how we could work together more often to improve D5 schools. PTA reps discussed programs they had implemented, as parents, to enhance and enrich the educational experiences at their school.

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Speakers also discussed techniques they'd tried to increase parental involvement, engage and partner with school teachers and administration, grow the PTA and *connect and engage with the community to make them passionate about assisting the schools around them, even if they don't have school-aged children.*

Next steps: Raaheela has created a Facebook group called the District 5 Hive. She is going to develop a framework for action for connecting those who are interested in advocating for and improving D5 schools and PGCPs in general. Join the D5 Hive by searching for it on Facebook, or search for Raaheela Ahmed.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

2/13/2018, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)	BOE: Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Mtg
2/14/2018, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)	BOE: Academic Achievement Committee Meeting
2/15/2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)	BOE: Policy, Legal, Legislative Committee (PLLC) Meeting
2/22/2018, 7:00 PM (ET)	BOE: Board Meeting <u><i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE NOTES AND REPORT ON MEETING</i></u>
2/26/2018, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)	BOE: Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee Meeting
3/06/2018 6:00 PM (date needs confirmation)	Fix the Funds March at Lawyer's Circle, Annapolis*

**Fix the Funds Act* is recently proposed Maryland constitutional amendment that would ensure casino gaming money goes to increasing education funding rather than being diverted elsewhere in the budget.

PTA Updates

Honor Roll Assembly will be Feb 15, invitations for those students receiving honor roll certificates went home via the children

Feb 20 is class pictures are in the morning

Talent show auditions will be on Feb 21, 22 auditions. Help for the show is very much needed. Go to

<http://signup.com/go/snQrrqg>

The Talent Show is scheduled for March 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Family institute survey open now, closing Feb 28. The survey is available at <http://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=QsTPQRQsQWsVQPURQXURsP&lang=&ver=new&data=>

Of the 6 grant applications to the Greenbelt ACE committee, we received 5, totaling \$2500, for recess, books, orchestra, yoga in the classroom for 3rd grade, and French online support. Many thanks to the Greenbelt ACE Committee members, and the members of the DKFIPTA Grants Committee who completed the grant requests.

BoxTops collection runs through February 22. Please send trimmed Box Tops in with your child. Top-gathering classes will be awarded prizes from the PTA/

Valentine Sales take place on Feb 13 and 14 (with online store also for repurchase)

We had a representative from French Embassy, a literature expert who offered an all-day presentation for staff enrichment and parent information. One recommendation is a book-of-the-month subscription. PTA will discuss with Mme. Boukabara to determine interest and need. For a subscription, students receive one physical book per month, online activities, etc. As details become available, we will post information on line.

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8:18 pm

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