



# Dora Kennedy French Immersion

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## DKFI PTA General Meeting Minutes 12-13-17

Board members in attendance: Halima Jenkins, Anton Viegas, Eleanor Cupp, Geraldine Hall  
Halima Jenkins (President) called the meeting to order at 7:10  
Geraldine Hall (Secretary) reviewed the November minutes review. Body approved minutes.

### Key Notes from the Principal

Principal Awono was out ill and unable to attend; Halima Jenkins presented on his behalf:

- English department is fully staffed
- We need a security officer
- The lost-and-found bin needs attention—please ask your child to check for items

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

Call Meeting to Order

Approval of Minutes

Finance Update

Principal's Report

Legislative Committee Update

Join up

School Board Meeting

Language Immersion Task Force

PG County Language Immersion Coalition

Event Committee Update

Middle School Winter Dance

Barnes and Noble Endeavors

Chipotle Restaurant Night

Coat Drive

Ice Skating Event

February Valentine Day Sales

Euro Store Committee Update

Spirit Wear Update

General PTA Updates

Questions

**Video of this meeting is available** at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsq2nzcWLCQNjN8ZzveDK6g>

**The NEXT DKFI PTA meeting will be **January 10th, 7:00 pm**, in the multipurpose room (cafeteria). Mark your calendars: DKFI PTA meetings occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<a href="https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation">https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation</a>	DKFIPTA.org
Immediate	ongoing	DKFI PTA Committee signup	<a href="https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation">https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2047994/false#/invitation</a>	<a href="http://www.dkfipta.org/committees.html">http://www.dkfipta.org/committees.html</a>
Immediate	ongoing	Euro Store staffing	DKFI	DKFIPTA.org <b>To volunteer</b> , go to <a href="http://signup.com/go/SQNUcQJ">http://signup.com/go/SQNUcQJ</a>
Dec 17	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Chipotle Fundraiser	15500 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, MD 20716	DKFIPTA.org
Dec 21, 22, and 24 (remaining)	various day- and nighttime hours	DKFI folks offer free gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. We earn school funds via a tip jar	Barnes and Noble Bowie Town Center 15455 Emerald Way Bowie, MD	DKFIPTA.org <b>HELP IS STILL NEEDED</b>  <b>To volunteer</b> , go to <a href="http://signup.com/go/kCpoSuU">http://signup.com/go/kCpoSuU</a>
Dec 17-22 (online)	anytime	Book Fair, fundraiser via purchases online (school code = 12239000)	Barnes and Noble Bowie Town Center 15455 Emerald Way Bowie, MD	barnesandnoble.com
Jan 2-19	school hours	Coat Drive	DKFI	DKFIPTA.org <a href="http://onewarmcoat.org">onewarmcoat.org</a>
Jan 5	7:00-9:30	Middle School Winter Dance	DKFI	DKFIPTA.org <b>To volunteer</b> , go to <a href="http://signup.com/go/GSXMpwX">http://signup.com/go/GSXMpwX</a>  <b>tickets</b> on sale in cafeteria January 5 (\$10); tickets (\$8) may be purchased <b>PRIOR</b> to January 5 at <a href="https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com/activityitem?id=21277&amp;school_id=000000240003">https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com/activityitem?id=21277&amp;school_id=000000240003</a>
Jan 15		SCHOOLS CLOSED (Martin Luther King, Jr, Day)		pgcps.org
Jan 26	1:55 dismissal	2-hour early dismissal		pgcps.org
Jan 28, 2018	2:00-4:00 (tentative)	Ice Skating	Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740	DKFIPTA.org <i>stay tuned for volunteer sign up</i>

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Feb 12-14	school day	Valentine Sales	school	DKFIPTA.org <i>stay tuned for volunteer sign up</i>
March, TBD	TBD	March Madness Flapjack Fundraiser	Applebees	<i>This event is in the works—stay tuned!</i>

# Detailed Meeting Notes

## Call to Order

7:10 pm

## Approval of Minutes

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

## Finance Update

Anton Viegas (Treasurer) reviewed November treasurer’s report, including income and expenditures; and motion to approve passed.

## Principal's Report

Principal Awono was out ill and unable to attend; Halima Jenkins (President) presented on his behalf:

- English department is fully staffed
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## Legislative Committee Update

(Halima Jenkins presented)

This has been a busy time. The Legislative Committee will reconvene in January to draft list of legislative priorities for 2018. To join, contact Laura Rammelsberg at [laura.rammelsberg@gmail.com](mailto:laura.rammelsberg@gmail.com)

The next School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Sasscer Admin Bldg. in Upper Marlboro. Committee needs volunteer to attend and report back. PGCEA (Prince Georges County Education Association) is advocating for an elected school board and Citizens Education Council now. Through a recent report, the NEA supports the idea that a fully elected School Board is better. In PGCPs, an all-elected Board could remove the current PGCPs CEO Dr. Maxwell and put in a new CEO. Although there is good reason to ask for a fully elected School Board, it is somewhat concerning as Dr. Maxwell is an advocate of the foreign language programs in the community and a replacement for him may not be as supportive.

