Minutes

# Dora Kennedy French Immersion PTA Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Katrina Dodro at 7:11pm with 15 members present.

## Detailed information from Committee’s is provided on-line at: <http://www.dkfipta.org/pta-meetings-minutes-and-more.html>, the following highlights were discussed.

Principal’s report

* Dr. Yancey unavailable to attend PTA meeting and thus no president’s report given for this meeting

## President’s report

* Katrina Dodro (DKFI PTA President) welcomed parents and school leaders to the meeting. Katrina stated had difficulty locating the position for DKFI principal which was to be posted in The Washington Post newspaper until February 28th, and that she searched for one hour time period without success.
* Angela Malloy stated she was able to locate the job post in the PGCPS recruitment site as Job ID #IRC84572 with the end date for resume submission of February 23rd. (<https://erp.pgcps.org/OA_HTML/OA.jsp?page=/oracle/apps/irc/candidateSelfService/webui/VisVacDispPG&OAHP=IRC_EXT_SITE_VISITOR_APPL&OASF=IRC_VIS_VAC_DISPLAY&akRegionApplicationId=821&transactionid=1584543894&retainAM=N&addBreadCrumb=RP&p_svid=84572&p_spid=1900414&oapc=8&oas=qAmDBUFkLCqbvyB1VHCZXg>)
* When the principal job position closes on Feb 23rd, the PGCPS Office of Talent and Development will schedule a meeting with parents to discern key parental requirements for the new DKFI principal. Katrina asked for the Office of Talent and Development to announce this parental meeting date and time within a timeframe that allows parents to obtain babysitters for their children. In addition, Katrina asked if any parent would be willing to locate the principal job position and forward it to the French Immersion programs across the U.S. and thus widen the advertisement to French Immersion public and private schools in the nation.
* DKFI Talent Show auditions were held on January 27th, and the Talent Show is arranged for Thursday, February 11th.
* Music department is looking for interested students to start a DKFI Middle School choir.
* Report cards are planned for release on February 12th, and no school will be held on President’s Day (Monday Feb 15th).

## Fundraising Report (Ms. Lee Wright)

* Panera Bread earned $198.60 fundraising support.
* Joe’s Crab Shack earned $113.85
* Buffalo Wild Wings earned $58.00. As several attendees had a poor experience with this vendor, the PTA will hold the next fundraiser at Franklin’s as an all-day event, which will include sales in their general store.
* Box Tops collection occurs from now until the end of February.
* Bingo game night for March 11th will have the grand prize of “Beats by Dre” golden headphones.
* E-Script, Campbell labels, and the Giant A+ plus educational programs will cease at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. As a result, please send any Campbell labels along with the Box Top labels.
* DKFI PTA will need volunteers to help with selling concessions at the DKFI Talent show event.

New Business –PTA Secretary (Ms. Nicole Turner)

* Maryland PTA requires for the DKFI PTA to formally change its name to reflect the school name change from RGFI to DKFI. Our application for amend the name has been accepted by the MD PTA organization which will also notify the IRS of the name change. However, we will need to complete the next requisite steps by amending the PTA bylaws.
* Next steps:
	+ At the next PTA Executive Board meeting in March, the Board will vote regarding the bylaw to change the name of the PTA from RGFI PTA to DKFI PTA.
	+ The new bylaw proposal will be posted to the PTA website.
	+ Following a 30-day period for public review, the April PTA meeting will hold a vote on amending the PTA bylaws.
	+ The name of the school PTA will officially change from RGFI PTA to DKFI PTA if the bylaw proposal vote is approved by a 2/3rd majority of PTA members present at the April meeting.

## Tonight’s Program—Mme Sounna, Director of the French Immersion program at Central HS

* The majority of 8th grade students currently qualify for entrance in the IB program at Central HS, but they must first complete the registration progress. Every 8th grader has the opportunity to either “ACCEPT” or “DECLINE” the invitation to the IB program at Central HS. Parents can complete the written registration process by February 17th at the DKFI Front Office with Ms. Lee Wright.
* When the IB diploma is earned, it will permit the student to enter college as a sophomore rather than freshmen, and it also garners the student wider opportunities for college study include study abroad in France.
* PG County is in the process of signing an agreement with the Academie De Cre’teil to establish student exchange opportunities that will begin in year 2016-2017.
* Central HS will hold Open House events on March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th from 12:00 Noon to 2:00pm. Interested parties will need to register to attend these events.

## Treasurer’s Report (Ms. Contina Djauoga)

* Move to increase the budget for DKFI teacher requests to $3.750.00 was made and approved by voice vote.
* Budget) for July 2015 to current date was presented and approved by voice vote.

Questions from the floor

* Laura Rammelsberg mentioned that the PG School Board is planning to hold a discussion regarding increasing recess time from 15 minutes to 20 minutes daily. It is encouraged for parents to render their input at this upcoming forum.
* Katrina also encouraged parents to write letter to the PGCPS Board to increase funding to K-8th schools and especially to implement the funding increase to make a permanent Associate Principal for all schools that offer both Elementary and Middle School programs. She suggested that this should not be done by school –based budgeting, but rather made standard practice for all K-8th grade schools.

## Next Meeting

* Motion to adjourn was made at 8:38pm and was passed unanimously.
* Next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 @ 7:00pm.