DCB PTA  
November 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Safisha Mance, PTA President

Winter Concert/Nutcracker Volunteers Needed (Sr. Danilo, Sr. Garwin and PTA Parent Volunteer Agatha Tan)
- Winter Concert and a performance of the Nutcracker will be held on December 20. Volunteers are needed to create costumes and decorations, as well as help backstage during the performances. If you are interested in helping, either in advance or during the performance, please sign-up [here](#).
- Parents are also invited to help create Nutcracker costumes and props during the parent Expo on Friday, Nov 30th from 8-4pm. All those who want to collaborate are invited to stop by to work or to pick-up materials to bring home.
- Questions? Please e-mail [PTA@dcbilingual.org](mailto:PTA@dcbilingual.org) or see Srs. Danilo, Manny or Garwin.

Comments sought for Immigration-related rulemaking proceeding (Agatha Tan)
- Parents interested in collaborating with Agatha and others in the drafting of comments to submit to the Department of Homeland Security in a proceeding related to the Immigration and the Nationality Act should email [PTA@dcbilingual.org](mailto:PTA@dcbilingual.org). Please note that there have not been any changes to the law. Currently, the agency is only seeking public comment on a proposed rule change.

Gratitude-inspired Icebreaker (Ambar Martinez)
- Attendees shared the people and institutions for which they are grateful. Many expressed their gratitude for the DCB community – many thanks to you all for supporting this beautiful community.

Fundraising (Daniela Anello and Jamie Lindsay)
- Jamie shares that the PTA’s Fall Harvest Festival netted $750 for the PTA. Thank you to all of those who helped support the festival through planning, baking, volunteering and participating in the festival’s activities.
- Ms. Daniela shared news of the school’s [Giving Tuesday campaign](http://www.givingtuesday.org) and efforts raise funds to complete a welcoming parent center in the lobby.

Movie Night – December 14 (Safisha Mance)
- Save the Date—The PTA will host a viewing of the movie Coco on December 14 in La Plaza at 6pm. Refreshments will be sold. Note: This is not a drop-off event. Parents/guardians must stay with their children during the duration of the movie. Interested in volunteering? Please e-mail [pta@dcbilingual.org](mailto:pta@dcbilingual.org)
Food Payments (Lola Bloom)
- Ms. Lola encouraged parents to make school lunch payments in a timely manner because the school uses those funds to purchase ingredients. Payments can be made in-person or through the school lunch portal. Questions about lunch payments should be directed to Ms. Lola (lbloom@dcbilingual.org) or Ms. Rohini (rramnath@dcbilingual.org).

Volunteer Opportunities (Katie Legomsky)
- Volunteers still needed for upcoming and ongoing events. Please see links below to sign-up.
- For more information, please visit the DCB volunteer website
- Click here to sign up for a PTA subcommittee and/or to become a room parent

Tolerance, Respect, and Inclusiveness Committee (Samantha Lubkin and Che Miller-Vierra)
- The TRI Committee is seeking new members. Those interested in joining should contact pta@dcbilingual.org.

Parking Restrictions and Field Trip Policy (Ambar)
- Families are reminded that chaperones are prohibited from bringing younger children on class trips and that all chaperones must be prepared to pay Metro transportation costs, tickets and other fees associated with the class trip.
- Drivers should not park their cars on the blacktop by the playground during the school day, because the children will use that area as a play space when the playground is too muddy.

Public Comment
- Many parents expressed concerns about the traffic situation around the school. Parents interested in coordinating with the school administration in working toward solutions with city officials are encouraged to e-mail PTA@dcbilingual.org and join the PTA's Transportation committee. The committee was instrumental in securing a crossing guard at the intersection of Riggs Rd, Rock Creek Church and Blair, but the committee needs more members to advocate for additional improvements on behalf of the school and surrounding community.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday, January 9 from 8:15-9:15 in the Bistro