

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
February 21, 2012**

Call to Order

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:04 by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

Attendance

There were 55 people in attendance and 39 schools were represented.

Meditation

Sharon Hodges read the meditation titled "Happy Birthday PTA" and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes from the January General Meeting were approved and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

Terry Chrisley reported that they have received several ticket orders through the mail for the P&P Luncheon.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lobello presented the treasurer's report. The report's overview is as follows:

Total of all Accounts	\$45,414.36
Total Receipts	\$ 5,448.64
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,114.67
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$45,748.33

The treasurer's handouts are attached.

Executive Committee Report

President

Melissa Kicklighter announced that they had been notified by the National PTA that the Duval County Council is being recognized for the advocacy efforts that we are doing and will be awarded the National Grassroots Advocacy Award. She announced that she will be traveling with Gretchen Lynch to Washington D.C. to accept that award. She added that Vickie Hamby and Juliann Gaus-Graeser will be traveling as well to present the grassroots advocacy strategy training module at the National PTA Legislative Conference.

1st Vice President

Kim Sheldon announced that the speaker for the March general meeting is Tim Ballentine to speak about the FCAT.

2nd Vice President

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Mitzi Cavin and announced that all local unit status reports have been sent out through e-mail to PTA Presidents that we have contact information for at this time. School Principals were copied on all reports. If there are any questions about the status reports, please email Melissa.

3rd Vice President

No report

Committee Reports

Advocacy/Legislative

Gretchen Lynch reported for Vickie Hamby and announced that she will be traveling with Vickie to the legislative conference in Washington D.C. in March. She announced that the webinar will be getting underway in the near future. She added that the next Lunch and Learn training is this afternoon from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

Strategy and Coalitions will be presented. She reported that they have received 1000 copies of the Common Core State Standards parent guides.

Karen Nuland reported that 83 students participated in the Student Leadership Academy and 59 graduated from the program. She added that Superintendent Pratt-Dannals recognized the students and presented them with a certificate at the February Duval School Board meeting at the Schultz Center.

Melissa reminded everyone to pay attention to the weekly legislative alerts that DCC will be sending out. She stated that public schools are under attack and changes are taking place from the Board of Education on school grade modifications in the next 48 hours. Everyone will get the email and Melissa asked everyone to contact the Board of Education and fight the changes they are trying to push.

Awards

Mandi Welch gave out early bird membership awards.

Cultural Arts

Rowena Nagales announced that Reflection entries and certificates of participation are ready for pick up today.

P&P Luncheon

Gretchen Lynch announced that the luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd at the University Center on the UNF campus. Terry Chrisley is selling the tickets for the luncheon. Also, the invitations for the vendors have been sent out. Parking is free. Every local unit will be allowed to purchase one table of 8 seats for now. The last week of April, we will open up ticket sales for any units who are interested in additional table.

Gretchen reminded everyone to get their order forms in as soon as possible.

Workshops

Margaret Godke announced that the Spring Leadership workshop will be on May 16th at the Schultz Center, from 9:00 – 2:00 pm. She thanked everyone who facilitated training at the last Lunch and Learn workshop. She encouraged everyone to plan to attend the Spring workshop.

Consultant Reports

Teacher Supply Depot

Chris Buckley thanked everyone who came out and helped at the depot over the last 6 weeks. She reported that there were 26 students from Stanton who came out to volunteer. She also announced that Earth Day grant applications are available and due on March 30th. She encouraged anyone who is doing a project to apply for the grant. She also announced that March 17th is the next St. John's River clean up event. She encouraged everyone to come out and volunteer.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Program

Founders Day

Kim Sheldon read a brief history of the PTA then she recognized the past presidents of the county council who were in attendance and thanked them for their service. The past presidents received a potted plant as a token of appreciation and pictures were taken.

Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Deputy Patricia Willis reported for Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals and reminded everyone to keep students ready during the Spring Break because FCAT testing will start right after the break. She also stated that there is a concern on the proposed grade changes that the Board of Education will be voting on soon. More information about this will be coming over the next few weeks.

Announcements

Melissa announced that on the next general meeting is the election of the 2012-2013 DCCPTA officers.

February 29th is the Tool for Success Parent Conference at the Schultz Center from 8 am – 3 pm

Melissa also reminded those who have high school students to promote the DCCPTA scholarship. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming National PTA Convention and Florida PTA Leadership/Convention this summer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Signed:

Rowena Nagales