DCB PTA
September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Safisha Mance and Chrystal Banks, PTA co-Presidents

Overview of PTA (presented by co-Presidents)
- Brief discussion of past accomplishments (see accompanying handout)
- The PTA's goals and objectives for the 2018/2019 school year are:
  - Goal 1: MEMBERSHIP: PTA membership is a priority for all families, teachers, and faculty. Grow our membership to 125 members in 2018-2019.
  - Goal 2: OPERATIONS: Be the recognized leader for our families and school community through the execution of well thought out and planned quality programs and resources.
  - Goal 3: GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP: Create long-term sustainability through the cultivation of a diverse grassroots parent lead leadership team that’s engaged and active with the PTA for multiple years.
  - Goal 4: FINANCIAL: Maintain a balanced budget utilizing existing and new sources of revenue and responsible fiscal management.

- PTA relies on its members and dues to help achieve its goals. Please join and pay the suggested donation (If you haven't signed up in-person, but wish to join the PTA, please contact PTA@dcbilingual.org)

The PTA and how it coordinates with DCB school administration (presented by co-vice presidents)
- Primarily, the PTA operates separately from the school administration, but serves to support teachers by providing 1) parent volunteers and 2) financial support for school initiatives and teacher training

Introduction of PTA Leadership and Subcommittee Chairs
- Co-Presidents/Co-Presidentes: Chrystal Banks & Safisha Mance
- Co-Vice Presidents/Co-Vice Presidentes: Javier Zepeda & Sandra Guzman
- Immediate Past Co-Presidents/Co-Presidentes Pasado Inmediato:
  - Katie Legomsky & Kaydee Dahlin
- Fundraising Co-Chairs/Recaudación de Fondos: Jamie Lindsay & Matt Lindsay
- Treasury/Tesorería:
  - Vacant - duties currently performed by PTA leadership/vacante - deberes
desempeñados actualmente por el liderazgo de la PTA

- **Membership/ Membresía:** Dulani Wallace
- **Community Building/Desarrollo Comunitario:** Marisa Cruz & Virna Tavarez
- **Communications/Comunicaciones:** Jessica Campbell & Sharena Payne
- **Staff Liaisons/Enlaces Entre Maestros y PTA:** Ambar Martinez & Imani Baucom
- **Room Parent Leads/Lideres de los Padres de Aula:** Mary Niles & Alex Niles
- **Volunteer Coordinator/Recaudación de Fondos:** Katie Legomsky
- **Hive Aftercare Support/Apoyo de Hive:** Kaydee Dahlin & Sarah Nestor
- **Tolerance, Respect, and Inclusiveness Committee/Comité de Tolerancia, Respeto y Inclusión:**
  - Che Miller-Vierra & Samantha Lubkin
- **Bike Committee/Comité de Bicicletas:**
  - Keith Campbell, Martyn Oliver, & Peter Nohrden
- **DCB Friends of Keene Field Committee/Comité de Amigos de Keene Field** (new subcommittee formed at end of meeting): Khalil Shahyd
- To join a standing committee or subcommittee, please fill out the form on the Volunteer page.

**PTA Communications (presented by Jessica Campbell, Communications co-chair)**
- PTA news and information generally will be distributed schoolwide via e-mail, posters/fliers, updates to the school’s calendar and PTA website, robocalls and text messages, and, if space allows, in the weekly Head of School message.

- To contact the PTA, please e-mail pta@dcbilingual.org, leave a note for the PTA in the school main office, or speak to PTA leadership at PTA events or while in the hallways.

