Minutes

# Dora Kennedy French Immersion PTA Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Katrina Dodro at 7:06 pm with 22 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

* Welcomed and introduced the new Interim Vice Principal Dr. Essama. Dr. Essama has a background in implementing French immersion in schools in Montgomery County, MD. She then joined PG County Public Schools in 2007 and served as the principal of John Hanson French Immersion School. She now comes out of her retirement to join DKFI as the Interim VP.
* PARCC testing will occur in the month of April.
* No School on Monday, January 18th and Friday, January 22nd.
* Question was asked regarding the promise of Dr. Coley ((PGCPS Area II Supervisor) for the parent meeting regarding qualifications for the new DKFI principal. Dr. Yancey stated she has not yet received specific information regarding the date of this upcoming meeting.

## Board

* Katrina Dodro (DKFI PTA President) welcomed parents and school leaders to the meeting. Prior meeting minutes were read and submitted by Nicole Turner (DKFI PTA Secretary, and a call for motion to approve meeting minutes was made and seconded. Meeting minutes for the December 2015 PTA meeting were approved via unanimous voice vote.
* DKFI Spirit Wear is still available. Plan to offer another time period for ordering Spirit Wear in the Spring.
* Announced that today was the first day of the Maryland State Legislative session and PG County legislative session will soon be opening. Requested for parents to voice their opinions related to the proposed school budget increases.
* Requested for a minimum of two volunteers/month to help during PTA monthly meetings to entertain the children by playing board games during the PTA meeting.
* Need a Nominating Committee of 3 people to encourage interest in the DKFI PTA leadership roles for the 2016-2017 school year.
* Moving the PTA communications emails to the listserv specific for current PTA members

## Fundraising Report (Ms. Lee Wright)

* Holiday Shoppe earned $765
* Barnes and Noble book fair earned $223 with the in-store book fair raising $155.15 and the online portion raised $75
* Barnes and Noble gift wrapping event earned $1100.
* Box Tops earned $711
* Panera Dining Out Fundraiser earned $198
* Will plan to have Candy grams fundraiser event in February
* Wild Buffalo Wings Dining Out Fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, February 1st from 6L00-9:00pm in the College Park location. Another event will be held at the Wild Buffalo Wings at the Vista Gardens location in March.
* Talent Show auditions will be held on January 27th and the Talent Show is arranged for Thursday, February 11th.

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

* Budget) for July 2015 to current date was presented and approved by voice vote.
* Announced that PTA Board will soon be obtaining Teacher Requests. Information will be shared soon.

## Tonight’s Program—Understanding Ttesting

* Mr. Darrehmane (DKFI school testing coordinator) explained the development of the PARCC tests from the outgrowth of the new Common Core educational curriculum. PARCC provides educators with an ability to discern specific student achievements across many levels (reading and math).
* Grade specific testing dates are available online at the [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) under parent resources. The same web link also offers tools for parents to help their children prepare for PARCC tests at home. Includes information on PARCC practice exams which parents can utilize to help their students in reading and math ([www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) and click on “PARCC practice tests.” (This web link is accessible online via Firefox/ Internet Explorer, but not accessible with Chrome browsers)
* In a comparison of last year’s test results, DKFI exceeded PG County and MD state testing results.
* Mr. Darrehmane stated his willingness to host a hand on demonstration class for parents regarding the PARCC testing

## Next Meeting

* Motion to adjourn was made at 8:21pm and was passed unanimously.
* Next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 7:00pm.