

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

Call to Order

The General meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held in Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. The Recording Secretary recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Attendance

There were 51 individuals in attendance and 44 schools represented.

Meditation

Diana Elenz read the meditation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian – No report

Minutes

The minutes from the October 19, 2010 General meeting were approved as corrected and will be posted on the website.

Correspondence

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lobello 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:

Account Balance as of October 31	\$ 34,727.14
Total Disbursements	\$ 2.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 39,012.43

Executive Committee Reports

President

Melissa announced that the Theme Logo contest winner has been chosen and the recipient of the award will be named on the January general meeting. She thanked everyone who participated in the contest. Melissa reported that information on the Student Leadership workshop series was sent to the principals and is now in the nominating phase. She announced that December 11th is the kick off date for the Student Leadership workshop. She explained that the program was designed to teach and train the students on how to advocate for themselves and eventually issues in education. She added that series of workshops are scheduled on Saturdays during the months of January, February and March and April.

Melissa announced the tentative date for Florida PTA Rally in Tally is on March 24th. She encouraged everyone to join the rally and let the legislators know that we are not happy about how education funding is being handled. She continued to say that it is more important than ever to be visible to our legislators and do something to help education. She added that the Senate Bill 6 that Governor Crist vetoed might be overturned and we have to make sure that does not happen.

Melissa reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in the month of December.

Melissa also thanked Ted Corley for organizing legislative Delegation Days and create opportunity for dialogue with the legislators. She also thanked all the schools represented at the Convention. Melissa and Mandi Welch gave awards certificates, ribbons and plaque to several schools for the awards received at the Convention. Melissa encouraged everyone to continue to apply for awards throughout the school year to get the recognition your local units deserved. Melissa announced that a draft of the November General meeting minutes will be placed on the website. Melissa urged everyone to start planning now to attend the convention/conference in July.

1st Vice President

Shelley Gill-Cain announced that she coordinated the presentation of Jacqui Scuncio of Hands on Jacksonville. Hands on Jacksonville is a volunteer program designed to help people find volunteer opportunities in Jacksonville. There are opportunities available for students not only middle schools and high schools but also elementary. Shelley also reported that she had reached out to Dr. Stahlman in assisting students coming out of Juvenile Justice Detention Center by providing them with wallets. The bag going around the auditorium should be used to collect both wallet donations and free will donations of money that will be used to purchase additional wallets.

2nd Vice President

No report

3rd Vice President

Kim Sheldon reported that several committees like Student Leadership, P & P and Vendor's Fair are well underway. She also reminded everyone that the photos taken from last May's P&P Luncheon are displayed at the table, so everyone should check them and give to the people in the photos. Kim shared that there were 300-400 people in attendance at the State Convention in Orlando. She thanked our DCCPTA President Melissa Kicklighter for standing up on all our behalf on several issues at the Convention even though it does not always agree with other counties. She announced that there will be no separate Convention and Leadership Conference next year, and it will be a combined into one event at Innisbrook during the summer. She shared that there were 11 schools represented from Duval County which made Duval the second highest in attendance.

Committee Reports

Archivist – No report

Awards

Mandi Welch and Melissa Kicklighter gave out several awards in a variety of categories that were received from the Convention.

Bylaws – No report

Council/Local Unit Relations –

Betty Marty awarded Right Foot award certificates to several local units. Copy of list is attached.

Character/Spiritual – No report

Cultural Arts – No report

Environmental

Chris Buckley reminded everyone who started the Mr. Roger's Sweater Drive to please start sending the items that have been collected as they come to Public School # 10. She announced that people will get them right after thanksgiving and the deadline is November 30th.

Chris also shared that lots of people participated in America Recycles Day on November 15th and donated cell phones and shredded important documents. She announced that they will do it again next year. She reminded everyone that Wednesday, November 17th was Clean Up at the beach. She also announced that December 2nd is the next giveaway at the Teacher Supply Depot.

Exceptional Student Education –

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Rosemarie Parsch and announced that Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee will be hosting the second session of the Leadership Training for parents on November 18th from 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Team Center building B located near the Schultz Center. The guest speakers are Rhonda Said, Christine Fletcher, Nan Worsowics and Patrick Mulvihill. The topics include Understanding Response to Intervention, Speech and Language Services Update, Understanding the Student Progression Plan, Graduation Requirements, Diploma Options and Available Scholarships and Understanding transition.

Eyeglass Fund – No report

Health/Safety – No report

History – No report

Hospitality

Thank you to Landmark Middle School PTSA for providing hospitality at the general meeting.

Legislation

Ted Corley announced that legislators met today to discuss how to overturn the veto of Senate Bill 6 by Governor Crist. He urged everyone that we need to communicate with the legislators now and let them know they need to fund education first. He also advised everyone to send letter to the new governor and tell him to put education first. He stated that the legislators contact information are available at the DCCPTA website.

Marketing/Communications – No report

Membership –

Vilma Morgan reminded everyone that MOSH day for PTA is November 20th. There will be PTA table set up to welcome PTA/PTSAs. Vilma added that for every paid adult admission there will be free admission for a child when you show your PTA ID. Vilma also reminded everyone that the Jaguar game with PTA is on December 12th. The ticket forms were sent to the schools, and she asked everyone to check with the front offices if they have not received their copy.

Newsletter – No report

Parent Education – No report

P&P Luncheon – No report

Publications – No report

Reflection

Reta Russell-Houghton announced that there are only 2 more weeks left before the deadline for the Reflections. She reminded everyone that on December 1st, she will be waiting for people dropping off Reflection entries from 9 am until 12 noon at the school board building in room 613.

Registration – No report

Resources –

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Juliann Gaus-Graeser and asked everyone for any fundraising ideas and companies that they have worked with. She stated that anyone who has ideas and know any business company or name of program to email Juliann to share that information.

Scholarship – No report

School Education - No report

Student Leadership – see President’s report above

Technology – No report

Volunteers – No report

Workshops – No report

Special Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Chair Vicki Drake moved by direction of the Duval County Council Board of Managers to strike the current bylaws format and reformatting it to fit within the Florida PTA Council bylaws form. Motion passed.

Program

Africa Davis and Shelley Gill-Cain presented Melissa Kicklighter with a flower plant for her service on behalf of Landmark Middle School PTSA.

Jacqui Scuncio of Hands on Jacksonville stated that the mission of this program is to inspire, equip and mobilize people in Jacksonville. She explained that they have programs for youth volunteers. Teens and youth can go on their website, with parental consent, and find volunteer opportunities and ideas on how to volunteer. She also shared that the program can provide tools for the youth groups to lead their own volunteer projects. Jacqui added that they just launched the Generation On program, which contain lots of great ideas of projects. She added that they also have a youth leadership council and council meetings monthly. She announced that May is the month for Global Youth Service Day.

Superintendent’s Remarks

Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals announced that there will be 4-5 things happening in the following months. He explained that they are beginning to come out with plans with more robust reading intervention. He reported that they are working to promote other options for teens in high school that

are overage, which are called multiple pathways to graduation. He announced that the Children's Commission and the United Way are involved. He also shared that they are working to determining the needs of different students including students in foster care and students who go through the juvenile justice system.

He stated that they are actively engaging large corporation with schools in meaningful ways to best support those schools.

He stated that they are also looking at teachers' contract every three years. He announced that they submitted several grants.

Ex-officio Reports

District Advisory Council - No report

State Board Members – No report

Consultants

Teacher Supply Depot – see Environmental report above

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Signed: _____
Rowena Nagales