

**General Meeting of the  
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs  
March 16, 2010**

**Call to Order**

The General meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Annette Worthen. The meeting was held in Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. The Recording Secretary recorded the minutes for the meeting.

**Attendance**

There were 49 individuals in attendance, which consisted of 1 guest and represented 36 schools.

**Meditation**

George Marsh read the meditation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Parliamentarian** – No report

**Minutes**

The minutes from the February 2010 General meeting were approved as corrected and will be posted on the website.

**Correspondence**

Tiffany Reed announced that she sent a get well card to Reta Russell Houghton.

**Treasurer's Report**

Shelley Gill-Cain presented the treasurer's report. There were no questions, so the report will be filed for audit. The treasurer's handouts are attached. The report overview is as follows:

Money Market Account:

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| Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2010 | \$42,268.41 |
| Ending Balance as of February 28, 2010   | \$41,631.67 |

Checking Account:

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| Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2010 | \$765.35 |
| Ending Balance as of February 28, 2010   | \$505.02 |

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| Total of all accounts | \$42,136.69 |
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**Executive Committee Reports**

**President**

Annette announced that the Rally In Tally will be held on Thursday, March 25. A registration form is now online at the DCC website. The bus will leave the DCPS building parking lot at 6:00 a.m.

P&P luncheon tickets are on sale today in the lobby or the order form is online. Checks and order forms can be sent in and the tickets will be available at the April General meeting. Tickets will be on sale through the April General meeting.

The appointed versus elected school board member issue has been addressed by County Council representatives at both Charter Revision Committee meetings and at the last City Council meeting. The report from the Charter Revision Commission was presented at the last City Council meeting to support Mayoral appointed or majority Mayoral appointed. Please contact City Council members to let them know that you do not want your right to elect public official taken away..

Also, one of the items that the Legislature is working on is Class Size Amendment. It is important to remember that the FPTA supports Class Size Amendment, but our district does not support full implementation at the class level because there is not enough funding to support it.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Annette Worthen reported on behalf of Frances Soper that there are no program speakers scheduled for the meeting.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Gretchen Lynch stated that Constant Contact is now being used for communication with local units. It has a new look to it, but the messages are full of important information. There will not be attachments with the Constant Contact messages, however, the link to the DCC website will include all important documents.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

Victoria Richmond-Davies announced that she hopes to introduce the new Health Chair at the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Archivist** – No report

**Awards** – No report

**Bylaws** – No report

**Council/Local Unit Relations** – No report

**Character/Spiritual** – No report

**Cultural Arts** – No report

### **Environmental**

Chris Buckley reported that the St. Johns River Clean Up will be held on Saturday, March 20. There is a special volunteer t-shirt that has been designed to celebrate the 15 year anniversary.

The Earth Day Ecology Fair will be held on Saturday, April 17 at the Landing. Volunteer applications are available for 2.5 hour shifts. All volunteers get a free Earth Day shirt. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

The Keep Jacksonville Beautiful award application deadline has been extended to the end of March, so please apply for the award.

**Exceptional Student Education** – No report

**Eyeglass Fund** – No report

**Health/Safety** – No report

**History** – No report

**Hospitality** – No report

**Legislation**

Ted Corley asked that members contact the City Council members to let them know that we do not want appointed people making decisions about or children’s education.

The Rally In Tally will be held on Thursday, March 25. Meetings with some of the legislators will be arranged, so we can let them know that we need them to fund education. Go to [dccpta.org](http://dccpta.org) to complete the registration form. T-shirts with [saveduvalschools.org](http://saveduvalschools.org) and the PTA logo will be provided. The day will start at 6:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. in the DCPS building parking lot. Visits to legislators will be made from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., the rally will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and visits will continue between 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will not be provided by the FEA this year. Recommendations for food include the downstairs cafeteria, the tenth floor deli or surrounding area restaurants.

**Marketing/Communications** – No report

**Membership** – No report

**Newsletter** – No report

**Parent Education** – No report

**P&P Luncheon**

Lisa Page reported that the P & P luncheon will be held on May 27 at the Stadium. Tables and tickets are on sale today or at the April General Meeting. The ticket order form is available on the DCC website and can be sent in with a check.

**Publications** – No report

**Registration** – No report

**Resources** – No report

**Scholarship** – No report

**School Education** - No report

**Student Leadership** – No report

**Technology** – No report

**Volunteers** – No report

**Workshops**

Victoria Richmond Davies reported for Samantha that the Spring Leadership Workshop will be held on Monday, May 17 at the Schultz Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration required. The session schedule will be available soon.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### **Bike Racks**

Juliann Glass-Grazer announced that bike racks are available for schools. If your school is interested, please contact Dr. Kathleen Bowles at [bowlesk@duvalschools.org](mailto:bowlesk@duvalschools.org). The bike racks will be delivered to your school, however, volunteers will need to install them at the school.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

Shelley Gill Cain, on behalf of the DCC Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year. They are as follows:

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| President  | Melissa Kicklighter |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (Programs)          | Shelley Gill Cain   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Area Coordinators) | Gretchen Lynch      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Committees)        | Kim Sheldon         |
| Corresponding Secretary                            | Africa Davis        |
| Recording Secretary                                | Rowena Nagales      |
| Treasurer  | Mary Lobello        |

## **New Business**

### **Election of Officers**

Annette Worthen conducted the election of officers based on the format from page 43 of the DCC Handbook. The proposed slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected.

## **Program**

Tips for Success were presented by Victoria Richmond-Davies and Shelley Gill Cain. Victoria presented information about Procedure Books based on the information available on page 11 of the DCC handbook. She strongly encouraged local units to collect all procedure books at the last regularly scheduled board meeting, so they can be distributed to those who are assuming the positions for the next year. Shelley Gill Cain distributed a handout (see attached) and reviewed the information. She stated that the members of the audit committee should be decided on at the April or May board meeting, and no one who was a check signer during the year should be on the committee.

## **Superintendent's Remarks**

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis stated that the FCAT testing is going well and will be done this week.

Florida was named one of sixteen State finalists for the Race to the Top stimulus grant money. Representatives from the State will travel to Washington, D.C. for more information and to find out about the next phase of the process. Other grants are also being worked within the district, including the School Improvement grant and the Investing in Innovation grant.

Last Tuesday, the DCPS Board members spoke at the City Council meeting. The City Council members have now been invited to attend the board workshop scheduled for March 30 at the Schultz Center at 3:30 p.m. The next City Council meeting will be held on April 13, and we may need a strong parent

presence at that meeting to make sure they know that we do not want our school board members appointed by the Mayor because it takes away our right to elect our community leaders.

Budget meetings are currently going on around town. The first meeting at Sandalwood High School had a great turnout. The next meeting is tonight at Ed White High School, followed by Ribault High School and Mandarin High School. She encouraged everyone to attend.

### **Ex-officio Reports**

**District Advisory Council** - No report

**State Board Members** – No report

### **Consultants**

#### **Teacher Supply Depot**

Chris Buckley thanked Atlantic Beach Elementary for the volunteers that came out to help. She encouraged local units to consider holding a meeting at the depot. The next give away will be held on April 15. The May 13 give away is an invitation only event. Send a sample of how you have used materials from the depot at your school or for your PTA and receive an invitation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Melissa Kicklighter