

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
November 15, 2011**

Call to Order

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Schultz Center at 4019 Boulevard Center Drive on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

Attendance

There were 36 people in attendance and 36 schools were represented.

Meditation

Sharon Hodges read the meditation and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes from the October General Meeting was approved and will be filed.

Correspondence

No report.

Treasurer's Report

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

Total Receipts	\$ 1,252.29
Total Disbursement	\$ 27.26
Scholarship Funds Receipts	\$ 720.00
Eyeglass Funds Receipts	\$2,560.00
Eyeglass Funds Disbursements	\$ 815.00

Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 42,771.93
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Ending Bank Balance	\$ 43,024.83
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Mary also thanked everyone for donating to the eyeglass fund and scholarship funds.

The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Executive Committee Report

President

Melissa Kicklighter asked that the postcards be returned to the TSD for gathering data purposes on participation.

Melissa reminded everyone of the PTA Day at the Park. She asked that if any local unit is holding their PTA in the Park to email her or Kim on their activities so they can share it with the National PTA.

Melissa thanked Mitzi Cavin for working hard on helping the local units file their taxes.

1st Vice President

Kim Sheldon announced that the DCCPTA will focus on donating wallets to the Juvenile Justice Center as the service project this holiday. She asked if any local unit want to join us and donate wallet to bring in donations no later than December 12.

2nd Vice President

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Mitzi Cavin and reported that they had been working with over 40 schools rebuilding their PTA. She added that Gretchen Lynch is working with Mitzi and Betty Marty on tax filing.

3rd Vice President

Gretchen Lynch announced that they are looking for 2 more people to join the P&P Luncheon committee. If anyone is interested, they can contact Gretchen. She added that if anyone is interested in helping on the day of receiving all the Reflections Arts entries to contact her.

Committee Reports

Advocacy

Juliann Gaus-Graeser announced that the next grassroots advocacy training is on December 3, 2011 at Andrew Jackson Elementary School from 9:30 -12:30. The topics are building coalition and strategy.

She added that postcards for the postcard campaign ready and encouraged the local units to take a bunch for their schools to fill out and return to the TSD.

She announced that the local unit with the highest amount of involvement submitting the postcards will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

She reminded everyone that the talking points for the legislators are listed on the sheet given today.

Awards

Melissa Kicklighter gave Waterleaf Elementary PTA a certificate for being a new chartered PTA.

Mandi Welsh distributed Right Foot Awards to the local units.

A brick and a pin were given to honor Betty Marty.

Melissa explained the criteria on getting the Right Foot Award and thanked everyone for doing such a great job.

Cultural Arts

Rowena Nagales reported that the deadline for Reflection arts is December 2nd from 9-12 noon at the DCPS Building Room 613. Local unit bylaws should have expiration

dated April 2012 or later. County dues should have been paid and have paid some State and National dues. Please check ptareflections.org or DCCPTA website for more information.

Hospitality

Thank you to Landmark Middle School PTA and Waterleaf Elementary PTA for providing refreshments at the general meeting.

Membership

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Diana Elenz and announced that November is Zoo month where PTA members can get \$2.00 discount for admission tickets. She added that members can still purchase jaguar tickets at a discounted price.

Kim Sheldon announced that if anyone is doing any shopping during the coming holiday and wanted to purchase apple products that there is a 15% discount through the DCCPTA website.

Workshops

Margaret Godke announced that for the months of January and February, local units are invited to attend the Lunch and Learn sessions from 12:00-2:00 pm. It is the Spring workshops and each session will have 6 topics to help prepare local units to for the next school year.

Consultant Reports

Teacher Supply Depot

Chris Buckley announced that TSD received over 50 pallets and they need volunteers to help them organize all the materials that are coming in. She also announced that today is America Recycle Day and at the back of the convention center, there is a big shredding machine available for anyone who has important files to be shredded. She added that this weekend is Right Whales Festival and Beaches clean up from 9-11 am and will meet some place at the lifeguard station.

Chris reported that she has received 4 pallets of sweaters for the Mr. Roger Sweater Drive. If anyone needs to have the sweaters donated pick up at their schools, please let Chris know.

Melissa added that students who needed volunteer hours and service hours can go to the depot and volunteer.

Chris announced that they will be open this Saturday, November 19, from 8- 12 noon.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Program

Kathy Bowles from DCPS Safe and Healthy Schools reported the areas they cover to provide a safe and healthy environment in our schools. She encouraged everyone to help get the message out in bullying prevention. Information on all the program and support services they provide is available at the DCPS website. Copy of the program attached.

Melissa Kicklighter asked everyone to share the information to their school and ask their principals if there's anything you can do and share this program at the local unit.

Superintendent's Remarks

Mr. Doug Ayars reported for the Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals and explained that Cline Auditorium is renovating and installing cameras with the purpose of broadcasting in the future.

He also thanked everyone for all the volunteering that PTA does. He stated that they are talking about how to take the recommendations from the ERS report. He announced that they are working on continuing to expand the community engagement by recruiting more volunteers for our schools.

He announced that a letter will go out announcing the boundary changes with the ACE program.

Announcements

Melissa Kicklighter announced that the P&P Luncheon is going to be held at University Center. Invitations and details will follow in January.

Melissa announced that there will be a reading volunteer workshop for Read It Forward Initiative on November 22 and 29 at Room 307 at the DCPS building from 1:00-2:30 pm. No registration is required. Please contact Vickie Drake at drakev1@duvalschools.org if anyone is interested in attending.

PTA National Convention will be at San Jose, California. The link for more information will be available at the website soon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Signed:
Rowena Nagales