Language Immersion Task Force: DKFI representatives Halima Jenkins and Martazsh Henderson attended the November PGCPs Language Immersion Task Force meeting. Committee members compared the current PGCPs immersion models to other language immersion programs in Montgomery County, Delaware, and Minnesota. They collected data toward the goal of making recommendations to PGCPs CEO Kevin Maxwell about the best way to meet the needs of secondary (grades 6-12) language immersion students. The Task Force will continue to convene through until spring 2018.

*There are currently are 9 language immersion/dual language schools in PGCPs. This includes full immersion, bilingual, and partial immersion programs in French, Spanish, and Mandarin (Chinese).*

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PG County Language Immersion Coalition (PGCLIC) comprises members of the 9 PGCPs Immersion schools and parents. Martazsh Henderson is a member and represents DKFI in this group

## Event Committee update

(by Tikeetha Thomas, Events Committee chairperson)

Middle School Winter Dance (now January 5, &:00-9:30) DKFIPTA.org.

**To volunteer**, go to <http://signup.com/go/GSXMpwX>

**tickets** will be on sale in the cafeteria January 5 (\$10); tickets (\$8) may be purchased PRIOR to January 5 at [https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com/activityitem?id=21277&school\\_id=000000240003](https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com/activityitem?id=21277&school_id=000000240003)

Barnes & Noble Giftwrapping (through Dec. 24) @ Bowie Town Center, to volunteer, go to

<http://signup.com/go/kCpoSuU> This has been a success thus far; please help if you can; spots are **STILL AVAILABLE**. We wrap and folks donate; all donations go toward our efforts, specifically, the student literary magazine

Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Sun., Dec. 17) @ Bowie Town Center

Barnes & Noble ONLINE book fair: go to [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com) and use school code 12239000 by December 22 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit our school

Chipotle Restaurant Night (Sun., Dec. 17 @ 4-8 pm) @ Bowie Town Center

Coat drive (onewarmcoat.org)

Tikeetha Thomas is spearheading a coat drive January 2-19. Please donate new and gently used coats during this time.

Ice Skating Event (Jan. 28, 2018, tentatively from 2:00-4:00) at Herbert Wells Rink, 5211 Campus Drive, College Park, MD (<http://www.pgparcs.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Herbert-Wells-Ice-Rink-78>). A signup sheet for volunteers is forthcoming. Volunteers will be needed for ticket sales, food and drink donations, and staffing the food and drink station (no fingerprinting required).

February Valentine Sales (Feb. 12-14, 2018) A signup sheet for volunteers for sales, gift purchases, and compiling and distributing gift is forthcoming. Please keep an eye out.

## Euro Store Committee Update

(Halima Jenkins)

The store is fully stocked. Share, a nonprofit, has allowed us to purchase items in bulk, for low cost, which has allowed us to provide more items to the students. Thanks to the volunteers who help at the EuroStore. We still need help in the middle school EuroStore. Please see [DKFIPTA.org/HelpUs](http://DKFIPTA.org/HelpUs) to sign up.

## Spirit Wear Committee Update

(Eleanor Cupp, VP, Middle School)

We need a system to allow variety and have more in stock and are working toward that. The two main ways of procurement are local and online vendors. The Committee is devising a survey on Spirit Wear needs and desires. Stay tuned.

In addition, we can schedule Spirit Week whenever we want. This is traditionally held before PARCC testing (in April). Email the PTA board or Eleanor if you have suggestions or strong opinions on the topic of the Spirit Week or Wear. Survey will be and announced via the DKFI listservs

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## General PTA Updates

Please sign up for the DKFI and class listservs if you have not done so already. These are the school's and the PTA's main means of communication. Sign up at <http://www.dkfipta.org/listservs.html>

Membership: if you think you are a member, but have not received member emails, please contact Geraldine Hall via [DKFIPTA@gmail.com](mailto:DKFIPTA@gmail.com)

Committees: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a committee. We are slowly working to get those up and running. More updates to follow. We would like each committee, if they have not done so already, to choose a chairperson.

## Questions

Parent question: Is there a Recess Committee?

A: yes. Sign up at <http://www.dkfipta.org/volunteer.html>

Q: How are boards formed? Elections?

A: In our bylaws, a term is 1 year. Maximum number of consecutive terms in the same position is 2. Elections take place in May. A nominating committee facilitates the process. Tikeetha Thomas will take over creating the nominating committee in spring. Please contact Tikeetha or the board members if you are interested in being nominated or want more information on what the board does and what board members' responsibilities are.

7:59 meeting adjourned

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