**Introduction of DCB Administration, and presentation of SAPA and Robotics program**
- Daniela Anello introduced DCB staff (Alina Thouyaret, Rohini Romnath, John Breyer, Lola Bloom, Sacha Salazar, Alexandra Alderman, and others)

- Director of Student Support - Jenna Umansky - introduced herself and discussed her new initiative requiring that all DCB staff undergo mandatory reporter training. Ms. Umansky oversees the Student Support team, which consists of the Special Education Team, the Behavior Support Team, and the School Counselors. She also supports the leadership team and Grade Level Chairs with academic and social-emotional interventions.
  - Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness (SAPA): Ms. Umansky also spoke about a new policy requiring every member of the DCB community to complete Mandated Reporter Training. Educators are mandated by law to report any suspicion of child abuse. This training was created by Child Family Service Agency (CFSA). It teaches the participant the warning signs for verbal, physical, and sexual abuse in children as well as what steps they are required to take to report the suspected abuse. The training is available in English and Spanish and can be found here. In addition, Brenda and Katherine, our School Counselors, will conduct Good Touch/Bad Touch lessons with each grade throughout the school year. Finally, the school is working with an expert in the field to ensure our SAPA policy is strong and supports our students. It will be presented to the PTA once it is
approved by the board. Questions should be directed to Ms. Umansky at jumansky@dcbilingual.org.

- Ryan Daza of Capitol City Robotics introduced a robotics club that will take place at DCB on Sundays. See this letter from the Club for more information.

**Read to Lead PTA Welcome Breakfast (presented by Mary Niles)**
- The PTA is hosting a breakfast on Friday, Sept. 28 at 8:05 in La Plaza to kick-off the school’s Read to Lead efforts. Parents are welcome to join the PTA for breakfast before proceeding to the classrooms for reading at 8:30am.
- Please note that future Read to Lead events will start at 8:10 in the classrooms.

**Volunteer Opportunities (presented by Katie Legomsky)**
- Katie introduced a new initiative that offers shorter-term volunteer opportunities for parents, as well as opportunities to serve on PTA subcommittees
- 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

**PTA Membership (presented by Dulani Wallace)**
- PTA relies on its membership and dues to accomplish its goals and to serve the DCB community. Dues are $10 per adult, but we will happily accept donations above that amount.
- PTA dues will be collected at PTA events or can be submitted via Venmo (DCB-PTA). Those interested in joining the PTA are encouraged to email us at pta@dcbilingual.org or see PTA leadership at the next PTA event.

**Public Comment**
- Peter Nohrden announced the upcoming renovation of Keene Field on Sept. 22 and urged DCB parents to volunteer.
- Khalil Shahyd, a third grade soccer coach, noted that DC DPR suggested that the creation of a “Friends of Keene Field” be formed to help advocate for soccer fields and playgrounds at Keene Field. Khalil later made a motion for the creation of a “Friends of Keene Field” subcommittee, which was seconded by PTA leadership and approved by PTA membership. Those interested in joining the subcommittee should sign up here.
- Lola Bloom announced the upcoming Food Market and urged parents to both volunteer as well as visit. The Food & Wellness Department is calling for volunteer support for our upcoming Family Food Market on. Every month, the Capitol Area Food Bank drops off a big amount of varied food items (both fresh and non-perishable) for distribution to members of the DC Bilingual community. We will need help with a variety of jobs from setting up and takedown, to signing people in and distributing resources. All the help we can get is appreciated! The next Family Food Market is **Friday, Oct. 12 from 9-12**. To volunteer, please e-mail Daniel.barreraortega@foodcorps.org.
- A parent, Delmonica Glaze, noted that the parking lot continues to be congested during drop-off and pick-up. John Breyer urged parents to use the Kiss ‘n Ride, but also encouraged parents parking in the neighborhood to ensure that they park legally. Be a
good neighbor and do not double park, or block crosswalks, alleys and driveways.

- Samantha Lubkin noted that the DCB PTA Treasurer position is currently vacant, and urged members to consider the position. To express interest, please e-mail pta@dcbilingual.org. She also suggested that members might want to form a Sustainability subcommittee, but it would need a Chair. Contact Samantha or PTA Leadership if you’re interested.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday, November 7 from 8:15-9:15 in the Bistro